

stems greater than 1-inch at the ground level, at the Cole Facility Stormwater Improvements site will be impacted by the project. Two elderberry shrubs, containing six stems greater than one inch at the ground level, at the Center for Companion Animal Health site will be impacted by the project. Several shrubs occur within or adjacent to the Cole Facility Stormwater Improvements site, NEES Facility, and Phase 2B Electrical Improvement project that will not be impacted by the proposed projects through implementation of avoidance measures described within the Service's 1999 *Conservation Guidelines for Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetles*. The project sites contain potential habitat for the federally-threatened valley elderberry longhorn beetle. The project sites do not contain any other rare, threatened, or endangered species or habitat. No critical habitat for any listed species occurs on the project site. Construction of the proposed projects would result in the avoidance of 28 elderberry shrubs and the removal of 12 elderberry shrubs, with 157 stems greater than 1-inch diameter at ground level, which have been determined to be habitat for the valley elderberry longhorn beetle. No beetle exit holes were found in these 12 shrubs.

The applicant proposes to avoid, minimize and mitigate the effects to the covered species associated with the covered activities by implementing their Plan and adhering to the Service's 1999 Conservation Guidelines. The purpose of this conservation program is to promote biological conservation in conjunction with economic and urban development within the campus of University of California, Davis. As mitigation, the applicant will transplant 10 of the 12 elderberry shrubs, and plant 243 elderberry seedlings and 243 native riparian plant seedlings on 2.01-acres of the Russell Ranch conservation area. The 158-acre Russell Ranch is owned and managed by the applicant, and was established in 1994 for use by the University of California, Davis for mitigation from various future projects. In addition to mitigation, the Plan also includes measures to avoid and minimize take of the valley elderberry longhorn beetle.

The Proposed Action consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit and implementation of the Plan, which included measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts of the project on the valley elderberry longhorn beetle. Three alternatives to the taking of listed species under the Proposed Action are considered in the Plan. Under the No Action Alternative, no permit would be

issued. Under the Alternative Site Alternative, new facilities would be built at alternate sites. Under the Reduced Project Alternative, the size and scope of the new facilities and improvements to existing facilities would be reduced.

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the Plan qualifies as a "low-effect" plan as defined by its Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook (November 1996). Determination of low-effect Habitat Conservation Plans is based on the following three criteria: (1) Implementation of the Plan would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) implementation of the Plan would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) impacts of the Plan, considered together with the impacts of other past, present and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources which would be considered significant. As more fully explained in the Service's Environmental Action Statement, the Plan qualifies as a "low-effect" plan for the following reasons:

1. Approval of the Plan would result in minor or negligible effects on the valley elderberry longhorn beetle and its habitat. The Service does not anticipate significant direct or cumulative effects to the valley elderberry longhorn beetle resulting from development of the Genome Launch Facility, Cole Facility, Center for Companion Animal Health areas, NEES Facility, and Phase 2B Electrical Improvement project, or from the management of the mitigation site on the Russell Ranch.

2. Approval of the Plan would not have adverse effects on unique geographic, historic or cultural sites, or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

3. Approval of the Plan would not result in any cumulative or growth inducing impacts and, therefore, would not result in significant adverse effects on public health or safety.

4. The project does not require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, nor does it threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

5. Approval of the Plan would not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about

future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

The Service therefore has preliminarily determined that approval of the Plan qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act, as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1). Based upon this preliminary determination, we do not intend to prepare further National Environmental Policy Act documentation. The Service will consider public comments in making its final determination on whether to prepare such additional documentation.

The Service provides this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act. We will evaluate the permit application, the Plan, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If the requirements are met, the Service will issue a permit to University of California, Davis for the incidental take of the valley elderberry longhorn beetle from development of the new Genome Launch Facility, Cole Facility, Center for Companion Animal Health areas, NEES Facility, and Phase 2B Electrical Improvement project, and the management of the mitigation site on Russell Ranch. We will make the final permit decision no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: June 14, 2002.

D. Kenneth McDermond,

Deputy Manager, Region 1, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Correction to Notice of Call for Nominations for the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction to Notice of Call for Nominations for the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board. This notice was previously published in the **Federal Register**: Vol. 67, No. 98/Tuesday May 21, 2002.

