

emergency conservation strategy for saiga. The saiga was just reviewed under the CITES Significant Trade Review process. One recommendation from the review was that both the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan should halt export of saiga products; both have agreed to do so. Finally, saiga experts we have consulted have expressed the opinion that an Appendix-I listing for saiga could be counter-productive at this stage. As a consequence of these activities, the United States is unlikely to submit an Appendix-I listing proposal for saiga at COP12.

Request for Information and Comments

We invite any information and comments concerning any of the possible COP12 species proposals, resolutions, decisions, and agenda items discussed above. You must submit your information and comments to us no later than May 17, 2002, to be ensured of consideration.

Reminder of Public Meeting

We remind you that we will hold a public meeting to discuss with you species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items that the United States is considering submitting for consideration at COP12. We announced this public meeting in our **Federal Register** notice of March 27, 2002 (67 FR 14728). The public meeting will be held on April 17, 2002, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Sidney Yates Auditorium of the Department of the Interior at 18th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC. You can obtain directions to the building by contacting the Division of Management Authority (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, above). Sidney Yates Auditorium is accessible to the handicapped. Persons planning to attend the meeting who require interpretation for the hearing impaired should notify the Division of Management Authority as soon as possible.

Future Actions

We expect the CITES Secretariat to provide us with a provisional agenda for COP12 within the next several months. Once we receive the provisional agenda, we will publish it in a **Federal Register** notice. We will also provide it through our Website.

The United States must submit any species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items for consideration at COP12, to the CITES Secretariat 150 days prior to the start of the meeting (i.e., by June 6, 2002). We will consider all available information and comments, including those presented at the public meeting

(see "DATES" above) or received in writing during the comment period, in deciding which species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items warrant submission by the United States for consideration of the Parties. Those we decide to submit for consideration at COP12 will be submitted to the CITES Secretariat by June 6, 2002.

Approximately four months prior to COP12, we will announce those species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items submitted by the United States to the CITES Secretariat for consideration at COP12 by posting a notice on our Website (<http://international.fws.gov/global/cites.html>).

Through a **Federal Register** notice approximately two months prior to COP12, we will publish the provisional agenda for COP12 and inform you about proposed U.S. negotiating positions on proposals to amend the Appendices, draft resolutions, draft decisions, discussion papers, and other issues before the Parties for consideration at COP12. We will also publish an announcement of a public meeting that we expect to hold approximately 30 to 45 days prior to COP12, to receive public input on our positions regarding COP12 issues.

Prior to COP12, we will post on our Website any changes the United States makes to its proposed negotiating positions contained in the **Federal Register** notice referred to in the above paragraph.

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Dated: April 1, 2002.

Steve Williams,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management [WY-930-02-1310DS]

Notice To Extend Public Comment Period for a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice to extend public comment period for the Powder River Basin Oil and Gas DEIS.

SUMMARY: Public comment period is being extended on the Powder River EIS. The comment period is being extended due to extensive public comment, a high level of public interest, and the lack of internet access during a portion of the comment period.

DATES: The public comment period is being extended to May 15, 2002. Submissions should be in writing or by E-mail (see addresses below).

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted in writing to: Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Buffalo Field Office, 1425 Fort Street, Buffalo, Wyoming 82834 or by E-mail to: buffalo_wmail@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Beels, Powder River Oil and Gas EIS Project Leader, Bureau of Land Management, Buffalo Field Office, at the above addresses or at telephone number (307) 684-1100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Notice of Availability of the DEIS was originally published in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2002 (67 FR 1497).

Dated: April 12, 2002.

Alan L. Kesterke,
Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Partial Consent Decrees in Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Cost Recovery Action

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that two Partial Consent Decrees in *United States v. American Scrap Company et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:99-CV-2047, were lodged with the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania on April 10, 2002.

One of the two Partial Consent Decrees resolves the United States' claims against The Ohio Brass Company under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), for past response costs incurred at the Jack's Creek/Sitkin Smelting Superfund Site in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. The Partial Consent Decree requires The Ohio Brass Company to pay \$1,000,000.00 to the United States.

The second Partial Consent Decree resolves the United States' claims