

information on U.S. preparations for CoP17, can be found at <http://www.fws.gov/international/cites/cop17>. The notices and public comments received can be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2014-0018. You may obtain additional information on those **Federal Register** notices from the following sources: For information on proposed resolutions, decisions, and other agenda items, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS-IA, Falls Church, VA 22041; and for information on species proposals, contact the Division of Scientific Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS-IA, Falls Church, VA 22041. Our regulations governing this public process are found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 23.87. Pursuant to 50 CFR 23.87(a)(3)(ii), with this notice we are posting on <http://www.regulations.gov> (see Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2014-0018) and on our Web site (<http://www.fws.gov/international/publications-and-media/federal-register-notices.html>) a summary of our proposed negotiating positions on the items included in the CoP17 agenda and proposed amendments to the Appendices, and the reasons for our proposed positions.

#### Announcement of Provisional Agenda for CoP17

The provisional agenda for CoP17 is currently available on the CITES Secretariat's Web site at <http://www.cites.org/eng/cop/17/doc/index.php>. The working documents associated with the items on the provisional agenda, including proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and discussion documents, are also available on the Secretariat's Web site. To view the working document associated with a particular agenda item, access the provisional agenda at the above Web site, locate the particular agenda item, and click on the document link for that agenda item in the column entitled "Document." Finally, the species proposals that will be considered at CoP17 are also available on the Secretariat's Web site. Proposals for amendment of Appendices I and II can be accessed at the web address given above.

#### Tentative Negotiating Positions

On <http://www.regulations.gov> (see Docket No. FWS-R9-IA-2014-0018) and on our Web site (<http://www.fws.gov/international/publications-and-media/federal-register-notices.html>), we summarize the tentative U.S. negotiating positions on

proposals to amend the Appendices (species proposals), draft resolutions and decisions, and agenda items that have been submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat. Documents submitted by the United States either alone or as a co-proponent for consideration by the Parties at CoP17 can be found on the Secretariat's Web site at: <http://www.cites.org/eng/cop/17/doc/index.php>. Those documents are: CoP17 Docs. 18.1, 27, 40, and 52, and (co-sponsored with South Africa) Doc. 20. The United States, either alone or as a co-proponent, submitted the following proposals to amend Appendices I and II: CoP17 Props. 9-12, 19, 27, 36, 44, 48, 52, 60, and 62. We will not provide any additional explanation of the U.S. negotiating positions for documents and proposals that the United States submitted. The introduction in the text of each of the documents the United States submitted contains a discussion of the background of the issue and the rationale for submitting the document.

#### Available Information on CoP17

Information concerning the results of CoP17 will be available after the close of the meeting on the Secretariat's Web site at <http://www.cites.org>, or upon request from the Division of Management Authority (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, above), or on our Web site (<http://www.fws.gov/international/cites/cop17>).

#### Author

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#### Authority

This notice is issued under the authority of the U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 15, 2016.

**Stephen Guertin,**

*Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting; Western Montana 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 (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Western Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council meeting will be held October 13-14, 2016 in Missoula, Montana. The October 13 meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Missoula Field Office conference room, with a 30-minute public comment period starting at 11:30 a.m., and will adjourn at 3:00 p.m. The second day of the meeting, October 14, will consist of a field trip to various points of interest within the Missoula Field Office's jurisdiction.

**ADDRESSES:** BLM's Missoula Field Office, 3255 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Abrams, Western Montana Resource Advisory Council Coordinator, Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701, 406-533-7617, [dabrams@blm.gov](mailto:dabrams@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM on a variety of management issues associated with public land management in Montana. During this meeting the council will discuss several topics, including updates from the BLM's Butte, Missoula and Dillon field offices. All RAC meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 1784.4-2.

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