SUMMARY: The **Federal Register** Notice has an incorrect date for nominations to be submitted to the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board. The correct date is July 24, 2002. The nominations should be submitted to the National Wild Horse and Burro Program, Bureau

of Land Management, Department of the Interior, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520-0006, Attn: Ramona DeLorme; FAX (775) 861-6711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Fend, Group Manager—Wild Horse and Burro Group, (202) 452-0379.

Michael Schwartz,

Group Manager, Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

United States Forest Service

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Monument Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule Public Comment Time Change

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior; United States Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of change in time for public comment period at meetings. The Monument Advisory Committee desires to change the afternoon comment period previously designated as 3:30 p.m.–4 p.m. The afternoon public comment period will now take place from 1 p.m.–1:30 p.m., with the morning public comment period remaining 9 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and United States Forest Service (USFS) announces a change in time for the afternoon public comment period from 3:30–4 p.m. to 1–1:30 p.m. for the Advisory Committee to the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument (hereinafter referred to as “National Monument”). The meetings where this time change will go into effect will be held on the following dates:

- Saturday, August 3, 2002
- Saturday, October 5, 2002
- Saturday, December 7, 2002
- Saturday, February 1, 2003

The meetings will be held at the Palm Desert City Hall Council Chambers, located at 73–510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California, 92260. The meetings will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. although meetings may be adjourned prior to 4:00 p.m. There will be a half hour dedicated to public input during both the first half hour of the meeting and after lunch starting at 1:00 p.m. A sign up sheet will be located at the meeting room on the day

of the meeting. Speakers wishing to comment publicly should sign the public comment sign-in sheet provided at the location of the meetings. All committee and subcommittee meetings, including field examinations, will be open to the general public, including representatives of the news media. Any organization, association, or individual may file a statement with or appear before the committee and its subcommittees regarding topics on a meeting agenda—except that the chairperson or the designated federal official may require written comments to the Advisory Committee. The meetings will have agendas developed and available to the public prior to the meeting date. The agendas for each meeting will be located on the Bureau of Land Management web page for the Santa Rosa San Jacinto National Monument (<http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/>). The subject matter of each meeting will focus on the development and implementation of the Santa Rosa San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Management Plan.

The Monument Advisory Committee (MAC) is a committee of citizens appointed to provide advice to the BLM and USFS with respect to preparation and implementation of the management plan for the National Monument as required in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 431nt). The act authorized establishment of the MAC with representative members from State and local jurisdictions, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, a natural science expert, local conservation organization, local developer of building organization, the Winter Park Authority and a representative from the Pinyon Community Council.

The meeting will be open to the public with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance such as sign language interpretations or other reasonable accommodations should notify the contact person listed below in advance of the meeting. Persons wishing to make statements will need to sign up at the meeting location.

DATES: August 3, 2002; October 5, 2002; December 7, 2002; February 1, 2003; All meetings will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a morning public comment period from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. and an afternoon public comment period from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. Meetings may adjourn prior to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of the Palm

Desert City Hall, 73–510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California, 92260.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Written comments should be sent to Miss Danella George, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Manager, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258; or by fax at (760) 251-4899 or by email at dgeorge@ca.blm.gov. Information can be found on our webpage: <http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/>.

Documents pertinent to this notice, including comments with the names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office located at 690 W. Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, California, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument was established by act of Congress and signed into law on October 24, 2000. The National Monument was established in order to preserve the nationally significant biological, cultural, recreational, geological, educational and scientific values found in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains. This legislation established the first monument to be jointly managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000 affects only Federal lands and Federal interests located within the established boundaries.

The 272,000 acre Monument encompasses 86,400 acres of Bureau of Land Management lands, 64,400 acres of Forest Service lands, 23,000 acres of Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians lands, 8,500 acres of California Department of Parks and Recreation lands, 35,800 acres of other State of California agencies lands, and 53,900 acres of private land. The BLM and the Forest Service will jointly manage Federal lands in the National Monument in coordination with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, other federal agencies, state agencies and local governments.

Dated: June 6, 2002.

Danella George,

Designated Federal Official, National Monument Manager.

Laurie Rosenthal,

District Ranger, San Jacinto Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest.

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