

nontoxic. Tungsten-iron shot received temporary conditional approval for the 1997–98 hunting season. The Service believes approval for other suitable candidate shot materials as nontoxic is feasible.

On February 10, 1998, the Service announced its intention to review ITRI's Tier 1 information for approval of pure tin shot as nontoxic pursuant to 50 CFR 20.134 (recently amended—see 62 FR 63608, December 1, 1997). The Service has determined that the Tier 1 test results are inconclusive. The Service requires that the Tier 2 test be completed before nontoxic approval of the tin shot can be considered. For a complete review of the tin shot application and review process, refer to the Supplementary Information Section of the February 10, 1998, **Federal Register** (63 FR 6766).

ITRI submitted a Tier 2 test protocol to conduct an *in vitro* test to determine the erosion rate of the candidate shot and an acute toxicity test to determine the short-term effects of the candidate shot on game-farm mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*) using commercially available duck food. The test protocol has been reviewed and approved by the Service, with technical assistance provided by the U.S. Geological Survey's Biological Resources Division. The general outline of the *in vitro* and acute toxicity tests given below is not a complete description of the testing protocol, but gives the basic outline of the test procedures being conducted.

In vitro test procedures:

Five #4 each of tin, steel, and lead shot pellets were separately placed in 15 100 ml screw-top pyrex bottles. These bottles were filled with 100 ml of a sodium chloride-pepsin (20 g/l) solution. The samples were maintained at 42°C and continuously stirred using a magnetic stirrer for 14 days. Each day 1 ml of solution was sampled and analyzed for metal content. Tin solutions were analyzed using an ICP with dilutions of the samples at 10 and 20 times in 10 percent hydrochloric acid. The lead solutions were analyzed using flame atomic absorption spectroscopy with dilutions at 10 and 50 times in 5 percent nitric acid. Steel solutions were analyzed using flame atomic absorption spectroscopy with dilutions at 10 and 50 times in 10 percent hydrochloric acid.

In vitro results:

The average increase of metal concentration in solution per day was calculated to be 116 ppm for lead, 58.1 ppm for iron (from the steel shot), and 26.7 ppm for tin. Extrapolation of these

dissolution rates shows that complete dissolution of one #4 tin shot takes twice the time for dissolution of steel shot and over three times for dissolution of lead shot under conditions simulating a waterfowl gizzard.

Acute toxicity test procedures:

Two sets of eight pairs of mallards will be dosed with the candidate shot. One group will be fed a balanced diet, while the other is fed a nutritionally deficient (whole corn) diet. Another eight pairs will be dosed with steel shot, while three pairs each will be sham- and lead-dosed. All mallards will be housed outdoors during the winter at low temperatures. All groups, except the sham-dosed group, will be dosed with 8 #4 pellets of the appropriate shot type. Birds will be observed for 30 days for toxicological responses, shot retention will be monitored radiographically, and hematological and biochemical parameters will be monitored during the study. Selected tissues (liver, kidney, femur, and gonads) will be collected for histopathological evaluation and residue analysis.

If the Tier 2 data result in a preliminary determination that the candidate material does not impose a significant danger to migratory birds, other wildlife, and their habitats, the Service will propose to approve this shot based on the toxicological report and toxicity studies and explain why Tier 3 testing is unnecessary. If the results are not conclusive or as a result of the public comment period, the Service determines that the information does not establish that the shot does not impose a significant danger to migratory birds, other wildlife, and their habitats, Tier 3 testing will be required and a *Notice of Review* published in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO–220–1060–00–24 1A]

Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands.

DATES: The advisory board will meet on April 24, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. local time.

Submit written comments no later than close of business April 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The advisory board will meet in The Virginian Suites, 1500 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia.

Send written comments to Bureau of Land Management, WO–610, Mail Stop 406 LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access and filing address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Knapp, Wild Horse and Burro Public Affairs Specialist, (202) 452–5176. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Meeting

Under the authority of 43 CFR part 1784, the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the BLM, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief, Forest Service, on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:

Friday, April 24, 1998

- Welcome by BLM Director Pat Shea;
- Program Update;
- Breakout into small groups to address the following topics: horses on the range, horses off the range, science, and, burros;
- Presentation of comments by members of the public.

The meeting is open to the public. The advisory board will make detailed

minutes of the meeting. BLM will make the minutes available to interested parties who contact the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The meeting sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the hearing, such as interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** two weeks before the scheduled hearing date. Although BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Under the Federal advisory committee management regulations (41 CFR 101-6.1015(b)), BLM is required to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of a meeting 15 days prior to the meeting date.

II. Public Comment Procedures

Members of the public may make oral statements to the advisory board on April 24, 1998 at the appropriate point in the agenda, which is anticipated to occur at 3:30 p.m. local time. Persons wishing to make statements should register with BLM by noon on April 24, 1998, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of speakers, the advisory board may limit the length of presentations. Speakers should address specific wild horse and burro-related topics listed on the agenda. Speakers must submit a written copy of their statement to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section or bring a written copy to the meeting.

Participation in the advisory board meeting is not a prerequisite for submittal of written comments. BLM invites written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reason for any recommendation. BLM appreciates any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on management and protection of wild horses and burros are those that are either supported by quantitative information or studies or those that include citations to and analysis of applicable laws and regulations. Except for comments provided in electronic format, commenters should submit two copies of their written comments where feasible. BLM will not necessarily consider comments received after the time indicated under the **DATES** section

or at locations other than that listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

In the event there is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for a copy of your comments, we intend to make them available in their entirety, including your name and address (or your e-mail address if you file electronically). However, if you do not want us to release your name and address (or e-mail address) in response to a FOIA request, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your wish to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be released in their entirety, including names and addresses (or e-mail addresses).

Electronic Access and Filing Address

Commenters may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to: mknapp@wo.blm.gov. Please include the identifier "WH&B" in the subject of your message and your name and address in the body of your message.

Dated: March 26, 1998.

Pat Shea,

Director, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-050-4210-05; UTU-72937]

Wayne County, Utah; Notice of Realty Action

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following described public lands in Wayne County, Utah have been examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance to Wayne County under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). Wayne County proposes to use the lands for a Class IV landfill:

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Salt Lake Meridian containing 80 acres more or less.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The patent, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

Detailed information concerning this action is available at the office of Bureau of Land Management, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701.

Publication of this notice constitutes notice to the grazing permittees of the Hanksville Allotment that their grazing leases may be directly affected by this action.

Specifically, the permitted Animal Unit Months (AUMs) will not be reduced because of this sale, but the land (80 acres) will be excluded from the allotment effective upon issuance of the patent.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands to the District Manager, Richfield District Office, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a landfill. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with the local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper