

which also is available for public review.

We request comments from the public on the permit application, Agreement, and Environmental Action Statement. All comments we receive, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 9, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Mr. Paul Henson, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850; facsimile 808-541-3470.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Gina Shultz at the above address or telephone 808-541-3441.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Document Availability**

You may obtain copies of the documents for review by contacting the office named above. You also may make an appointment to view the documents at the above address during normal business hours.

**Background**

Under a Safe Harbor Agreement, participating property owners voluntarily undertake management activities on their property to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat benefitting species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Safe Harbor Agreements encourage private and other non-Federal property owners to implement conservation efforts for listed species by assuring property owners they will not be subjected to increased property use restrictions if their efforts attract listed species to their property or increase the numbers or distribution of listed species already on their property. Application requirements and issuance criteria for enhancement of survival permits through Safe Harbor Agreements are found in 50 CFR 17.22(c).

We have worked with DOFAW to develop a programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement for the protection of habitat for the endangered Hawaiian goose or nene on the Island of Molokai, Hawaii. Under this Agreement, individual landowners enrolled in the program and/or DOFAW will: (1) Report the presence or absence of nene on their lands to DOFAW; (2) allow access to covered lands for management and monitoring of nene; (3) implement a program to control predators; (4) agree not to disturb nene nests until after the birds have hatched their eggs; (5) assist DOFAW with preparation of their annual report; and (6) identify other

management actions in the Cooperative Agreement.

We anticipate that this Programmatic Agreement will result in the following benefits: (1) Increased probability that nene will expand their range onto lands outside of Puu O Hoku Ranch; (2) increased number of nene in the wild (anticipated up to 125 individuals on enrolled properties); (3) increased ability to monitor distribution, abundance, and reproductive success of Molokai's nene population; and (4) increased predator control in areas utilized by nene will address a key threat to nene.

Consistent with Safe Harbor policy, we propose to issue a permit to DOFAW authorizing them to enroll landowners (Cooperators) with Certificates of Inclusion under the Federal permit and State permit when Cooperators sign individual Cooperative Agreements that describe actions that will be taken to benefit nene. Thus, the Cooperators will be authorized for incidental take of nene and their progeny, which occur on the enrolled lands, as a result of lawful activities on enrolled lands, as long as baseline conditions are maintained and terms of the Cooperative Agreement are implemented. These activities may include, but are not limited to: (1) Driving vehicles; (2) building or fence construction; (3) grazing of livestock; (4) gardening; (5) forestry; (6) hunting; (7) farming; (8) mowing; and (9) cultivation of agricultural crops. We expect that the maximum level of incidental take authorized under this programmatic Agreement will never be realized. We anticipate that any nene taken when the proposed Programmatic Agreement expires will not be injured or harmed, but will be relocated, with permission from landowners, to other suitable lands. Therefore, the cumulative impact of this Programmatic Agreement and the activities it covers, which are facilitated by the allowable incidental take, will provide a net conservation benefit to nene.

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act and pursuant to implementing regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1506.6). We will evaluate the permit application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will sign the programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement and issue an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the

Endangered Species Act to DOFAW for take of nene incidental to otherwise lawful activities in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. We will not make our final decision until after the end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

Dated: June 19, 2002.

**Rowan W. Gould,**

*Deputy Regional Director, Region 1.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Notice of Availability of the Assessment Plan for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment at the St. Louis River Interlake/Duluth Tar Superfund Site**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior

**ACTION:** Notice of 30 day comment period.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given that the document titled "Assessment Plan for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment at the St. Louis River Interlake/Duluth Tar Superfund Site, Draft 6/24/02" ("the Plan") will be available for public review and comment on the date of publication in the Federal Register. The U.S. Departments of the Interior (Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs) and Commerce (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency), the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and the 1854 Authority (representing the Bois Forte Band and Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa) are trustees for natural resources ("trustees") considered in this assessment, pursuant to subpart G of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 CFR 300.600 and 300.610, and Executive Order 12580.

The trustees are following the guidance of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at 43 CFR part 11. The public review of the Plan announced by this Notice is provided for in 43 CFR 11.32(c).

