

markhor specimens will "ensure that animals remain in the population where they can continue to contribute to the gene pool of these rare subspecies."

U.S. Negotiating Position: The U.S. supports some aspects of Pakistan's proposed resolution containing both a proposed annual export quota for 6 markhor (*Capra falconeri spp.*) sport-hunted trophies, and an accompanying management plan. Countries can impose export quotas that they believe are needed to protect their wildlife resources and more easily enable them to make the required non-detriment findings. Export quotas on Appendix I species are limited to imports for non-commercial trade, including sport hunting trophies. The process is established in Resolution Conf. 9.21. The United States stated at COP9 that if a quota were adopted by the Parties and the United States felt that it should or could not comply with (e.g., the species was listed under Endangered Species Act and required separate findings, or the United States was not convinced of the biological or trade control information presented), the United States would stipulate to that effect at the time of the relevant COP action. While Pakistan could approve the export of trophies of Appendix I species without obtaining concurrence on a quota from the CITES Parties, having a quota (1) assures the community that such trophies will be accepted by importing countries, and (2) provides the exporting country some additional support to control the level of offtake at the regional level. The biological and implementation information in the proposal appear to be adequate to support the very limited offtake requested in this resolution. The background document submitted provides information on the distribution, status, threats, and conservation measures relating to the markhor in Pakistan.

The United States does not oppose the Pakistan resolution, as the proposed quota of 6 markhor appears to be a conservative harvest level. Furthermore, with some modifications, the conservation plan is very positive. The United States notes that the subspecies *Capra falconeri chialtanensis* = *Capra aegagrus* (Chiltan markhor) is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act, although does not appear to be covered by the resolution. However, the straight-horned markhor (*Capra falconeri magaceros*) is also endangered under the ESA, and the finding of enhancement required for imports of endangered species may preclude issuance of permits for their

import, even if the resolution is adopted.

XV. Consideration of Proposals for Amendment of Appendices I and II (This Item Consists of Four Subitems)

1. Proposals submitted pursuant to Resolution on Ranching [Doc. 10.85]
2. Proposals resulting from reviews by the Animals and Plants Committees [Doc. 10.86]
3. Proposals concerning export quotas for specimens of Appendix I or II species [Doc. 10.87]
4. Other proposals [Doc. 10.88]

The Service's summary of comments on proposals to amend the appendices and negotiating positions on these proposals will be presented in a separate **Federal Register** notice.

XVI. Conclusion of the Meeting

Comments: No comments were received on this issue.

1. Determination of the time and venue of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties [Doc. 10.89]

U.S. Negotiating Strategy: No documents have been received from the Secretariat regarding candidates as host government for COP11. The United States favors holding COP11 in a country where all Parties and observers will be admitted without political difficulties. The United States will support the holding of COPs on a biennial basis, or, as in the case of COP10, after an interval of approximately two and one half years.

Other Comments Received

Numerous comments were received on a variety of issues not directly related to issues on the provisional Agenda of COP10, and are not summarized here. However, information and comments were received regarding the issue of annotations of the CITES appendices for the purpose of transferring a species from Appendix I to II. The U.S. is currently considering whether to submit a draft resolution on this issue, and this issue is still under internal review. One set of comments submitted related to this issue, which was jointly endorsed by another organization as well. These organizations expressed concern that the "lack of guidelines to supervise the use of such annotations may cause many problems that could detrimentally effect [sic] species. For example, the Parties could transfer a species from Appendix I to Appendix II in a two-step process without any of the controls the Parties have adopted to ensure that species are not harmed by increased trade." In addition, these commenters expressed concern that there is currently no resolution in force that

"supervises the use of product annotation, nor do the Parties have a review mechanism to ensure that a product annotation is not detrimental to the survival of the species."

The U.S. is concerned about the lack of guidance given to Parties on this issue due to the lack of an interpretive resolution to date. The U.S. believes that there is a very limited number of situations in which a product annotation may be useful, primarily in cases where multiple parts of a given species may be in trade, with a very wide disparity of value for the different parts and the products subsequently manufactured from them. The U.S. believes that trade in the lower value items may not always be a serious conservation concern, but that clear criteria and guidelines for their use are critical.

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John G. Rogers,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force; Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force (TF) will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, 1997 and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 1997.

