

a wide variety of incident management and emergency assistance activities. Included in these activities are Federal support to State, local, and tribal authorities; interaction with nongovernmental, private donor, and private-sector organizations; and the coordinated, direct exercise of Federal authorities, when appropriate.

The plan was approved by the Homeland Security Council and signed by 32 Federal departments and agencies, and nongovernmental organizations. The signatories are the Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of the Interior, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Department of State, Department of Transportation, Department of the Treasury, Department of Veterans Affairs, Central Intelligence Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Communications Commission, General Services Administration, National Aeronautic and Space Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Personnel Management, Small Business Administration, Social Security Administration, Tennessee Valley Authority, U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Postal Service, American Red Cross, Corporation for National and Community Service, and National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

Implementation of the National Response Plan commenced on December 15, 2004 per a memorandum from the Secretary of Homeland Security. Implementation will occur in three phases over the period of one year. During the first 120 days of the implementation process, the Initial National Response Plan, the Federal Response Plan, the U.S. Government Domestic Terrorism Concept of Operations Plan, and the Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan remain in effect. After April 14, 2005, these plans are superseded by the National Response Plan. Detailed implementation guidance and schedules are identified in the Letter of Instruction in the base plan of the document.

This Notice informs the public of the release and availability of the National Response Plan. The National Response Plan is available on the Department of Homeland Security's Web site at www.dhs.gov/nationalresponseplan. A hard copy or CD-ROM of the National

Response Plan may be obtained by calling 800-480-2520.

Dated: January 28, 2005.

Bob Stephan,

*Special Assistant to the Secretary,
Department of Homeland Security.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Open Meeting of the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS)

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: FEMA announces the following open meeting.

Name: Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS).

Date of Meeting: March 3, 2005.

Place: Building J, Room 138, National Emergency Training Center (NETC), 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

Times: 10:30 a.m.—Main FICEMS Meeting; 1 p.m.—FICEMS Ambulance Safety Subcommittee.

Proposed Agenda: Review and submission for approval of previous FICEMS Committee Meeting Minutes and Ambulance Safety Subcommittee reports; Action Items review; presentation of member agency reports; and reports of other interested parties.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be open to the public with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. See the Response and Security Procedures below.

Response Procedures: Committee Members and members of the general public who plan to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Lee Wren, on or before Tuesday, March 1, 2005, via mail at NETC, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727, or by telephone at (301) 447-1107, or via facsimile at (301) 447-1178, or via e-mail at lee.wren@dhs.gov. This is necessary to be able to create and provide a current roster of visitors to NETC Security per directives.

Security Procedures: Increased security controls and surveillance are in effect at the National Emergency Training Center. All visitors must have a valid picture identification card and their vehicles will be subject to search

by Security personnel. All visitors will be issued a visitor pass which must be worn at all times while on campus. Please allow adequate time before the meeting to complete the security process.

Conference Call Capabilities: If you are not able to attend in person, a toll free number has been set up for teleconferencing. The toll free number will be available from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Members should call in around 10:30 a.m. The number is 1-800-320-4330. The FICEMS conference code is "885721#."

FICEMS Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be available upon request 30 days after they have been approved at the next FICEMS Committee Meeting on June 2, 2005. The minutes will also be posted on the United States Fire Administration Web site at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/fire-service/ems/ficems.shtm> within 30 days after their approval at the June 2, 2005, FICEMS Committee Meeting.

Dated: January 31, 2005.

R. David Paulison,

U.S. Fire Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of Applications for Incidental Take Permits for the Arnaudo Brothers, Wathen-Castanos, and River East Holding Sites in Merced County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The Arnaudo Brothers, Wathen-Castanos, and River East Holding Sites (Applicants) have applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for incidental take permits pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The Service is considering issuing 10-year permits to the Applicants that would authorize take of the endangered San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*, "kit fox") incidental to otherwise lawful activities associated with the residential and commercial development of four sites in Merced County, California. The projects would result in the incidental take of kit fox on the project sites through permanent removal of 182 acres of