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Plan. Copies of the Plan can be requested from the address listed below. All written comments will be considered by the trustees and included

in the Report of Assessment at the conclusion of the assessment process.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Plan must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this Notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the Plan should be sent to: Marilyn Danks, Trustee Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Ecological Services, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4025.

Requests for copies of the Plan may be made to the Trustee Coordinator at the address listed above. The Trustee Coordinator will provide copies of all comments to all trustees.

You may also submit requests for copies of the Plan, and comments on the Plan, by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: *marilyn.danks@dnr.state.mn.us* See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for information about electronic mailing and access.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*Case Management and Logistical Information:* Dave Warburton, 612-725-3548 (x203).

*Technical Information:* Annette Trowbridge, 612-725-3548 (x202).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The trustees are undertaking an assessment of damages resulting from suspected injuries to natural resources in and near the Lower St. Louis River that have been exposed to hazardous substances released by industrial activity at the St. Louis River Interlake/Duluth Tar Superfund Site. The trustees suspect this exposure has caused injury and resultant damages to trustee resources. The injury and resultant damages will be assessed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as amended, and the Clean Water Act, as amended, in order to determine the appropriate type and extent of resource restoration. The Plan addresses the trustees' overall assessment approach, and utilizes both existing data as well as additional data to be collected as described in study in workplans attached to the Plan. Plan addenda may be prepared by the trustees to provide public notice of additional data collection activities. Restoration of natural resources will be proposed by the trustees following the assessment.

You may submit comments on the Plan by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: *marilyn.danks@dnr.state.mn.us*. Do not use any special characters or forms of encryption in your e-mail. The trustees also accept comments in WordPerfect and Word versions as attachments to the e-mail or on disk.

You may also request copies of the Plan by sending e-mail to the above address.

Dated: July 1, 2002.

**Marvin E. Moriarty,**

*Regional Director, Region 3, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[CO-01-134-1610-241A]**

**Notice of Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council Meeting Venue Change**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Council meeting change.

**SUMMARY:** Beginning on August 8, 2002 the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area (CCNCA) Advisory Council will change the venue for its monthly meetings. For the remainder of calendar year 2002, the CCNCA Advisory Council will meet at the Mesa County Courthouse, in the Mesa County Multipurpose Room, 544 Rood Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado. All meetings begin at 3:00 p.m.

**DATES:** The meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month throughout calendar year 2002. The change of venue will occur on August 8, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** For further information or to provide written comments, please contact Greg Gnesios, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; Telephone (970) 244-3049; e-mail *Gregory\_Gnesios@co.blm.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CCNCA Advisory Council will meet on August 8, September 13, October 10, November 14 and December 12, 2002 in the Mesa County Courthouse Multipurpose room, 544 Rood Avenue, Grand Junction, CO. All meetings begin at 3 p.m.. Previous meetings this year were held at White Hall, 300 N. 6th Street, Grand Junction, Colorado.

All meetings will be open to the public and will include a time set aside for public comment. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meetings or submit written statements at any meeting. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested persons an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of all Council meetings will be maintained at the

Bureau of Land Management Office in Grand Junction, Colorado. They are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting. In addition, minutes and other information concerning the CCNCA Advisory Council, can be obtained from the CCNCA website at: <http://www.co.blm.gov/cocanplan/> which will be updated following each Advisory Council meeting.

Dated: June 18, 2002.

**Greg Gnesios,**

*Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[CO-01-134-1610-241A]**

**Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council Field Trips**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior

**ACTION:** Notice of Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council field trips.

**SUMMARY:** The Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area (CCNCA) Advisory Council will conduct field trips into the CCNCA on July 23 and 26; August 3, 17 and 31; and September 7 and 21, 2002. All participants will meet at the BLM Office located at 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado at 8 a.m. except on August 3, 2002, when participants will meet at the BLM Office at 7:30 a.m.

**DATES:** The trips will be conducted on July 23 and July 26; August 3, 17, and 31; and September 7 and 21, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** For further information or to provide written comments, please contact Greg Gnesios, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; telephone (970) 244-3049 or e-mail *Gregory\_Gnesios@co.blm.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CCNCA Advisory Council will accompany field personnel from the Grand Junction Bureau of Land Management Office on informational trips into the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness. The trips will allow Advisory Council members to familiarize themselves with the CCNCA, analyze relevant issues, and cross-feed information on concerns