

To obtain the amended ITP, WDNR must develop a LTCS that meets the ITP issuance criteria established by the ESA and Service regulations (50 CFR 17.22(b)(2), 17.22(b)(2)). If the permit were to be amended, it would replace the ICS. We anticipate that all other terms and conditions of the 1997 permit would remain in full force and effect should the amendment be authorized.

The proposed LTCS may have levels and areas of incidental take of murrelets that were not previously analyzed by the Service. Accordingly, the level of take, general locations where incidental take is likely to occur, the timing of incidental take, minimization and mitigation strategies, enhancement activities, and research and monitoring plans will be described in the LTCS and the EIS.

In order to evaluate a permit amendment, the WDNR must submit the proposed LTCS to the Service for analysis. The Service will ultimately determine whether the LTCS satisfies the ESA section 10 permit issuance criteria and other applicable laws and/or regulations. The LTCS must also be consistent with the WDNR HCP. Should the permit be amended to authorize the LTCS, it may include assurances under the Service's "No Surprises" regulations.

Request for Comments

The primary purpose of the scoping process is for the public to assist the Service in developing the EIS by identifying important issues and alternatives related to the applicant's proposed action. The scoping workshops will allocate time for presentations by the Service and the applicant, followed by informal questions and discussions.

Written comments from interested parties are encouraged to ensure that the full range of issues related to the anticipated permit amendment is identified. All comments and materials received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

The Service requests that comments be specific. In particular, we request information regarding: Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that implementation of the proposed amendment or other alternatives could have on murrelets and other endangered and threatened species, and their habitats; other possible alternatives that

meet the purpose and need; information on murrelet ecology in Southwest Washington and the Olympic Peninsula; potential adaptive management and/or monitoring provisions; funding issues; existing environmental conditions in the plan area; other plans or projects that might be relevant to this proposed project; minimization and mitigation efforts; and baseline environmental conditions. WDNR is also requesting comments on murrelet ecology in the central and north cascades for their consideration, which will assist in developing the LTCS in those areas.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the NEPA of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other applicable Federal laws and regulations, and policies and procedures of the Service. This notice is being furnished in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 of NEPA to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS. The Service and WDNR intend to jointly develop a single document that will comply with all requirements of the ESA, the State Environmental Policy Act and NEPA.

Reasonable Accommodation

Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in public meetings should contact Mark Ostwald (see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice). In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than one week before the public meeting. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.

Dated: September 8, 2006.

David J. Wesley,

Deputy Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

United States Geological Survey

Notice of an Open Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI)

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the ACWI. This meeting is to discuss broad policy-related topics relating to national water initiatives, and the development and dissemination of water information, through reports

from ACWI subgroups. The agenda will include status of a proposal for a new ACWI subgroup on Ground Water Monitoring; a new proposal by the Subcommittee on Hydrology, from the Satellite Telemetry Interagency Working Group; status of the National Monitoring Network for U.S. Coastal Waters and their Tributaries; and a presentation on the new Wetland Mapping Standard Workgroup of the Federal Geographic Data Committee. The ACWI was established under the authority of the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M92-01 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the ACWI is to provide a forum for water information users and professionals to advise the Federal Government on activities and plans that may improve the effectiveness of meeting the Nation's water information needs. Member organizations help to foster communications between the Federal and non-Federal sectors on sharing water information.

Membership, limited to 35 organizations, represents a wide range of water resources interests and functions. Representation on the ACWI includes all levels of government, academia, private industry, and professional and technical societies. For more information on the ACWI, its membership, subgroups, meetings and activities, please see the Web site at: <http://ACWI.gov>.

DATES: The formal meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m. on October 4, 2006, and will adjourn at 4:15 p.m. on the same day.

