

and riparian habitats and five internal management units would be constructed with new interior dikes. As in Alternative C, 38 acres of forested, surge plain habitat would be restored to increase the acreage of this important habitat along the Nisqually River. The environmental education program would be improved and expanded (15,000 students per year), although not to the extent of Alternative B, to provide sufficient staff time to operate a waterfowl hunt program. The greatest changes would occur in the wildlife observation trail system of any alternative, reducing the 5.5-mile loop to a 3.5-mile round trip trail no longer in a loop configuration; a new trail would be developed on Tribal and Refuge properties east of the river. A smaller portion of Refuge lands (191 acres) would be opened to hunting 7 days per week, with no changes to hunting on WDFW lands; however, a portion of the main trail would be seasonally closed. Bank fishing on McAllister Creek would no longer be offered due to dike removal, but new fishing opportunities could be provided in the future, if appropriate lands were acquired along McAllister Creek south of I-5, as well as those described under Alternative C.

Actions Common to All Action Alternatives

In addition, the following components are proposed to be implemented under alternatives B, C, and D. Walk-in waterfowl hunting opportunities would be considered if sufficient lands were acquired south of I-5, which would provide adequate wildlife sanctuary and minimal conflict with other priority uses. A speed limit of 5 mph for all water craft would be established in all Refuge waters to provide wildlife and habitat protection and reduce conflicts with other visitors. Service policies prohibiting consumptive uses in the Research Natural Area (RNA) in the northeast part of the Refuge would be enforced, including fishing, shell fishing, and waterfowl hunting. The RNA would be closed to all boating from October 1 to March 31 to provide a seasonal sanctuary for migratory birds and other wildlife.

Public comments are requested, considered, and incorporated throughout the planning process in numerous ways. Public outreach has included open houses, public meetings, technical workgroups, planning update mailings, and **Federal Register** notices. Two previous notices were published in the **Federal Register** concerning this Draft EIS/CCP (October 9, 1997 and February 9, 2000). After the review and

comment period ends for this Draft EIS/CCP, comments will be analyzed and considered by the Service. A Final EIS will then be prepared and published which will include substantive comments received and provide the Service's responses. Changes made to the selected alternative will also be identified in the Final EIS. A Record of Decision and final CCP will then be published.

All comments received from individuals on environmental impact statements become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6(f)) and other Service and Departmental policies and procedures.

Dated: November 13, 2002.

Rowan W. Gould,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Technology Transfer Act of 1986

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is planning to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with LockClickPrint, Inc., of Los Lunas, New Mexico. The purpose of the CRADA is to develop and test the marketability of high-quality, museum art products based on satellite, aerial photography, and mapping source data from the USGS. Any other organization interested in pursuing a partnership for similar kinds of activities should contact the USGS.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be addressed to the Branch of Business Development, U.S. Geological Survey, 500 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; Telephone (703) 648-4621, facsimile (703) 648-4706; Internet "bduff@usgs.gov".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth L. Duff, address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: October 28, 2002.

Robert A. Lidwin,

Chief of Staff, Geography.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 106-503, the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) will hold its third meeting. The meeting location is the U.S. Geological Survey, John W. Powell National Center, Room 3B457, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192. The Committee is comprised of members from academia, industry, and State government. The Committee shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

The Committee will review a draft of the 5-year plan of the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. This will include a critique of the goals and objectives of the Program over the next 5 years in earthquake hazards assessments, in research on earthquake processes and effects, and in earthquake monitoring and notification.

Meetings of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee are open to the public.

DATES: January 8, 2003, commencing at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 4:30 p.m. on January 9, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John R. Filson, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-6785.

Dated: December 3, 2002.

P. Patrick Leahy,

Associate Director for Geology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-095-03-6333-JI: GP03-0005]

Notice of Temporary Closure of Public Lands; Lane County, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of temporary closure of public lands in Lane County, Oregon.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that approximately 200 acres of certain public lands in Lane County, Oregon are temporarily closed to all public use, with exception to walking, hiking and pedestrian sightseeing. Those uses prohibited from occurring in the area include driving, parking, camping, discharge of firearms, and all equestrian uses. This closure is effective December 1, 2002, through November 30, 2003. The closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

The public lands affected by this temporary closure include all Federal lands within the City of Eugene Urban Growth Boundary located in Section 29, Township 17 South, Range 4 west of the Willamette Meridian lying east of Greenhill Road, south of Royal Ave., west of Terry street and a line running south from the end of Terry Street to the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks, and north of the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. Specifically, the lands are identified as follows: Federal lands located in Section 29, Township 17 south, Range 4 west of the Willamette Meridian, Oregon.

The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this closure order: Bureau, City of Eugene, and Corps of Engineers employees; State, local and Federal law enforcement and fire protection personnel; agents for the Cone wetland mitigation sites; the contractor authorized to construct the Lower Amazon Wetland Restoration Project and its subcontractors; the contractor authorized by the City of Eugene to construct the Fern Ridge Bicycle Path and related recreation facilities and its subcontractors. Access by additional parties may be allowed, but must be approved in advance in writing by the Authorized Officer.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, which include a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

The public lands temporarily closed to public use under this order will be posted with signs at points of public access.

The purpose of this temporary closure is to provide for public safety, facilitate construction of the Lower Amazon Wetland Restoration Project and Fern Ridge Bicycle Path and related facilities, and protection of property and equipment during the mobilization, construction and de-mobilization

phases of the Lower Amazon Wetland Restoration and Fern Ridge Bicycle Path construction projects.

DATES: This closure is effective from December 1, 2002, through November 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the closure order and maps showing the location of the closed lands are available from the Eugene District Office, P.O. Box 10226 (2890 Chad Drive), Eugene, Oregon 97440.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Johnston, Wetlands Project Manager, Eugene District Office, at (541) 683-6181.

Dated: October 10, 2003.

Rick Colvin,

Acting Field Manager, Siuslaw Resource Area.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-100-03-1820-PG]

Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Science Advisory Board will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 21, 2003, in Room 7000A at 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The public comment period will begin at approximately 4:30 p.m., and the meeting will adjourn at approximately 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Barkow, Bureau of Land Management, Denver Federal Center, Building 50, P.O. Box 25047, Denver, CO, 80225-0047, 303-236-6454.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Science Advisory Board advises the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of science issues. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:

Introduction and Opening Comments
Review of Last Meeting's Decisions/
Commitments
Director's New Science Issues
Report on BLM Science Activities for
FY 2002

Briefing on the President's Healthy
Forest Initiative
Presentation "Save our Fossils from
Extinction"

Briefing on the BLM/DOE Partnerships
in Science
Presentation and Discussion on the
Science Strategy Implementation and
Staffing/Organization Plan
Discussion on University Curriculum
for the Next Generation BLM
Employee

The agenda is subject to revision.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Board. Each formal Board 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 the BLM as provided in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Lee Barkow,

*Director, National Science and Technology
Center.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-4210-05; N-63022]

Notice of Realty Action: Lease/ Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Recreation and Public Purpose lease/conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*) (R&PP). The City of Las Vegas proposes to use the land for a public park. Portions of these lands were previously segregated and leased under the R&PP Act as serial numbers N-61840, N-41567-31 and N-41567-36 and those leases have been relinquished. The purpose of this action is to combine all of these lands under BLM serial number N-63022.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

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