

laboratory to be qualified, the DHHS will recommend that DOT certify the laboratory (**Federal Register**, 16 July 1996) as meeting the minimum standards of the "Mandatory Guidelines for Workplace Drug Testing" (59 Federal Register, 9 June 1994). After receiving the DOT certification, the laboratory will be included in the monthly list of DHHS certified laboratories and participate in the NLCP certification maintenance program.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Recreation Lakes Study

AGENCY: National Recreation Lakes Study.

ACTION: Notice of First Commission Meeting, National Recreation Lakes Study.

SUMMARY: The Omnibus Parks and Public Land Management Act of 1996 authorizes a presidential commission to review the demand for recreation at Federal lakes, and to develop alternatives for enhanced recreation uses, primarily through innovative public/private partnerships. This will be the first meeting of the Commissioner-designees and Staff.

DATES: July 20-21, 1998, starting at 8 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The briefing will be held at the National Association Public Administration Conference Room, First Floor, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. Please have photo identification available for admission into the building. The agenda will consist of the following: Swearing-In Ceremony for Appointed Commissioners; Election of a Vice Chairman; Overview of the Status of Recreation at Federal Lakes; Discussion of Proposed Goals; Study Process/Action Plan; Presentation of Findings Reports; Subgroups & Topic Experts; Communications Plan; Study Duration & Report Due Date; Public Comment Period; Necessary Decisions on Above Agenda Topics; Future Meetings; Time and Place of Next Meeting; and the Adjournment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanne Whittington, 202-219-7104.

Dated: June 30, 1998.

Jana Prewitt,

Executive Director, National Recreation Lakes Study.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the Proposed Establishment of Swayze Lake National Wildlife Refuge, St. Landry Parish, LA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the Proposed Establishment of Swayze Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, proposes to establish a new national wildlife refuge in the Swayze Lake area in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. The purpose of the proposed refuge is to protect, enhance, and manage a diversity of fish and wildlife habitats in the Swayze Lake area for the benefit of the area's fishery, resident and migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, neotropical migratory birds, the federally listed Louisiana black bear, and other native wildlife. A Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the establishment of the proposed refuge has been developed by Service biologists in coordination with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, parish officials, and other local entities. The assessment considers the biological, environmental, and socioeconomic effects of establishing the proposed refuge and evaluates three alternative actions and their potential impacts on the environment. Written comments or recommendations concerning the proposal are welcomed and should be sent to the address given below.

DATES: Land acquisition planning for the project is currently underway. The draft environmental assessment and land protection plan will be available to the public for review and comment on July 15, 1998. Written comments must be received no later than August 14, 1998, in order to be considered for the preparation of the final environmental assessment.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for copies of the draft environmental assessment and for further information on the project should be addressed to Mr. Charles R. Danner, Team Leader, Planning and Support Team, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia 30345, or by telephone at 800/419-9582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed refuge area consists primarily of bottomland hardwoods, wooded/shrub swamps, and other wetlands. It covers a total of approximately 20,000 acres and is located within the Atchafalaya River Basin, about 5 miles northwest of Krotz Springs in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. The Service proposes to establish the refuge by purchasing about 9,000 acres in fee title from willing sellers. The remaining 11,000 acres would be sought through conservation easements, cooperative agreements, or fee title purchases, depending on landowner willingness.

The Swayze Lake area is nationally significant because it provides wintering habitat for migratory waterfowl, breeding habitat for wood ducks, migration habitat for shorebirds and neotropical migratory birds, and year-round habitat for wading birds. It is also a feeding area for bald eagles. The bottomland hardwoods also provide important habitat for the federally listed Louisiana black bear. Other resident wildlife include the American alligator, white-tailed deer, swamp rabbit, and furbearers such as raccoon, mink, muskrat, and otter.

The area's freshwater fishery is excellent. Numerous bayous and backwater lakes are interspersed throughout the area and provide outstanding sportfishing opportunities. Freshwater game species are abundant and include largemouth bass, black and white crappie, bluegill, and several species of catfish. Crawfishing is also extremely popular.

