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Frank L. Davis,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior; Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

Meeting Date and Time: Friday, March 11, 2005, Time 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Heritage Conservancy, Aldie Mansion, 85 Old Dublin Pike, Doylestown, PA 18901.

The agenda for the meeting will focus on implementation of the Management Action Plan for the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and State Heritage Park. The Commission was established to assist the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions in planning and implementing an integrated strategy for protecting and promoting cultural, historic and natural resources. The Commission reports to the Secretary of the Interior and to the Congress.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission was established by Public Law 100-692, November 18, 1988 and extended through Pub. L. 105-355, November 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: C. Allen Sachse, Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission, 1 South Third Street, 8th Floor, Easton, PA 18042, (610) 923-3548.

Dated: February 25, 2005.

C. Allen Sachse,

Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

2005 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) Contest

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces the dates and locations of the 2005 Federal Duck Stamp contest; the public is invited to enter and to attend.

DATES: 1. The official date to begin the submission of entries to the 2005 contest is June 1, 2005. All entries must be postmarked no later than midnight, Monday, August 15, 2005.

2. The public may first view the 2005 Federal Duck Stamp Contest entries on Tuesday, September 13 and on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

3. Judging will be held on Thursday, September 15 and on Friday, September 16, 2005 beginning at 10 a.m.

4. The contest will be held in Memphis, Tennessee at a location to be announced later.

ADDRESSES: Requests for complete copies of the contest rules, reproduction rights agreement, and display and participation agreement may be requested by calling 1-703-358-2000, or requests may be addressed to: Federal Duck Stamp Contest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP-4070, Arlington, VA 22203-1622. You may also download the information from the Federal Duck Stamp Web site at <http://duckstamps.fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ryan W. Booth, Federal Duck Stamp Office, (703) 358-2004, or by e-mail Ryan_W_Booth@fws.gov, or fax at (703) 358-2009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 16, 1934, Congress passed and President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act. Popularly known as the Duck Stamp Act, it required all waterfowl hunters 16 years or older to buy a stamp annually. The revenue generated was originally earmarked for the Department of Agriculture, but 5 years later was transferred to the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to buy or lease waterfowl sanctuaries.

In the years since its enactment, the Federal Duck Stamp Program has become one of the most popular and successful conservation programs ever initiated. Today, some 1.8 million stamps are sold each year, and as of 2004, Federal Duck Stamps have generated more than \$700 million for the preservation of more than 5.2 million acres of waterfowl habitat in the United States. Numerous other birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, and amphibians have similarly prospered because of habitat protection made possible by the program. An estimated one-third of the Nation's endangered and threatened species find food or shelter in refuges preserved by Duck Stamp funds. Moreover, the protected wetlands help dissipate storms, purify water supplies, store flood water, and nourish fish hatchlings important for sport and commercial fishermen.

The Contest

The first Federal Duck Stamp was designed at President Franklin Roosevelt's request by Jay N. "Ding" Darling, a nationally known political cartoonist for the *Des Moines Register* and a noted hunter and wildlife conservationist. In subsequent years, noted wildlife artists were asked to submit designs. The first contest was opened in 1949 to any U.S. artist who wished to enter, and 65 artists submitted a total of 88 design entries in the only art competition of its kind sponsored by the U.S. Government. To select each year's design, a panel of noted art, waterfowl, and philatelic authorities are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Winners receive no compensation for the work, except a pane of their stamps, but winners may sell prints of their designs, which are sought by hunters, conservationists, and art collectors.

The public may view the 2005 Federal Duck Stamp entries on Tuesday, September 13 and Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at a time and location to be announced in the future. This year's judging will be held Thursday, September 15 and Friday, September 16, 2005.

Eligible Species

Species eligible for the 2005 contest include brant, northern shoveler, Ross' goose, ruddy duck and Canada goose. Entries featuring a species other than the above listed species will be disqualified.

Dated: February 14, 2005.

Marshall Jones, Jr.,

Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-820-1430-EQ and COC 68264]

Notice of Realty Action, Temporary Access Restriction and Closure of Public Land

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: Public access to the following lands in San Juan County, Colorado, has been temporarily restricted and partially closed to public use under federal regulations at Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations § 8364.1.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charlie Higby, BLM Realty Specialist, (970) 385-1374; San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado 81301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A portion of federal lands within sections 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, of protracted Township 42 N., R.7 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, further described as the SOLRC boundary. Access to the BLM public lands south of San Juan County Road # 52, will be restricted to the travel route along San Juan County Road # 52. The public lands accessed by this route are located approximately 1.7 miles south of the intersection of San Juan County Roads # 52 and # 110 in Colorado Basin. This location provides access to the area south of the BLM access point sign south towards Storm Peak only; this is the north face of Storm Peak. With the exception of County Road #52, the public lands north of the BLM access sign (towards Gladstone) are closed to public access. The San Juan County Road # 52 access route is restricted to the roadway at all times until reaching the BLM public land access point.

The seasonal access restriction and closure to the public lands will continue until June 15, 2005.

The following entities are exempt from the access restriction, however, their entry into the closure area must be coordinated with SOLRC to ensure that conditions for access are safe:

- Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in performance of an official duty;

- Private property owners in the act of accessing their property;
- Other entities authorized under special-use permit by the BLM, including Core Mountain Enterprises, dba as SOLRC.

The access closure is necessary to protect the public health and safety during periods of avalanche and snow data collection work as authorized under BLM permit COC 68264.

Any person who fails to comply with a closure or restricted use order issued under this subpart may be subject to penalties provided for at U.S.C. 3571, including a fine not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 1 year.

This action has been coordinated with the San Juan County Commissioners.

Howard Sargent,

Acting Center Manager, San Juan Public Lands Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Council call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) that have member terms expiring this year. The RACs provide advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands within their geographic areas. BLM will consider public nominations for 45 days after the publication date of this notice.

DATES: Send all nominations to the appropriate BLM State Office by no later than April 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the locations to send your nominations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melanie Wilson Gore, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Intergovernmental Affairs, 1849 C Street, MS-LS-406, Washington, DC 20240; 202-452-0377.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1730) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve

the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are consistent with the requirements of Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR 1784.b. These include three categories:

Category One—Holders of federal grazing permits and representatives of energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation;

Category Two—Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic interests, dispersed recreation, and wild horse and burro groups;

Category Three—Holders of State, county or local elected office, employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources, academicians involved in natural sciences, representatives of Indian tribes, and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State or States in which the RAC has jurisdiction. BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, and experience and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decisionmaking. The following must accompany all nominations:

- Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations,
- A completed background information nomination form,
- Any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, BLM State Offices will issue press releases providing additional information for submitting nominations, with specifics about the number and categories of member positions available for each RAC in the State. Nominations for RACs should be sent to the appropriate BLM offices listed below.

Alaska

Alaska RAC

Danielle Allen, Alaska State Office, BLM, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513, (907) 271-3335.