

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permit for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permit was issued.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted for this application is available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax (703) 358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone (703) 358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 29, 1999, a notice was published in the *Federal Register* (64 FR 23096), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Ronnie Grant May for a permit (PRT-010661) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) taken from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on September 24, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Dated: September 27, 2002.

Charles S. Hamilton,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-670-02-1610-JP-064B]

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Associated Proposed Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan for Off-Road Vehicle Trail Designations in the Western Colorado Desert (WECO); Correction of Comment Period

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published in the *Federal Register* on October 18, 2002, a notice of availability of an Environmental Assessment and associated proposed amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan for off-road vehicle trail designations in the Western Colorado Desert (WECO) portion of Imperial County, California. This notice erroneously indicated a comment period of 45 days after publication. The correct comment period closes 30 days from the Notice of availability, which is November 18, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arnold Schoeck, Bureau of Land Management, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4441.

Mary Smelcer,

Acting Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-910-03-0777-30]

Call for Nominations for Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Council call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for a vacant position on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The RAC provides advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and management of the public land within northeastern Nevada. Public nominations will be considered for 45 days after the publication date of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As

required by the FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The vacant position for the Northeastern Great Basin RAC is Category Two representing wildlife interest groups.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of Nevada. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, experience, and their knowledge of northeastern Nevada. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decisionmaking. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, BLM Elko Field Office will issue a press release providing additional information for submitting nominations. Nominations should be sent to Helen Hankins, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801; (775) 753-0200.

DATES: All nominations should be received by the BLM Elko Field Office by December 16, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Brown, Public Affairs Officer, Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801. Telephone: (775) 753-0386. E-mail: mbrown@nv.blm.gov

Dated: October 23, 2002.

David Stout,

Associate Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-910-03-0777-30]

Notice of public meeting, Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting includes a field tour on December 5, 2002 departing the BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada, at 1 p.m. and returning at 5 p.m. The business meeting will be held December 6, 2002 at the BLM Elko Field Office beginning at 9 a.m. The public comment period will begin at approximately 1 p.m. and the meeting will adjourn approximately 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Brown, Public Affairs Officer, Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801. Telephone: (775) 753-0386. E-mail: mbrown@nv.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Nevada. The field tour will visit the Conner's Creek and focus on livestock management and restoration issues. In the event of inclement weather, the tour will visit the Maggie Creek area and focus on mining and restoration issues. *At the business meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:*

Off-Highway Vehicle Final Guidelines,
Vegetation Draft Guidelines,
Mining Update,
California National Historic Trail
Interpretive Center,
Coordinated Noxious Weed Treatments,
Field Managers' and District Rangers'
Reports,
Other topics the Council may raise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Mike Brown, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801, telephone (775) 753-0386.

Dated: October 23, 2002.

David Stout,

Associate Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Navajo Unit, Colorado River Storage Project, New Mexico and Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period for 30 days.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the comment period for the Navajo Reservoir Operations Draft Environmental Impact Statement is extended an additional 30 days to December 4, 2002. The end of the public comment period, as noted in the September 4, 2002, **Federal Register** (67 FR 56580) was November 4, 2002.

DATES: The public comment period is now extended to December 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the DEIS should be addressed to Ken Beck, Bureau of Reclamation, Western Colorado Area Office, 835 East Second Avenue, Suite 400, Durango, Colorado 81301; telephone (970) 385-6558; faxogram (970) 385-6539; e-mail: navcomments@uc.usbr.gov. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Beck, Bureau of Reclamation, Western Colorado Area Office, 835 East Second Avenue, Suite 400, Durango, Colorado 81301, telephone (970) 385-6558.

Dated: October 9, 2002.

Errol Bartholomew,

Acting Regional Director, Upper Colorado Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of existing safety standards under section

101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

1. Speed Mining, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2002-082-C]

Speed Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 1083, Beckley, West Virginia 25802 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1700 (oil and gas wells) to its American Eagle Mine (I.D. No. 46-05437) located in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The petitioner requests that its previous petition for modification, docket number M-2001-041-C, be amended as follows: The petitioner will drill out each of the oil wells as already specified in the previous petition. The petitioner will pump the expandable cement to the bottom of the lowest minable seam (Eagle) and pump Portable Class "A" cement on top of the expandable plug to the next Powellton Seam which is approximately 117 feet above. The petitioner states that the Powellton Seam is the anticipated area for broken strata due to subsidence. The petitioner will leave the area from Powellton Seam to the surface open for release of methane from the longwall gob after the longwall has intersected the well. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

2. H&M Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2002-084-C]

H&M Coal Company, 48 Meadowview Road, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania 17663 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1400 (Hoisting equipment; general) to its Rocky Top Mine (I.D. No. 36-09072) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use a slope conveyance (gunboat) for transporting persons without installing safety catches or other no less effective devices. The petitioner would instead use increased rope strength and secondary safety rope connections in place of such devices. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

3. KenAmerican Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2002-085-C]

KenAmerican Resources, Inc., 881 Corporate Dr., Suite 204, Lexington, Kentucky 40503 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(g) (Escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its Brier Creek Mine (I.D. No. 15-18495) located in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the