sheep include: (1) Protection of bighorn sheep habitat; (2) increase population growth by enhancing survivorship and reproductive output of bighorn sheep; (3) increase the numbers of herds, and thereby the number of bighorn sheep; (4) develop and implement a genetic management plan to maintain genetic diversity; (5) monitor status and trends of bighorn sheep herds and their habitat; (6) research; and (7) providing information to the public.

**Public Comments Solicited**

We solicit written comments on the draft recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered in developing a final recovery plan.

**Authority:** The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 24, 2003.

**Steve Thompson,**

*Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

### Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**DATES:** The Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force will meet from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The ANS Task Force meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 4610 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone 703–243–9800.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at 703–358–2308, or by e-mail, at *sharon_gross@fws.gov*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

Topics to be covered during the ANS Task Force meeting include: an update of activities from each of the Task Force's regional panels; status and updates from several other Task Force committees and working groups including the Prevention Committee, the Asian Carp working group, and the New Zealand mud snail working group, review of State ANS Management Plans from Hawaii, Indiana and Wisconsin; an update on ballast water management activities; an update on the activities of the National Invasive Species Council; a discussion on the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act; and other topics.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203–1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: October 2, 2003.

**Mamie Parker,**

*Co-chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries and Habitat Conservation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[NM–070–03–1610–DR]**

### Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for Proposed Farmington Resource Management Plan Revision and Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Proposed Farmington Resource Management Plan (RMP) revision and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The revised plan addressed the oil and gas estate administered by BLM in the Farmington Field Office and the Albuquerque Field Office; the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Jicarilla District of the Carson National Forest; portions of the Coyote and Cuba Districts of the Santa Fe National Forest, and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) for lands surrounding Navajo Reservoir. Other issues relating to landownership adjustments, Off-Highway Vehicle management, Specially Designated Areas, and coal leasing suitability were addressed only for lands administered by the Farmington Field Office. The USFS and BOR were cooperating agencies in preparation of the RMP. The Final EIS and Proposed RMP were available for protest from April 4, 2003, to May 5, 2003. All protests and comments were considered during the preparation of the ROD.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD have been sent to affected Federal, State, and local Government agencies and to interested parties. The document will be available electronically on the following Web site: *http://www.nm.blm.gov/.* Copies of the ROD are available for public inspection at the following BLM office locations: Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401; and Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montano Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Ramakka, RMP Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401 (505–599–6307).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ROD approves the proposed revision to the Farmington RMP. The RMP provides guidance for managing approximately 1,415,300 acres of public land and 3,020,693 acres of Federal minerals in San Juan, McKinley, Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties. The overall planning area encompasses 8,274,100 acres.

The ROD approves new decisions concerning oil and gas leasing and development, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) designations, landownership adjustments, management of Specially Designated Areas, and coal leasing suitability. These decisions are intended to replace goals, objectives, management actions and conditions of use described in the 1988 Farmington RMP and subsequent amendments related to these matters. No other decisions of the 1988 Farmington RMP or amendments are affected.

Dated: August 14, 2003.

**Linda S.C. Rundell,**

*New Mexico State Director.*

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