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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Klamath Fishery Management Council Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Klamath Fishery Management Council, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The Klamath Fishery Management Council makes recommendations to agencies that regulate harvest of anadromous fish in the Klamath River Basin. The objectives of this meeting are to hear technical reports (including the ocean stock projection for Klamath River fall chinook in 2002), review the 2001 fishery season, and discuss and plan management of the 2002 season. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Klamath Fishery Management Council will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2002, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, 1929 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Detrich, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1829 South Oregon Street, Yreka, California 96097, telephone (530) 842-5763.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Amendment of the Powder River and Billings Resource Management Plans (RMPs); Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Miles City and Billings Field Offices, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and amendment of the Powder River and Billings Resource Management Plans (RMPs); Montana.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment jointly with the State of Montana (State). The BLM's planning area is the oil and gas estate administered by BLM in the Powder River and Billings RMP areas. The Powder River RMP area encompasses the southeastern portion of Montana consisting of Treasure and Powder River counties, and portions of Rosebud, Big Horn, Carter, and Custer counties. There are approximately 2,522,950 BLM-administered oil and gas acres in the Powder River RMP area. The Billings RMP area encompasses the south-central portion of Montana consisting of Wheatland, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, Yellowstone, and Carbon counties, and the remaining portion of Big Horn County. There are approximately 662,066 BLM-administered oil and gas acres in the Billings RMP area. BLM-administered oil and gas acreage in Blaine, Park, and Gallatin counties is not part of the BLM planning effort. The State's planning area is statewide.

DATES: The 90-day comment period on the Draft EIS and Amendment will begin the date the EPA files a notice in the **Federal Register** (anticipated February 15, 2002).

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail or hand-deliver comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Mary Bloom, Project Manager, Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301. You may also comment electronically to: coalbed_methane@state.mt.us. Your name and return mailing address must

be included in your electronic message. BLM's practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Bloom, Coal Bed Methane Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301, (406) 233-3649.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft EIS and Amendment project is a joint effort between the BLM and the State. It is being prepared to analyze impacts to lands and resources as a result of proposed oil and gas development, primarily coal bed methane. The current Powder River and Billings RMPs, as amended by BLM's 1994 "Oil and Gas Amendment of the Billings, Powder River, and South Dakota RMPs", support limited conventional oil and gas development and limited coal bed methane exploration and production. About 9,500 conventional oil and gas wells (all ownership categories) are located in the planning area. An October 18, 2000 meeting of the Coal Bed Methane Coordination Group indicated that industry projects an interest in drilling approximately 10,000 coal bed methane wells in the Montana portion of the Powder River Basin over the next 10 years, in addition to an unspecified number of conventional oil and gas wells.

The Draft EIS and Amendment is being prepared to analyze this increased interest in oil and gas activity. Five alternative management scenarios developed by BLM and the State present a range of feasible management actions to address the issues: Alternative A—existing management (No Action); Alternative B—emphasize soil, water, air, vegetation, wildlife, and cultural resources protection; Alternative C—emphasize coal bed methane development; Alternative D—encourage coal bed methane exploration and development while maintaining existing land uses; and Alternative E—the BLM and State Preferred Alternative, which combines features of Alternatives A

through D and manages development of CBM in an environmentally sound manner. The Draft EIS discloses the environmental consequences of each alternative.

A copy of the Draft EIS and Amendment has been sent to all individuals, agencies, and groups who have expressed interest or as required by regulation or policy. Copies are also available upon request from the BLM at the address listed above.

Public Participation

There has been continual public participation throughout the EIS process. A Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 2000, initiating a 30-day public scoping period. The scoping period closed January 31, 2001, after a two-week extension. Public scoping meetings were held at Broadus, Miles City, Ashland, Billings, and Helena, Montana from January 4 through January 11, 2001. A brochure was mailed May, 2001 updating the public on the status of the Draft EIS and Amendment.

Four designated cooperating agencies are also helping BLM and the State prepare the EIS: The Bureau of Indian Affairs, the United States Department of Energy, the Crow Tribe, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe declined to become a cooperating agency, but has been invited by BLM to participate in all cooperating agency activities. Consultation with both the Crow and Northern Cheyenne tribes has taken place throughout the process to gather their input and concerns. Consultation with FWS has been initiated, and the BLM has also met with individuals from the general public, special interest groups, industry, and local governments upon their request. The Coal Bed Methane Coordination Group, whose purpose is to share information on coal bed methane, consists of representatives from local governments, special interest groups, the tribes, other federal agencies, industry, ranchers, and the State. The group has shared its concerns with BLM and remains updated on the EIS. In addition, the State has held monthly coordination calls with the BLM and with the public invited to listen in.

The BLM and the State will conduct public hearings across Montana (anticipated in April 2002) on the Draft EIS and Amendment. The time and locations of the hearings will be announced in local news releases.

To help BLM identify and consider issues and concerns on the alternatives,

comments on the Draft EIS and Amendment should be as specific as possible; for example, comments should refer to specific pages or chapters in the document. After the comment period ends, all comments will be analyzed and considered by the BLM in preparing the Final EIS.

Dated: January 11, 2002.

Fred Wambolt,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Conversion of Potential Wilderness as Designated Wilderness, Haleakala National Park

Public Law No. 94-567, Approved October 20, 1976 designated 19,270 acres of Haleakala National Park as wilderness and an additional 5,500 acres as potential wilderness additions. These wilderness designations apply to portions of Haleakala National Park depicted on a map entitled "Wilderness Plan, Haleakala National Park", numbered 162-20,006-A and dated July 1972, known as the Haleakala Wilderness.

Section 3 of Pub. L. 94-567 directed the Secretary of the Interior to designate that potential wilderness additions be converted to "designated" wilderness through the publication of a notice in the **Federal Register** stating that these lands have been acquired by the federal government and that any previous uses thereon that are prohibited by the Wilderness Act (Pub. L. 88-577) have ceased.

All lands, with the exception of 51 acres owned by East Maui Irrigation Inc., designated as potential wilderness on map #162-20, 006 have been acquired and are now owned by the U.S. government as administered by Haleakala National Park. There are no current or proposed uses of the 5,449 acres proposed for conversion which are incompatible with the Wilderness Act. Since the 51 acres included within the Maui Irrigation parcel is not owned by the federal government, it will continue to be identified as "potential wilderness" in keeping with the instructions of Pub. L. 94-567.

These 5,449 acres of federally owned land now fully comply with the instructions contained in Pub. L. 95-625. Accordingly, this notice hereby converts the 5,449 acres of "potential wilderness: within Haleakala National Park to designated wilderness." The

5,449 acres are accordingly added to the 19,270 acres already preserved within the National Wilderness Preservation System and bring the total area of designated wilderness at Haleakala National Park to 24,719 acres of wilderness and 51 acres of "potential wilderness". It is noted that construction of fences to exclude feral animals and access into the wilderness via helicopter for fence maintenance to control destructive invasive alien plants and non-native animals may be necessary to preserve wilderness resources and ecosystem processes.

Dated: February 1, 2002.

Fran P. Mainella,

Director, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: New Collection; Mental Health and Community Safety Initiative Equipment and Training Progress Report.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until April 15, 2002. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Gretchen DePasquale, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary