

endangered freshwater molluscs native to the Coosa River basin in Alabama and Georgia, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Applicant: Dr. James A. Carpenter, David Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee, TE013721-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, mark, and release) the endangered Nashville crayfish, *Orconectes shoupi*, throughout the species range in Tennessee, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Dated: June 22, 1999.

Sam D. Hamilton,
Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council), Meeting Announcement

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Council will meet at 1:00 pm, July 7, 1999 to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: July 7, 1999, Bismarck, ND—1:00 P.M.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 605 East Broadway Avenue, Bismarck, ND. The Council Coordinator is located at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 110, Arlington, Virginia, 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Smith, Council Coordinator, (703) 358-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds.

Dated: June 22, 1999.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval No. 1004-0162

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Paperwork Reduction Act requires Federal agencies to announce their intentions to request extension of approval for collecting information from individuals. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request extension of approval for collecting certain information from entities who (1) submit a Notice of Intent to Conduct Oil and Gas Geophysical Exploration Operations (Form 3150-4) of Federal lands, and (2) submit a Notice of Completion of Oil and Gas Exploration Operations (Form 3150-5), BLM uses the information to determine who is conducting geophysical operations on public lands and to ensure that appropriate measures are taken to protect the environment as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by August 30, 1999 to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may be sent via the Internet to:

WoComment@wo.blm.gov. Please include "Attn: 1004-0162 and your name and address in your Internet address.

Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington DC 20036.

Comments will be available for public inspection and review at the L Street address during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Gamble, Fluid Minerals Group, (202) 452-0338.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d) BLM is required to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules and other collection instrument to solicit

comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*), gives the Secretary of the Interior responsibility for oil and gas leasing on approximately 570 million acres of public lands and national forests, and private lands where minerals rights have been retained by the Federal Government. The Act of August 7, 1947 (Mineral Leasing Act of Acquired Lands), authorizes the Secretary to lease lands acquired by the United States (30 U.S.C. 341-359). The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) establishes a public land policy and provides for the management, protection, development, and enhancement of the public lands.

The regulations at 43 CFR Group 3150 establish procedures for conducting oil and gas geophysical exploration operations on public lands when authorization for such operations is required from the BLM. The Notice of Intent to Conduct Oil and Gas Geophysical Exploration Operations (Form 3150-4) and the Notice of Completion of Oil and Gas Exploration Operations (Form 3140-5) were developed in 1990, and the information required from the public remains the same.

BLM needs the information requested on the Notice of Intent to allow it to process applications for geophysical exploration operations on public lands and to manage environmental compliance requirements in accordance with the laws, regulations, and land use plans. BLM uses the information to determine that geophysical operations activities will be conducted in a manner consistent with the regulations, local land use plans, and Environmental Assessments. BLM needs the information requested on the Notice of Completion to determine whether rehabilitation of the lands is satisfactory or whether additional rehabilitation is necessary.

The forms may be submitted in person or by mail to the proper BLM office. The company name, address, and telephone number is needed to identify the person/entity conducting operations. BLM assigns the BLM Case Number to track each specific operation. Where a particular operation requires State approval also, the State Case Number is assigned by the appropriate State agency so that the Bureau may coordinate exploration activity with the State. The legal land description is required to determine where the involved public lands are located.

Based on its experience administering onshore oil and gas geophysical exploration activities, BLM estimates the public reporting burden for completing the Notice of Intent to Conduct Geophysical Exploration Operations (Form 3150-4) is 1 hour, and for completing the Notice of Completion of Oil and Gas Exploration Operations (Form 3150-5) is an average of 20 minutes. The information required is clearly outlined on the form and in the terms and conditions attached. The information is already maintained by the respondents for their own record-keeping purposes and needs only to be transferred or attached to the forms.

BLM estimates the approximately 600 notices of intent and 600 notices of completion will be filed annually, with a total annual burden of 800 hours. Respondents vary from small businesses to major corporations.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Form 3150-4 or 3150-5 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

Dated: June 25, 1999.

Carole J. Smith,

Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-050-1110-00:G9-0179]

Closure of Public Lands; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given that all roads and trails as legally described below are seasonally closed to all uses (including, but not limited to motorized vehicle use, hiking, mountain biking,

horseback riding) from March 1 through August 31 annually. In addition, the area legally described below is seasonally closed to shooting from March 1 through August 31 annually.

Legal Description

This closure order applies to all roads and trails located in Township 15 South, Range 11 East, WM, Section 21, South half of the Southeast quarter, Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter; Section 28, West half of the Northeast quarter. In addition, the area closed to shooting is legally described as Township 15 South, Range 11 East, WM, Section 21, South half of the Southeast quarter; Section 28, North half of the Northeast quarter.

All roads and trails as described above are closed to all uses (motorized vehicle use, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding) from March 1 through August 31 annually. The area legally described above is closed to shooting from March 1 through August 31 annually. "Shooting", in this closure, is defined as the discharge of firearms. The purpose of this closure is to protect wildlife resources. More specifically, this closure is ordered to reduce negative impacts to a nesting pair of prairie falcons. Prairie falcons are sensitive to human disturbance within the sensitive habitat area surrounding the nest site during the nesting season. Current uses at the site could jeopardize the persistence and nesting success of prairie falcons at this location.

Exemptions to this closure order will apply to administrative personnel for monitoring purposes; other exceptions to this restriction may be made on a case-by-case basis by the authorized officer. This emergency order will be evaluated in the Urban Interface Resource Management Plan. The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 9268.3 (d)(i)(iii,v): Operations—closures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Cox, Wildlife Biologist, BLM Prineville District, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754, telephone (541) 416-6725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Violation of this closure order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as provided in 43 CFR 9268.3 (d)(iv).

Dated: June 15, 1999.

Shaaron Netherton,

Acting Deschutes Area Manager, Prineville District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-958-3130-00: GP9-0212; OR 51858]

Order Providing for Opening of Lands; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action will open 882.85 acres of lands to surface entry, mining, and mineral leasing. The lands have been eliminated from an exchange proposal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 20, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela Chappel, BLM Oregon/ Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208, 503-952-6170.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended by the Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act of 1988, the following lands have been eliminated from a proposed exchange, named the Northeast Oregon Assembled Land Exchange:

Willamette Meridian

Parcel No. B 203

T. 9 S., R. 42 E.,

Sec. 30, lot 3, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 31, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Parcel Number B 213

T. 12 S., R. 43 E.,

Sec. 7, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Parcel Number B 214

T. 12 S., R. 43 E.,

Sec. 7, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 8, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Parcel Number B 219

T. 12 S., R. 43 E.,

Sec. 24, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 12 S., R. 44 E.,

Sec. 19, lot 3 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Parcel Number B 225

T. 12 S., R. 44 E.,

Sec. 15, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$.

Parcel Number B 229

T. 9 S., R. 44 E.,

Sec. 3, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Parcel Number B 237

T. 8 S., R. 44 E.,

Sec. 8, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 882.85 acres in Baker County.

At 8:30 a.m., on July 20, 1999, the above described lands will be opened to operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, and the requirements of