

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR part 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR part 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On July 18, 2003, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs decided to accept approximately 96 acres, more or less, of land into trust for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians of Michigan under the authority of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Act, 25 U.S.C. 1300k–1300k–7 (1994), which also restored Federal recognition to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. In a memorandum dated November 12, 1997, the Associate Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs, determined that the Little Traverse Bay Bands is a restored tribe within the meaning of Section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. 2719 and that the trust acquisition of the parcel known as the "Mackinaw City Tract" qualified as restored lands. The Mackinaw Tract is within Emmet County. On August 5, 1999, the Associate Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs further concluded that the site of the temporary Victories casino qualified as "restored" land within the meaning of section 20 of IGRA, because it is within Emmet County and is exempt from the general prohibition against gaming on land acquired in trust after October 17, 1988. On March 24, 2003, the Field Solicitor, Twin Cities concluded that pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 1300k–4(a) the acquisition of land located in Emmet County, Michigan for the Little Traverse Bay Bands is a mandatory acquisition for purposes of 25 CFR 151.10 and is considered "restored" land for purposes of 25 U.S.C. 2719(b)(1)(B)(iii) of IGRA.

The land referred to in Commitment No. 60016179, situated in the Township of Resort, County of Emmet, State of Michigan is described as follows:

The Northeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ and the South one-half of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼, all in Section 12, Township 34 North, Range 6 West, *except*: Commencing at the East ¼ corner of Section 12, Township 34 North, Range 6 West; Resort Township, Emmet County, Michigan; thence South along the East line of said Section 12, for a distance of 427.29 feet; thence West 33.00

feet to a concrete monument on the West edge of Greenwood Cemetery Road, which is the point of beginning; thence West 217.00 feet to a concrete monument, thence South 160.00 feet to a concrete monument; thence East 217.00 feet to a concrete monument on the West edge of Greenwood Cemetery Road; thence North 160.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The land referred to in Commitment No. 60016178, situated in the Township of Resort, County of Emmet, State of Michigan is described as follows:

The Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 12, Township 34 North, Range 6 West.

The property consists of approximately 96 acres located in Emmet County, Michigan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Skibine, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, MS-4543 MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219-4066.

Dated: July 18, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Siuslaw River Late-Successional Reserve Restoration Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Upper Siuslaw River Late-Successional Reserve (LSR) Restoration Plan.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, a DEIS has been prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Eugene District, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a cooperating agency, for the Upper Siuslaw River Late-Successional Reserve (LSR) Restoration Plan. The DEIS was prepared to analyze the impacts of a long-term management approach and specific actions needed to achieve the LSR goals and Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives set out in the Northwest Forest Plan. The Upper Siuslaw LSR Restoration Plan will address management of approximately

25,000 acres of BLM-managed lands within LSR 267 in the upper portion of the Siuslaw River fifth-field watershed.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS must be postmarked or otherwise delivered by 4:15 p.m., 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes the NOA and filing of the DEIS in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the document should be addressed to: Rick Colvin, P.O. Box 10226, Eugene, OR, 97440; or e-mail to: or090mb@or.blm.gov Attn: Rick Colvin. Written comments may also be hand-delivered to the Eugene District Office, 2890 Chad Drive, Eugene, OR. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Eugene District office during regular hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the environmental analysis or other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organization or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Copies of the DEIS will be mailed to individuals, agencies, or companies who previously requested copies. A limited number of copies of the document will be available at the Eugene District Office. The DEIS is also available online from the Eugene District Internet Web site at <http://www.edo.or.blm.gov>. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the Eugene District Internet Web site (<http://www.edo.or.blm.gov>) at least 15 days prior to the event.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Colvin at (541) 683-6600 or 1-888-442-3061.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEIS addresses alternatives for forest and aquatic restoration within a Late-Successional Reserve in the Coast Range Mountains west of Eugene, Oregon. The purpose of the action is to protect and enhance late-successional and old-growth forest ecosystems; foster the development of late-successional forest structure and composition in

plantations and young forests; and reconnect streams and reconnect stream channel to their riparian areas and upslope areas.

