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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT CONTACT:** Janet Eubanks, Ridgecrest Realty Specialist at (909) 697-5376, located in the California Desert District, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, CA 92507. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, interested parties may submit comment. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the District Manager, who may vacate or modify this realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of any action by the District Manager, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by

law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials or organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection on in their entirety.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** will segregate the public lands described above to the extent that they will not be subject to appropriation under the public and laws, including the mining laws. This segregation will end upon issuance of patent, or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: March 12, 1999.

**Alan Stein,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-310-1030-00-HDWT]

#### Headwaters Forest Reserve, California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of interim management guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, in cooperation with the State of California, will put into place interim management guidelines for the Headwaters Forest Reserve in Humboldt County, California. Under these Interim Management Guidelines, pedestrian access will be allowed into the Headwaters Forest Reserve. Other uses as cited below, on lands in the Headwaters Forest Reserve, will not be allowed on a temporary basis, subject to 43 CFR 8364: Unauthorized use by motorized and non-motorized vehicles in accordance with 43 CFR 8341.2, use of firearms (43 CFR 8365.1-4), overnight camping (43 CFR 8364.1(a)), equestrian use (43 CFR 8364.1(a)), and to the issuance of special use permits including but not limited to special forest products/vegetation collection (43 CFR 8365.1-5(2)), and recreation (43 CFR 8364.1(a)). Decisions on long term public uses at the Headwaters Forest Reserve will be made through the cooperative management plan to be developed over the next year. Employees, agents and permittees of the BLM may be exempt from these restrictions as determined by the Field Manager.

These temporary restrictions are necessary to (1) protect aquatic threatened and endangered species from further ecosystem damage caused by accelerated sedimentation of waterways by unstable road conditions, (2) protect terrestrial threatened and endangered species from unregulated, un-analyzed impacts, and (3) ensure public safety. These temporary restrictions will remain in effect until a formal planning process with full public participation is completed. The planning process will include: a comprehensive ecosystem analysis (watershed analysis) compliant with the standards and guidelines of the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP), a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis, an approved United States Fish and Wildlife (USFW) Section 7 Biological Consultation, and an approved National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Consultation. These processes will lead to a final management plan and record of decision. The formal planning process is scheduled to begin later this year, with appropriate calls for public involvement.

**DATES:** Restrictions are effective March 24, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Maps and supporting documentation of the Headwaters Reserve are available for review at the following location: Bureau of Land Management, Arcata Field Office, 1695 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA, 95521.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lynda J. Roush, BLM, Arcata Field Manager (707) 825-2300.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The new Headwaters Forest Reserve, described in Section 501 of the 1998 Interior Appropriations Act as the Headwaters Forest and Elk River Property Acquisition, provides a unique opportunity for Federal, State, and local agencies to combine their strengths and involve the public in a Cooperative Resource Management Planning (CRMP) approach. A cooperative agreement among the three levels of government, along with a broad spectrum of interest groups, will oversee and help direct future management of the area. Such an approach will foster and perpetuate a public sense of stewardship for these important biological resources. The land acquisition, funded by the State of California and the Federal Government, will be managed as one landscape, with a seamless meshing of government and private sector entities. Cooperative management will be the cornerstone of the Headwaters Forest. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be the managing agency representing the Federal government. Now that

acquisition is complete, the BLM will help lead the development of a management plan. The focus of the management plan is the protection and monitoring of threatened and endangered species and their aquatic and terrestrial habitats, particularly within the old-growth redwood groves. Management of the surrounding second-growth would include significant restoration activities to accelerate the return of old-growth dependent species. Virgin old-growth forest stands will not be subject to silvicultural practices. The re-establishment of natural drainage networks will include extensive road restoration with the goal of removing, decommissioning, or stabilizing the entire existing road network and re-instating natural processes over time in an essential roadless landscape. Recreation activities and visitor services at the Headwaters Forest Reserve will be developed through the planning process. Visitor use will be managed in a manner consistent with the management of late-successional and old-growth forest habitats and the species they support.

Opportunities for recreation use will be an evolving program where demand and impacts of uses will be analyzed over time. Management of the area will rely on findings of a detailed and comprehensive ecosystem analysis (watershed analysis) and an assessment of forest stand conditions. The findings of these analyses will set the ecological parameters within which all management will be conducted, including restoration, research, recreation, transportation, and monitoring.

Extensive public involvement, along with public outreach and education, will be a vital component in the analysis process.

**Lynda J. Roush,**

*Arcata Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### 60-day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Information Collection—Opportunity for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub.

L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3507) and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, the National Park Service invites public comments on a proposed information collection. Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the information including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the reporting burden estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The National Park Service is conducting a study to assess the positive and negative social consequences of various potential deer management alternatives in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area (CVNRA). This information will be used to help the staff at CVNRA develop a deer management strategy that considers public desires and concerns relating to management of the CVNRA. The following specific study objectives have been identified:

1. Determine the acceptability, tolerance, and preferences among the local public for: deer management activities, the perceived positive and negative consequences of deer management activities, and deer population levels;
2. Identify and determine the intensity of the psychological and emotional impacts among the local public served by CVNRA due to various deer management actions;
3. Determine the effect of deer management activities on local public attitudes toward the park, its services, and park staff;
4. Determine the degree to which deer management activities may affect park visitation patterns among the local public;

**DATES:** Public comments on the proposed ICR will be accepted on or before May 24, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to David C. Fulton, Ph.D., Assistant Unit Leader, Minnesota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, University of Minnesota, 142 Hodson Hall, 1980 Folwell Ave., St. Paul MN 55108-6124.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the requests for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Copies of draft surveys can be obtained from David C. Fulton, Ph.D., Assistant Unit Leader, Minnesota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit,

University of Minnesota, 142 Hodson Hall, 1980 Folwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108-6124.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Fulton, 612-625-5256, or Jerrilyn Thompson, 612-624-3699.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Assessing Public Reaction to Potential Deer Management Programs in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

**Bureau Form Number:** None.

**OMB Number:** To be requested.

**Expiration date:** To be requested.

**Type of request:** Request for new clearance.

**Description of need:** To assess social impacts (positive and negative) of potential deer management programs on Cuyahoga Valley residents.

**Automated data collection:** At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking residents about their perceptions, expectations, and preferences related to deer management programs in the CVNRA.

**Description of respondents:** Individuals residing in 9 county area surrounding CVNRA.

**Estimated average number of respondents:** 600.

**Estimated average number of responses:** Each respondent will respond only one time, so the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

**Estimated average burden hours per response:** 10 minutes.

**Estimated frequency of responses:** once.

**Estimated annual reporting burden:** 100 burden hours.

**Leonard E. Stowe,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, WAPC.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (PL 92-463) that the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, April 8, 1999. The meeting will convene at 4:00 PM in the Jury Assembly Room, on the second floor of the New United States Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Advisory Council was appointed by the Director of National Park Service