DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, Volusia and Brevard Counties, FL; Collection of Entrance Fees
AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce our intent to modify the existing fee collection program at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge by adding entrance fees. The proposed entrance fees are $1.00 a day for one person, $5.00 a day for one vehicle, and $15.00 a year for one person. Under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), we will identify and post specific visitor fees and begin collecting them. The proposed fees only affect Black Point Wildlife Drive and three improved refuge boat ramps (Bairs Cove, Beacon 42, and Bio Lab). Fees are not required to enter any other portion of the refuge.

DATES: Submit your comments on this action by August 1, 2011. Unless we publish a notice in the Federal Register withdrawing this action, we will begin collecting entrance fees on September 1, 2011.

ADDRESS: Submit your comments by one of the following methods:
• U.S. mail or hand-delivery: Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge (Attention: Dorn Whitmore), P.O. Box 2683, Titusville, FL 32781;
• Fax: 321–861–1276, attn: “Merritt Island Fee”;
• E-mail: Dorn_Whitemore@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In an effort to meet increasing demands for services, and to maintain developed facilities, we announce our intent to add a new class of fees to the existing fee program at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) under section 3(e) of the REA (16 U.S.C. 6801–6814). The Refuge will add the following type of entrance fees.

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Entrance Fees
2. $1.00—Daily Individual Entrance Fee (fee is per person/per day, when arriving on foot, bicycle, as part of a tour group, or on a bus; 3 cashes per group/vehicle).
3. $5.00—Daily Noncommercial Vehicle Entrance Fee (fee is per single, private noncommercial vehicle).
4. $5.00—Family Group Entrance Fee (fee is the maximum per day, per family, when arriving on foot, bicycle, as part of a tour group, or on a bus). A family group is defined as up to four adults (16 years and older) and any number of children (15 years and under).
5. $15.00—Annual Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Pass (per single private noncommercial vehicle) valid for 1 year.

Special Provisions and Exceptions to the Entrance Fee Structure

The Refuge participates in two pass programs, the Federal Duck Stamp and the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass programs. The Refuge honors and offers for purchase passes associated with these programs. Information on the programs is available at http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/ and http://www.fws.gov/refuges/visitors/passes.html.

The Refuge will also honor Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and Golden Access passes. A list of passes the Refuge will honor and/or sell follows. If your pass is not listed, we encourage you to contact the Refuge and inquire about pass acceptance prior to your visit.

1. Federal Duck Stamp (valid for 1 year beginning July 1: $15.00 annually).
2. America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass: $80.00 annually.
5. Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and Golden Access Pass: The Refuge will honor these passes according to the provisions of each, but not available for purchase.

Passes in Lieu of Entrance Fees

The Refuge participates in the following programs:

1. Federal Duck Stamp
2. America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass
3. Senior Pass
4. Access Pass
5. Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and Golden Access Pass

The Refuge will honor these passes according to the provisions of each, but not available for purchase.
Entrance Fees Support Refuge Visitor Facilities

The Refuge plans to use additional collected fees to repair and maintain the following visitor facilities: Boat ramps at Bairs Cove, Beacon 42, and Bio Lab; Black Point Wildlife Drive; public access roads; parking lots; overlooks; and interpretive signs. Under the REA, in order to change fees, the site must have the staff and resources to manage a fee activity as well as to collect the deposit money. Under the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act, we must allow only activities that are appropriate and compatible with the specific Refuge’s purposes.

Authorities and Requirements of the REA

In December 2004, the REA became law. The REA provides authority through December 2014 for the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture to establish, modify, charge, and collect recreation fees for use of some Federal recreation lands and waters, and contains specific provisions addressing public involvement in the establishment of recreation fees. The REA also directs the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture to publish advance notice in the Federal Register whenever bureaus establish new recreation fee areas under their respective jurisdictions.

In accordance with our recreating fee program guidance, we are offering the public advance notice of our intent to collect entrance fees and an opportunity to comment on this fee collection before it goes into effect. The fees will be collected on the Refuge at Black Point Wildlife Drive and at the boat ramps at Bairs Cove, Beacon 42, and Bio Lab. If public comments were to provide substantive reasons why we should not collect entrance fees on the Refuge, we would reevaluate our plan and publish a subsequent notice in the Federal Register withdrawing this action. Otherwise, fee collection at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge—at Black Point Wildlife Drive, and at the Bairs Cove, Beacon 42, and Bio Lab boat ramps—will begin September 1, 2011, with fee types and amounts posted on site.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6803(b).
Mark J. Musaus,
Deputy Regional Director, Southeast Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Public Meeting: Northwest California Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of public meeting.
SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.
DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29, 2011, Lake and Mendocino counties, California. On April 28, the RAC convenes at 8:30 a.m. at the BLM Ukiah Field Office, 2550 North State Street, Ukiah, and departs immediately for a field tour to the Indian Valley Management Area in Lake County. Members of the public are welcome. They must provide their own transportation, beverages and food. On April 29, the council convenes at 8 a.m. in the conference room of the BLM Ukiah Field office. Time for public comment has been reserved for 11 a.m.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Haug, BLM Northern California District manager, (530) 224–2160; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, (530) 252–5332.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 12-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Northwest California. At this meeting agenda topics include discussion of alternative energy projects, management of the Sacramento River Bend area in Shasta County, off-highway vehicle management grants, and land tenure topics in the BLM Arcata, Redding and Ukiah field offices.
Dated: March 21, 2011.
Joseph J. Fontana,
Public Affairs Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Realty Action: Competitive Sealed Bid Sale of Public Lands in Clark County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of Realty action.
SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (SNPLMA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to offer one parcel of public land totaling approximately 5 acres in the Las Vegas Valley by competitive sealed bid sale at not less than the appraised fair market value (FMV). The sale will be subject to the applicable provisions of Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA). If not sold, the parcel described in this Notice may be identified for sale at a later date without further legal notice.
DATES: Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the proposed sale of public land and the Competitive Sealed Bid Sale, June 1, 2011 Environmental Assessment (EA) until May 19, 2011. The FMV for the parcel will be available on April 1, 2011, which is 60 days prior to the sale date.
Sealed bids may be mailed or delivered to the BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 625 S. Casino Center Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89101; Attn: BLM Public Affairs Officer.
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