

Study section/contact person	February–March 1998 meetings	Time	Location
Surgery, Anesthesiology & Trauma, Dr. Gerald Becker, 301–435–1750.	Feb. 18–19	1:00 p.m.	Georgetown Holiday Inn, Washington, DC.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the Provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393–93.396, 93.837–93.844, 93.846–93.878, 93.892, 93.893 National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 19, 1997.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. FR–4278–D–02]

Redelegation of Personnel Management Authority

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of redelegation of authority.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Secretary redelegates personnel management authority relating to HUD 2020 Management Reform.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Virginia Stephens, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708–0622. (This is not a toll-free number.) For hearing/speech-impaired individuals, this number may be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8399.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary redelegates this authority in order to facilitate the selection of candidates for the approximately 1,400 merit staffing positions announced in connection with the HUD 2020 Management Reform Plan. Consistent with merit staffing principles and Union

agreements, standard personnel procedures will be followed in this process. In addition, no political appointee will serve as selecting official. All selections will be made by senior level career employees. To the greatest extent practical and feasible, rating and ranking panels will consist of representatives of multiple program offices with representatives from both Headquarters and the field. A representative from HUD Unions will observe the rating and ranking process.

Accordingly, the Secretary redelegates authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Redelegated

The authority to make HUD 2020 merit staffing selections for candidates at grades GS–14 and GS–15 is redelegated to the following selecting officials for each of the Program and other offices identified below:

Office and Selecting Official

Office of Housing—Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations

Office of Public and Indian Housing—General Deputy Assistant Secretary (Acting)

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity—General Deputy Assistant Secretary

Office of Public Affairs—Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs/Managing Editor

Office of General Counsel—Deputy General Counsel for Operations

Office of Chief Financial Officer—Deputy CFO for Finance (Director, Accounting Center)

Enforcement Center—Director Assessment Center—Deputy General Counsel for Operations

Section 8, Financial Management Center—General Deputy Assistant Secretary, PIH (Acting)

Office of Community Planning and Development—Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development

Office of Field Management, Senior Community Builder positions—Deputy Assistant Secretary for Resource Management and Operations, Administration

Office of Field Management, non-Senior Community Builder positions—Career Deputy Assistant Secretary for: Housing, CPD, PIH, FHEO, and Administration

Section B. No Authority To Further Redelegate

The authority redelegated in Section A., above, may not be further redelegated.

Section C. Expiration of Redelegation

This redelegation of authority expires on June 30, 1998.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C., Section 3535(d).

Dated: December 15, 1997.

Andrew Cuomo,

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

1998 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) Contest

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the dates and locations of the 1998 Federal Duck Stamp Contest; the public is invited to attend.

DATES: 1. The 1998 contest opens for submission July 1, 1998.

2. Persons wishing to enter this year's contest may submit entries anytime after Wednesday, July 1, but all must be postmarked no later than midnight Tuesday, September 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Requests for complete copies of the regulations, reproduction rights and the display and participating agreements should be addressed to: Federal Stamp Contest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Suite 2058, Washington, D.C. 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Lita F. Edwards, telephone: (202) 208–4354; or fax: (202) 208–6296.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Location of Contest: Department of the Interior Building, Auditorium ("C" Street entrance) 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The public may view the 1998 Federal Duck Stamp Contest

entries on Tuesday, November 3, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Department of the Interior Auditorium. This year's judging will be held from November 4-5, 1998, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4, and continuing at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 5.

The following five eligible species for the 1998 duck stamp contest are as follows:

- (1) American Green-winged Teal
- (2) Black Duck
- (3) Greater Scaup
- (4) Northern Pintail
- (5) Ruddy Duck

The primary author of this document is Mrs. Lita F. Edwards, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dated: December 17, 1997.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Intent To Adopt the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Coos Bay District Final Proposed Resource Management Plan (PRMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Dated September 1994, as the Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the 5,410 Acre Coquille Forest.

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is considering adopting the BLM's Final PRMP/EIS as the resource management plan and environmental impact statement for management of the 5,410 acre Coquille Forest. A description of the proposal is provided below. The BIA will make an independent analysis of the Final PRMP/EIS to determine its adequacy to meet the BIA's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.3(a).

The Coquille Restoration Act (P.L. 101-42), as amended by P.L. 104-208 of September 30, 1996, (110 STAT. 3009-537; 25 U.S.C. 715c) provides that "the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, acting on behalf of and in consultation with the [Coquille] Tribe, is authorized to initiate development of a forest management

plan for the Coquille Forest." Section 501.(a)(d)(5) of the Act requires that the Secretary shall manage the Coquille Forest "under applicable State and Federal forestry and environmental protection laws, and subject to critical habitat designations under the Endangered Species Act, and subject to the standards and guidelines of Federal forest plans on adjacent or nearby Federal lands, now and in the future." Consultation meetings with the Coquille Tribe and its members will be scheduled and carried out until February 1998.

A summary of public involvement associated with the Coos Bay District's Draft and Final Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement can be found on page ROD-5 of the BLM's Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan of May 1995, and is hereby incorporated by reference. A summary of public involvement associated with the July 1993 Draft and February 1994, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Habitat of Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl is included on pages 58-73 of the April 1994 interagency Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Additional public input, issue identification, and scoping efforts are described on pages S-17 and 1-6 of the Coos Bay District Final Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement of September 1994, and are hereby incorporated by reference.

DATES: Written comments may be submitted through January 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Stanley Speaks, Portland Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, The Federal Building, 911 NE, 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Varner, Siletz Agency, P.O. Box 569, Siletz, Oregon 97380, telephone 541-444-2679. For information regarding the Bureau of Land Management, Coos Bay District Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, contact the Coos Bay District at 541-756-0100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coquille Forest has been created pursuant to P.L. 104-208 from existing federal lands managed by the BLM, Coos Bay District, in North Bend,

Oregon. For purposes of management direction set forth in the law, the surrounding BLM lands are the "adjacent or nearby Federal lands." The BLM's Final PRMP/EIS will define the objectives, scope and direction for managing the natural resources of the Coquille Forest. In addition, specific tribal goals, objectives, and cultural interests will be incorporated through consultation between the BIA and the Coquille Indian Tribe.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-067-7122-6606; CACA-35511]

Environmental Impact Statement; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for the Imperial Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Imperial Project Proposed Gold Mining/Processing Operation, Imperial County.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the comment period of the joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Impact Report (DEIS/EIR) prepared by the Bureau of Land Management and the County of Imperial for an additional 30-days.

DATES: Written comments must be postmarked no later than February 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Area Manager, Attn: Imperial Project, El Centro Resource Area, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, California 92243.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Romoli (909) 697-5237.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The end of comment period as noted in the Draft EIS/EIR for the Imperial Project DEIS/EIR was January 27, 1998. The comment period is now extended to February 26, 1998.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Thomas F. Zale,

Acting Area Manager.

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