ADDRESSES: The U.S. Geological Survey, Dallas L. Peck Auditorium, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Toni J. Johnson, ACWI Executive Secretary and Chief, Water Information Coordination Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 417, Reston, VA 20192. Telephone: 703-648-6810; Fax: 703-648-5644; e-mail: tjohnson@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public. Up to a half hour will be set aside for public comment. Persons wishing to make a brief presentation (up to 5 minutes) are asked to provide a written request with a description of the general subject to Ms. Johnson at the above address no later than noon, September 27, 2006. It is requested that 40 copies of a written statement be submitted at the time of the meeting for distribution to members of the ACWI and placement in the official file. Any member of the public may submit written information and (or) comments to Ms. Johnson for distribution at the ACWI meeting.

Dated: September 11, 2006.

Katherine Lins,

Chief, Office of Water Information.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Draft Sierra Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) for the Sierra planning area, managed by the Folsom Field Office. This notice announces the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To assure that they will be considered, BLM must receive written comments on the Draft RMP/EIS within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes their Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* caformp@ca.blm.gov.
- *Fax:* 916-985-3259.
- *Mail:* 63 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Barnes, 916-985-4474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planning area for the Sierra RMP is the Folsom Field Office's area of management responsibility. The planning area comprises the 15 counties of Yuba, Sutter, Colusa, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Sacramento, Stanislaus, and Merced. A total of 230,000 acres of public lands are administered by BLM in the planning area. In addition, approximately 300,000 acres of subsurface mineral estate are administered by the field office, which

includes approximately 72,000 acres of nonfederal surface lands where BLM administers the subsurface mineral estate. The decisions promulgated in the RMP will only apply to the BLM-administered public lands and mineral estate within the planning area. The Sierra Draft RMP/EIS has been developed through a collaborative planning process and considers four alternatives. The primary issues addressed include: Recreation; protection of sensitive natural and cultural resources; livestock grazing; energy and mineral development; land tenure adjustments; and motorized vehicle area and route designations. The Draft RMP/EIS includes Wild and Scenic River suitability recommendations, as well as proposals for Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs). The preferred alternative includes two river segment recommendations: South Fork American River (8.8 miles—recreational) and North Fork and Main Mokelumne River (13.7 miles—wild, scenic, recreational). The preferred alternative also proposes the following ACECs: Pine Hill Preserve ACEC—3,236 acres (proposed); Cosumnes River Preserve ACEC—2,035 acres (proposed); Spivey Pond ACEC—54 acres (proposed); Deadman's Flat ACEC—796 acres (proposed); Dutch Flat/Indiana Hill ACEC/RNA—320 acres (proposed); Bagby Serpentine ACEC—5,775 acres (proposed); Red Hills ACEC—7,184 acres (existing), 2,824 acres (proposed addition); Lone Manzanita ACEC—122 acres (existing), 141 acres (proposed addition); and Limestone Salamander ACEC—1,728 acres (existing), 473 acres (proposed addition). One additional ACEC was considered but not included in the preferred alternative: Yuba Brownsville ACEC—198 acres. Use of public lands within these ACECs would vary, depending on the resources and/or values identified (see Chapter 2 of the Draft RMP/EIS), but would likely include limitations on motorized-vehicle use, mining, and other surface disturbing activities.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be

available for public inspection in their entirety.

Copies of the Sierra Draft RMP/Draft EIS are available in the Folsom Field Office at the above address; at the BLM California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA; and online at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/folsom>.

Dated: June 19, 2006.

James Eicher,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Grand Teton Transportation Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Grand Teton National Park, WY

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the final environmental impact statement for the Grand Teton Transportation Plan, Grand Teton National Park.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Grand Teton Transportation Plan, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming.

DATES: The National Park Service will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public inspection online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>, in the office of the Superintendent, Mary Gibson Scott, Grand Teton National Park, PO Drawer 170, Moose, Wyoming 83012-0170, (370) 739-3410, and at the Teton County Public Library, Jackson, Wyoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Gibson Scott, Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park, PO Drawer 170, Moose, Wyoming 83012-0170, (370) 739-3410.

Dated: July 11, 2006.

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Acting Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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