PLACE: The meeting will be held in the Klamath Lake Room at the Shiloh Inn, 2500 Almond Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald A. Iverson, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1006 (1030 South Main), Yreka,

California 96097-1006, telephone (916) 842-5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The principal agenda items at this meeting will be: (1) an update on ecosystem restoration issues before Congress; (2) a report on National Marine Fisheries Service coho listing and implications for restoration projects; (3) an update from the Klamath Compact Commission on the water supply initiative; (4) an update on Technical Work Group sub-basin planning; (5) a TF decision on the final FY98 work plan; and (6) a decision on whether or how to proceed with the Upper Basin Amendment and assignments.

For background information on the TF, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).

Dated: May 29, 1997.

David L. McMullen,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM017-1220-00]

Notice

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is an emergency closure of roads to allow for the safety of the "Oh My God 100" motorcycle race located near Cuba, New Mexico. The road closures are to provide safety for the racers and to exclude incidental motorized use along the race course.

The race course is located in:

- T. 20 N., R. 2 W., sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, NMPM
- T. 20 N., R. 3 W., section 1, NMPM
- T. 21 N., R. 2 W., sections 29, 30, 32, and 33, NMPM
- T. 21 N., R. 3 W., section 36, NMPM

The emergency road closure is in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR 8364.1.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The race will be held on June 8, 1997, and the emergency road closures will be in effect from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., MST.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Fischer, Multi-Resources Branch Chief, Rio Puerco Resource Area, 435 Montano Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107, 505-761-8993.

Dated: May 30, 1997.

Jack Hall,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-020-1430-03; F-79402]

Realty Action; Notice of Proposed Amendments to Lease Agreement F-79402, Public Service Facilities on the James Dalton Highway, Alaska

SUMMARY: Toby M. Williams, DBA Yukon Ventures Alaska, Inc., has requested an amendment to the existing lease. A new structure would be erected between the two existing motel units, and consist of 6 ATCO units approximately 56'x9'6". One unit will be used for bathrooms, furnace and laundry facilities, one unit will be used to house the furnace room and three bedrooms, and the remaining four units will accommodate four bedrooms each. This would provide for 19 additional bedrooms, resulting in an increase in lodging capacity from 100 people to 138 people.

Mr. Williams has also requested an amendment to the existing lease, to accommodate seasonal operation of the facilities in lieu of the current requirement for providing minimal emergency services year round. The proposed months of operation would be from April 1 through October 31 of each calendar year.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on this notice to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Northern District Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-3899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda K. Butts, Realty Specialist, at above address or at telephone (907) 474-2324 or toll free at 800-437-7021.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The facility is located within protracted Section 7, Township 12 North, Range 10 West, Fairbanks, Meridian, and contains approximately 25.9 acres.

The BLM requests comments on the public interest and safety impacts of changing the existing lease. Interested parties may submit written comments to the District Manager at the above address until July 21, 1997.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM-Alaska State Director, who may vacate, sustain, or modify the realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of any objection, the final determination of

the Department of the Interior will be made in accordance with this Notice.

Dated: May 30, 1997.

Dee R. Ritchie,

Northern District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a General Management Plan for the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Kentucky and Tennessee

SUMMARY: The Park is operating without the benefit of a comprehensive framework plan prepared according to National Park Service policies. The Corps of Engineers prepared a Master Plan for the park which was primarily development oriented and in many respects is out of date. Key management concerns include the identification of general strategies for the protection of water quality and quantity, management of natural and cultural resources in the gorge and adjacent area, identification of and provision for desirable visitor experiences, enhancement of relationships with others in the area, and the expectation of little or no increases in budget and staff.

The plan will identify a resource-based framework for the park and describe desired future conditions, alternatives, and general strategies, consistent with the park's purpose, significance, and mandates.

The alternatives and general strategies required to achieve desired future conditions will then be assessed for their environmental effects.

DATES: A series of public meetings will be held in surrounding communities through June 1997. Please consult with local newspapers for the times and locations or call the park for this information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, 4564 Leatherwood Road, Oneida, Tennessee 37841, Telephone: (423) 569-9778.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Park Service is beginning this planning process and invites your comments. You may provide your comments in person at the public meetings or by mail to the Superintendent at the above address. Comments by mail should reach the