The DEIS analyzes in detail the following six alternatives:

Alternative A—no active management (No Action);

Alternative B—restoration limited to forest plantations and road management with no commercial timber harvest;

Alternative C—continuation of the current management approach;

Alternative D—restoration focused on recovery of threatened and endangered species;

Alternative E—restoration that would reduce forest stand densities as quickly as possible; and

Alternative F—restoration based on multi-entry and multi-trajectory thinning.

All alternatives analyzed in the DEIS would be in conformance with the 1995 Eugene District Resource Management Plan (RMP) and would not require any amendment or revision of the RMP. The Preferred Alternative is *Alternative D*.

The DEIS analyzes the following issues:

- How would thinning affect development of late-successional forest habitat characteristics?
- What are the effects of restoration activities on the northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and coho salmon habitat?
- What level of risk to existing late-successional forest would result from restoration activities?
- How would actions meet the objectives of the Aquatic Conservation Strategy?
- How much new road construction would be needed to implement restoration actions?
- How would road decommissioning and road management actions alter public access to BLM lands?
- How would restoration actions affect the presence and spread of noxious weeds?
- What would be the economic effects of restoration activities?
- What would the restoration program cost?

Steven Calish,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1430-FM, WYW 148816]

Notice of Public Interest Hearing

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior and Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of a public interest determination hearing on the proposed Pittsburg & Midway Coal exchange.

SUMMARY: A public hearing as required under regulations at 43 CFR 2203.3, is scheduled to accept oral and written testimony and comments on the public interest factors associated with the proposed Pittsburg and Midway (P&M) Coal Exchange. Pertinent information regarding the proposed exchange is contained in a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) which documents and discloses the results of an environmental analysis of the proposed P&M Coal Exchange. The FEIS may be viewed and downloaded from the BLM Wyoming Web site <http://www.wy.blm.gov>.

DATES: The public hearing will be held from 7-9 p.m. m.d.t., September 17, 2003, at Sheridan College, 3059 Coffeen Avenue, Whitney Building, Room W-136, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FEIS are also available for public inspection at the following BLM Offices: Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009; Buffalo Field Office, 1425 Fort Street, Buffalo, WY 82834; Rawlins Field Office, 1300 N. Third Street, Rawlins, WY 82301; Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604; and the Pinedale Field Office, 432 E. Mill Street, Pinedale, WY 82941.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information contact Nancy Doelger at 307-261-7627, Mel Schlagel at 307-775-6257, or Tamara Gertsch at 307-775-6115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: After completion of the FEIS and prior to making a public interest determination and issuing a notice of decision, the BLM is required to hold a public hearing to receive public comments on the public interest factors on the proposed exchange. BLM will provide an attendance register at the door to record names of the parties attending the meeting. BLM will also provide a register for those desiring to express their views during the formal hearing procedure. The time allotted to each person wishing to make a statement will be determined by the number of attendees wishing to speak.

The hearing will consist of two distinct phases: (1) an informal phase where the BLM and the USFS will explain the exchange proposal in general terms and will respond to any questions about the exchange proposal, and (2) a formal phase where it will be explained that the hearing is afforded to provide an opportunity to receive comments regarding the public interest factors associated with the proposed exchange. BLM will ask each party who registered at the door to proceed to the microphone and provide their comments. Each party will be asked for their name, business affiliation (if any), and a written copy of their comments if one is available. BLM will not respond to any questions during the formal phase of the hearing. A transcript of both the written and verbal comments will be recorded and will become part of the official transcript for the hearing. The complete transcript of the formal phase of the hearing will be forwarded to the Department of Justice for their review, prior to a Record of Decision being issued for the proposed land exchange. Any comments received will be considered in the final decision issued for this exchange.

Dated: August 12, 2003.

Melvin Schlagel,

Realty Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-068-03-1610-DR-241E]

Notice of Availability of Approved Resource Management Plan/Record of Decision

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared an Approved Resource Management Plan/Record of Decision (RMP/ROD) for the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area (NCA) and Sonoita Valley Acquisition Planning District (SVAPD) located in Pima and Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona. The RMP/ROD will be signed by the Arizona State Director and become effective upon publication of this notice.

The RMP/ROD has been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the act establishing the Las Cienegas