Dated: June 22, 1998.

Sam D. Hamilton,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-00-P]

Notice for Publication; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that decisions to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(h)(8) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(8), will be issued to the Bering Straits Native Corporation for approximately 14,169 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Iron Creek, Alaska, and are within T. 6 S., R. 30 W., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska.

A notice of the decisions will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Nome Nuggett*. Copies of the decisions may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 (907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decisions, an agency of the Federal government, or regional corporation, shall have until August 5, 1998 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Terry R. Hassett,

Chief, Branch of 962 Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1220-00; Closure Notice No. NV-030-98-003]

Notice of Closure to Off Highway Vehicles

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that public lands west of Deer Run Road along the Carson River in Carson City, Nevada are closed to motorized vehicle use except on the designated access road and trailhead parking area.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This closure goes into effect on August 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO COMMENT CONTACT: Arthur Callan, Outdoor Recreation Planner, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Telephone (702) 885-6141.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands included in this closure are those public lands west of Deer Run Road within Mt. Diablo Meridian, Sections 11 and 14, T. 15 N., R. 20 E. This closure does not apply to the existing mining occupancy in south portion of Section 14, or legitimate operations conducted under the mining laws. The closure does not apply to emergency, law enforcement, or agency vehicles on official business. This order is consistent with the Bureau

of Land Management October, 1996 Carson City Urban Interface Plan Amendment, and the Carson City 1996 Carson River Master Plan to enhance nonmotorized uses and protect the river environment. The authorities for this closure are 43 CFR 8342.1 and 8364.1. Any person failing to comply with the closure may be subject to imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571, or both.

Dated: June 25, 1998.

John O. Singlaub,

Carson City Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

[OR-015-98-1610-00; GP8-0236]

Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge, OR; Jurisdictional Land Exchange

AGENCY: Lakeview District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Availability, Environmental Assessment (EA#OR-010-97-05) and Draft Warner Lakes Management Framework Plan Amendment—Proposed Jurisdictional Land Exchange Between the Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge and the Lakeview District, BLM.

SUMMARY: The USFWS and BLM have jointly prepared this document in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The USFWS is the lead agency. The transfer has been proposed to improve the management efficiency of federal lands and to improve management of upland and riparian wildlife habitats. The document analyzes the potential environmental impacts of transferring management jurisdiction of about 12,880 acres of BLM-managed lands to the USFWS and about 7,870 acres of USFWS-managed lands to the BLM. In addition, a change of management direction would occur on about 11,020 acres of BLM-managed lands.

This notice announces that the document is, or soon will be available for a 45-day public comment period. It is very important that you participate during this review opportunity, so that

any substantive comments are provided at a time when we can meaningfully consider them. If you require additional information concerning this analysis, or desire a copy of the document, please contact Paul Whitman at (541) 947-6110 (e-mail address: pwhitman@or.blm.gov) or Tori Roberts at (541) 947-3315.

DATES: You are encouraged to provide written comments to the address below, by August 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Mr. Michael Nunn, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sheldon/Hart Mountain Refuges, Post Office Building, Lakeview, OR 97630.

Dated: June 22, 1998.

Michael L. Nunn,

Project Leader, Sheldon/Hart Mountain Refuges.

Scott R. Florence,

Area Manager, Lakeview Resource Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-98-1020-24-1 A]

Sierra Front/Northwest Great Basin Resource Advisory Council—Notice of Meeting Locations and Times

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Council Meeting locations and times.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Council meetings will be held as indicated below. The agenda includes: Minutes of previous meeting, discussion of the Black Rock Desert Management Plan, setting criteria for acquisition of conservation easements in the Carson Valley, a tour of Carson Valley to view agricultural lands being considered for protection under the "Rural Lands Initiative" and public comment period.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have a time allocated for public comments. The public comment period for the council meeting is listed below. Individuals who plan to attend the tour are welcome but need to provide their own transportation.

For further information about the meeting or anyone that needs special assistance such as sign language