

Parties (COP), which review its implementation, make provisions enabling the CITES Secretariat (in Switzerland) to carry out its functions, consider amending the list of species in Appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat, and make recommendations for the improved effectiveness of CITES. Any country that is a Party to CITES may propose and vote on amendments to Appendices I and II, resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for consideration by the Conference of the Parties. CITES COP12 was held in Santiago, Chile, from November 3 to 15, 2002.

This is the seventh in a series of **Federal Register** notices concerning U.S. participation in CITES COP12. We published our first such **Federal Register** notice on June 12, 2001 (66 FR 31686), and with it we requested information and recommendations on potential species amendments for the United States to consider proposing at COP12. Information on that **Federal Register** notice, and on species amendment proposals, is available from the Division of Scientific Authority (*see ADDRESSES*, above). We published our second such **Federal Register** notice on July 25, 2001 (66 FR 38739), and with it we requested information and recommendations on potential resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for the United States to submit for consideration at COP12. You may obtain information on that **Federal Register** notice, and on proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items, from the Division of Management Authority (*see ADDRESSES*, above). We published our third such **Federal Register** notice on March 27, 2002 (67 FR 14728), and with it we announced a public meeting to discuss potential species amendment proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items that the United States was considering submitting for consideration at COP12. With that notice, we also provided information on how non-governmental organizations based in the United States could attend COP12 as observers. You may obtain information on that **Federal Register** notice from the Division of Management Authority (*see ADDRESSES*, above). We published our fourth such **Federal Register** notice on April 18, 2002 (67 FR 19207), and with it we listed potential proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, agenda items, and proposed amendments to the CITES Appendices that the United States was considering submitting for consideration at COP12, and invited your comments on these potential proposals. You may obtain

information on that **Federal Register** notice from the Division of Management Authority (for information pertaining to proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items) or the Division of Scientific Authority (for information pertaining to proposed amendments to the Appendices) (*see ADDRESSES*, above). We published our fifth such **Federal Register** notice on August 20, 2002 (67 FR 53962), and with it we announced a public meeting on September 10, 2002, to discuss tentative negotiating positions of the United States for COP12 proposals and other agenda items. You may obtain information on that **Federal Register** notice from the Division of Management Authority (*see ADDRESSES*, above). We published our sixth such **Federal Register** notice on October 31, 2002 (67 FR 66463), in order to provide the agenda for COP12, announce our final tentative negotiating positions, and extend the comment period for providing information and input to the United States in the development of these positions. You may obtain information on that **Federal Register** notice from the Division of Management Authority (*see ADDRESSES*, above).

This series of **Federal Register** notices and public meetings provided the public with an opportunity to participate in the development of tentative U.S. negotiating positions for COP12.

On June 6, 2002, the United States submitted to the CITES Secretariat, for consideration at COP12, its proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, agenda items, and proposed amendments to the CITES Appendices. These documents are available from our web site at: <http://international.fws.gov/cop12/ussubmission.html>. You may locate our regulations governing this public process in 50 CFR 23.31 through 23.39.

#### **Announcement of Public Meeting**

The United States participated in COP12, and by this notice we announce a public meeting to discuss the results of that meeting. The public meeting will be held on December 13, 2002, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Sidney Yates Auditorium of the Department of the Interior at 18th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC. We recommend that you enter the Department of the Interior building via the C Street entrance. Directions to the meeting can be obtained by contacting the Division of Management Authority (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT*, above). Please note that the 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.

*Author:* This notice was prepared by Bruce Weissgold, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

*Authority:* The authority for this notice is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: November 27, 2002.

**Marshall P. Jones Jr.,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

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#### **Meeting Notice for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vale District.

**SUMMARY:** The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (SEORAC) will meet in the Lewis and Clark conference room at the Holiday Inn, Ontario, OR 97641, 541-573-3370 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mountain Time (MT), on Monday, February 24, 2003. On Tuesday, February 25, 2003 there will be a tour of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretative Center in Baker City, OR.

The meeting topics that may be discussed by the Council include a discussion of issues within southeast Oregon related to North Lake Recreation Plan, Birch Creek Management Plan, Wildland Fire Board, OHV, Wood River Project, Wild Horse & Burro, Rangeland Assessment, Federal officials' updates, and other matters as may reasonably come before the Council. The entire meeting is open to the public. Information to be distributed to the Council members is requested in written format 10 days prior to the Council meeting. Public comment is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Mountain Time (MT), on Monday, February 24, 2003. For the tour scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2003, please contact the BLM office listed below for exact times as the date approaches.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Additional information concerning the SEORAC may be obtained from Peggy Diegan, Management Assistant/ Webmaster, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918 (541) 473-3144, or [Peggy\\_Diegan@or.blm.gov](mailto:Peggy_Diegan@or.blm.gov) and/or from the following Web site: <http://www.or.blm.gov/SEOR-RAC>.

Dated: November 26, 2002.

**David R. Henderson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Meeting, Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado)

**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) Front Range Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 16, 2003, at the Holy Cross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway 50, Canon City, Colorado beginning at 9:15 a.m. The public comment period will begin at approximately 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will adjourn at approximately 4 p.m.

**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 the Front Range Center, Colorado. Planned agenda topics include: Manager reports, Update on Gold Belt Travel Management Plan, Overview of the Fuels Management Program, Management of Ecosystems Training.

All meetings are open to the public. The public can make oral statements to the Council at 9:30 a.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Summary minutes for the Council Meeting will be maintained in the Front Range Center Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Attn: Ken Smith, 3170 East Main Street,

Canon City, Colorado 81212. Phone (719)269-8500.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Public Input on Improving Agency Procedures

**AGENCY:** International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and solicitation of written comments

**SUMMARY:** The United States International Trade Commission invites public input on specific ways in which it could improve its conduct of antidumping and countervailing duty (CVD) injury investigations.

**DATES:** Written comments are invited to be filed no later than March 4, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** A signed original and 14 copies of each set of comments, along with a cover letter, should be submitted to Marilyn R. Abbott, Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20436. Hand-delivered comments must be delivered to the prescribed room during the Commission's official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in order to be deemed filed on the day they are delivered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marilyn R. Abbott (202-205-2799), Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission also may be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission is an independent federal agency that is charged, *inter alia*, with conducting import injury investigations under the antidumping and CVD statutes. See title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671 *et seq.*). In these investigations, the Commission determines whether a U.S. industry is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of merchandise that the U.S. Department of Commerce has found to be subsidized or sold at less than fair value. The statutes also provide for a Commission review, after five years, of the continued

need for each antidumping or CVD order to prevent or remedy material injury to the relevant U.S. industry.

In the course of an investigation, the Commission, *inter alia*: (1) Collects data from interested parties (such as domestic and foreign producers, U.S. importers, and purchasers) via written questionnaires and other means; (2) produces a staff report summarizing information collected concerning such indicators as imports, production, shipments, employment, profits and losses, and prices; (3) holds a public hearing (except in preliminary or expedited proceedings); and (4) produces a written opinion explaining the Commission's conclusions on factual and legal issues. The Commission's rules of procedure related to these import injury investigations are set out in the relevant portions of 19 CFR parts 201 and 207.

The Commission is committed to carrying out its mandate in an effective and efficient manner. As part of this commitment, the Commission endeavors to be responsive to the needs of those who avail themselves of the trade laws, those from whom the Commission collects information in its investigations, and the public.

To this end, the Commission is seeking input from the public, including persons and entities that appear before the agency, on ways the Commission can improve its methods of conducting its original antidumping and CVD investigations and its five-year reviews of outstanding antidumping and CVD orders. The Commission is interested in comments concerning all aspects of its investigations and reviews; in particular, questionnaires, hearings, staff reports, schedules and opinions.

With respect to questionnaires, commenters may wish to address whether particular standard questions or requests could be eliminated, reformulated, or streamlined, in order to obtain more relevant information or reduce the burden on those responding to questionnaires. In addition, commenters may wish to comment on electronic filing issues, including electronic questionnaires. With respect to hearings, commenters may wish to address whether a different manner of organizing presentations or commissioner questioning of witnesses would be more effective at clarifying salient issues or adducing relevant information. With respect to staff reports, commenters may wish to address whether the reports could be reorganized or whether certain parts may be made more concise in order to best present the key information collected in the investigation. With