

environmental and commercial interests, provides the following:

(a) Identify priorities for the Great Lakes Region with respect to aquatic nuisance species;

(b) Make recommendations to the Task Force regarding programs to carry out zebra mussel programs;

(c) Assist the Task Force in coordinating Federal aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Great Lakes region;

(d) Coordinate, where possible, aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Great Lakes region that are not conducted pursuant to the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (as amended, 1996);

(e) Provide advice to public and private individuals and entities concerning methods of controlling aquatic nuisance species; and,

(f) Submit an annual report describing activities within the Great Lakes region related to aquatic nuisance species prevention, research, and control.

The focus of this meeting will be to: Review topics related to NISA reauthorization, discuss Panel activities, priorities, and membership, and discuss coordination of regional panels on a national level.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: October 19, 2001.

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Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Acting Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Proposed Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement; and Proposed Area of Critical Environmental Concern Designations

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Malheur and Jordan Resource Areas, Vale District.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Bureau of

Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Proposed Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan (PSEORMP) and associated final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Malheur and Jordan Resource Areas, Vale District, Oregon. The Final SEORMP will only provide management direction for a portion of the original planning area. The Draft SEORMP/EIS (October, 1998) addressed approximately 6.3 million acres of public land; however, due to congressional action (House Resolution 4828, Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000), the Andrews Resource Area was withdrawn from the land use planning process and will be addressed in a separate land use planning process scheduled to begin in 2001 by the Burns BLM District. Final decisions of this SEORMP planning process will supersede the Northern and Southern Malheur Management Framework Plans, as amended, and the Ironside and Southern Malheur Rangeland Program Summaries. The Final SEORMP will provide direction for management of these public lands for approximately 20 years. The PSEORMP/FEIS addresses seven alternatives for management, including the Proposed Resource Management Plan (Proposed RMP), on approximately 4.6 million acres of BLM administered public lands in southeast Oregon. The Proposed RMP would result in designation of all public lands for the management of motorized vehicles (2,615,116 acres Open, 2,004,369 acres Limited, and 15,826 acres Closed), and would recommend 42.5 miles of streams and river segments determined to be eligible and administratively suitable for congressional designation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. This notice is also issued pursuant to 43 CFR Part 1610.7-2(b) of the BLM Planning Regulations, with the Proposed RMP proposing 26 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) (approximately 206,257 acres) be designated.

DATES: The public has the opportunity to protest the proposed resource management plan in the Final EIS. The BLM Planning Regulations, 43 CFR 1610.5-2, state that any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which may be adversely affected may protest. A protest may raise only those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process. The BLM will make a decision on the SEORMP after review of protests (if any) that must be filed by December 5, 2001. Written protests may be submitted at any time during the

protest period at the following address: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO-210/LS-1075, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240. To be considered timely, your protest must be postmarked no later than the last day of the protest period. Also, although not a requirement, we suggest that you send your protest by certified mail, return receipt requested.

To be considered complete, your protest must contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- Name, mailing address, telephone number and the affected interest of the person filing the protest(s).
- A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
- A statement of the part or the parts of the proposed plan being protested. To the extent possible, reference specific pages, paragraphs and sections of the document.
- A copy of all your documents addressing the issue or issues which were discussed with BLM for the record.

• A concise statement explaining why the proposed decision is believed to be incorrect. This is a critical part of your protest. Document all relevant facts, as much as possible, referencing or citing the planning and environmental analysis documents. A protest that merely expresses disagreement with the State Director's proposed decision without any data will not provide us with the benefit of your information and insight. In this case, the Director's review will be based on the existing analysis and supporting data.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Taylor, Jordan Resource Area Field Manager; or Roy Masinton, Malheur Resource Area Field Manager, BLM, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918. Telephone (541) 473-3144. Single copies of the PSEORMP/FEIS are available at the BLM Vale District Office. Copies will also be available for inspection during normal business hours at the BLM Baker Field Office, 3165 10th Street, Baker City, Oregon, the BLM Burns District Office, HC 74-12533, Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon, and the BLM Oregon State Office, 1515 SW 5th Street, Portland, Oregon. Comments on the PSEORMP/FEIS, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Vale District Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (mountain time), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individuals may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under

the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this promptly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. Interested persons not already on the mailing list may review the PSEORMP/FEIS via the internet at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Vale>. A hard copy or a CD ROM of the document may be requested from the Vale District Office by calling (541) 473-3144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Malheur and Jordan Resource Areas include 4,600,648 acres of BLM administered public lands in Malheur, Harney, and Grant Counties, Oregon, and encompass approximately 1,851,708 acres of other Federal, State and private lands. The land use planning effort addresses a broad spectrum of land uses and allocations. The Proposed RMP Alternative also provides for the following: the use of wild and prescribed fire to meet resource objectives; provisions for possible disposal of several parcels of potentially suitable public land totaling approximately 62,100 acres; livestock grazing on public lands except for approximately 58,900 acres not allocated; varied recreation uses and establishment of five special recreation management areas; management of special status plant and animal species and habitat; improvement of water quality and riparian habitats; management of wild horses in seven herd management areas; and mineral exploration and development, with retention of currently withdrawn public lands from locatable minerals and recommendation for withdrawal of several parcels from locatable minerals totaling approximately 116,351 acres for provisions such as ACEC's and administrative and recreation facilities. Other management actions under the Proposed RMP Alternative are as described in the PSEORMP/FEIS. The PSEORMP/FEIS is based on adaptive management, which is a continuing process of planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation to adjust management strategies to meet goals and objectives of ecosystem management. The concept of adaptive management uses the latest scientific information, site-specific information/data, and professional judgement to select the

management strategy most likely to meet goals and objectives of the plan.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60 Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) in conjunction with a natural resource protection council including members from the Air Force and a number of state and federal land management agencies is proposing in 2002 to conduct surveys of persons using selected Alaskan Military Operations Areas where Air Force training occurs. One of these surveys focuses on hunters who pursue big game animals. Hunters will be asked about their expectations concerning Air Force training and the impacts of reported overflights on their activities and experiences.

	Estimated numbers of	
	Responses	Burden hours
Alaskan Military Operations Areas: Big Game Hunter Survey	2604	1085

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on the need for gathering the information in the proposed surveys. The NPS also is asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The NPS goal in conducting these surveys is to assess the effectiveness of

current mitigation efforts in limiting impacts of Air Force training activity on human users of Alaskan Military Operations Areas.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before January 4, 2001.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Darryll R. Johnson, USGS/BRD/FRESC/Cascadia Field Station, College of Forest Resources, Box 352100, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-2100; or Mark E. Vande Kamp, USGS/BRD/FRESC/Cascadia Field Station, College of Forest Resources, Box 352100, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-2100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Alaskan Military Operations Areas Big Game Hunter Survey.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be requested.

Expiration Date: To be requested.

Type of request: Request for new clearance.

Description of need: The National Park Service (in conjunction with a natural resource protection council including members from the Air Force and a number of state and federal land management agencies) needs information to assess the effectiveness of current mitigation efforts in limiting impacts of Air Force training activity on human users of Alaskan Military Operations Areas.

Automated data collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information because it includes expectations and evaluations visitors associate with their experiences while hunting in Alaskan Military Operations Areas.

Description of respondents: A sample of individuals who hunted big game in Military Operations Areas.

Estimated average number of respondents: 2604.

Estimated average number of responses: Each respondent will respond only once to a mail questionnaire.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 25 minutes.

Frequency of Response: 1 mail survey per respondent.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 1085 hours.