

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, July 12, 2000, Time 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Address: Hugh Moore Park, On the Canal Boat, Park entrance off of Lehigh Drive. Easton, PA 18045. Telephone: 610-861-9345 for additional information.

The agenda for the meeting will focus on implementation of the Management Act Plan for the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and State Heritage Park. The Commission was established to assist the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions in planning and implementing an integrated strategy for protecting and promoting cultural, historic and natural resources. The Commission reports to the Secretary of the Interior and to Congress.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission was established by Public Law 100-692, November 18, 1988 and extended through Public Law 105-355, November 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: C. Allen Sachse, Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission, 10 E. Church Street, Room A-208, Bethlehem, PA 18018, (610) 861-9345.

Dated: June 16, 2000.

C. Allen Sachse,

Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission.

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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 p.m., July 14, 2000, to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) proposals for recommendations to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: July 14, 2000, 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Bessborough Hotel, 601 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. 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 8, 2000.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-958-6333-ET, GP0-0249; OR-55655]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 17,056.18 acres of public lands and 680 acres of non-federal lands, if acquired, to protect the Diamond Craters Outstanding Natural Area and Area of Critical Environmental Concern. This notice closes the public lands for up to two years from surface entry and mining. The public lands will remain open to mineral leasing.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Burns District Manager, Burns District Office, HC 74-12533 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Skip Renchler, BLM, Burns District Office, 514-573-4443.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 22, 2000, a petition/application was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to consider withdrawing the Diamond Craters Outstanding Natural Area and Area of Critical

Environmental Concern from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights. The application includes lands previously withdrawn by Public Land Order 5822 on January 22, 1981, as described in the **Federal Register** Volume 46, page 6947, and the following additional lands:

Willamette Meridian

Federal Lands

T. 28 S., 31 E.,

Sec. 36, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 28 S., R. 32 E.,

Sec. 36 W $\frac{1}{2}$.

Non-Federal Lands

T. 28 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 36, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 28 S., R. 32 E.,

Sec. 16, E $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 36, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The lands described above aggregate 1,080 acres in Harney County.

All persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the District Manager, Burns District at the above address on or before July 25, 2000.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied, canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are leases, licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and disposal of vegetative resources other than the mining laws.

Dated: June 9, 2000.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,

Chief, Branch Realty and Records Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-610-00-1220-QX]

Call for Nominations for the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District is soliciting nominations from the public for five members of its District Advisory Council to serve the 2001-2003 three-year term. Council members

provide advice and recommendations to BLM on the management of public lands in southern California. Nominations will be accepted through Thursday, August 31, 2000. The three-year term would begin January 1, 2001.

The five positions to be filled include:

- One environmental protection representative;
- One renewable resources representative representing grazing interests;
- One elected official representing local or county government;
- Two public-at-large representatives.

Council members are appointed to serve an initial 3-year term, and may be nominated for reappointment for an additional three-year term. Five council members are completing their second 3-year term and retire December 31, 2000.

The California Desert District Advisory Council is comprised of 15 private individuals who represent different interests and advise BLM officials on policies and programs concerning the management of approximately 11 million acres of public land in southern California. The Council meets in formal session three to four times each year in various locations throughout the California Desert District. Council members serve without compensation except for reimbursement of travel expenditures incurred in the course of their duties.

Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of BLM administered lands. The Secretary also selects council nominees consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which requires nominees appointed to the council be balanced in terms of points of view and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands.

The Council also is balanced geographically, and BLM will try to find qualified representatives from areas throughout the California Desert District. The District covers portions of eight counties, and includes 10.7 million acres of public land in the California Desert Conservation Area and 300,000 acres of scattered parcels in San Diego, western Riverside, western San Bernardino, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties (known as the South Coast).

Any group or individual may nominate a qualified person, based upon their education, training, and knowledge of BLM, the California Desert, and the issues involving BLM-administered public lands throughout

southern California. Qualified individuals also may nominate themselves.

Nominations must include the name of the nominees; work and home addresses and telephone numbers, fax number, and E-mail addresses; a biographical sketch that includes the nominee's work and public service record; any applicable outside interests or other information that demonstrates the nominee qualifications for the position; and the specific category of interest in which the nominee is best qualified to offer advice and counsel. Nominees may contact the BLM California Desert District External Affairs staff at (909) 697-5220 or write to the address below and request a copy of the nomination form.

All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests, organizations, or elected officials supporting the nomination. Individuals nominating themselves must provide at least one letter of recommendation. Advisory Council members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, generally in late January or early February.

Nominations should be sent to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, 6221 Box Spring Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BLM California Desert District External Affairs: Doran Sanchez, (909) 697-5220.

Dated: June 16, 2000.

Tim Salt,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-034-00-1040-DB: GPO-0254]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the North Fork Malheur River Landscape Area Management Project in Malheur, Harney and Grant Counties, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the North Fork River Landscape Area Management Project in Malheur, Harney and Grant Counties, Oregon and notice of scoping.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy

Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, Malheur Resource Area, will be preparing an EIS on the impacts of various management activities and associated projects in the North Fork Malheur River geographic area. Resource values and management activities include: livestock grazing, recreation, forest management, special status and Threatened and Endangered species, wildlife habitat, Wilderness Study Areas, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Wild and Scenic Study River, Native America concerns and cultural resources.

DATES: Written comments on the initial scoping process will be accepted until September 1, 2000. A public scoping meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on June 29, 2000 at the Juntura Grade School, W 6th Street, Juntura, Oregon. Additional meetings will be considered as appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project area includes the drainages of the Little Malheur and North Fork Malheur Rivers. The area consists of approximately 126,000 acres of public lands located between Juntura and Ironside, Oregon. The southern boundary is U.S. Highway 20 between Jonesboro, Oregon and the Harney County line. The northwest boundary is the boundary between BLM lands and the Malheur National Forest. The Malheur Resource Area will be examining this area, assessing current management activities, developing recommendations for future management activities and analyzing the potential for projects. Projects may include, but are not limited to, range improvements, vegetation manipulation, recreational developments, forest health enhancement, watershed restoration and wildlife habitat enhancement. The no action alternative will also be analyzed in this document.

The Tentative Project Schedule Is as Follows:

File Draft EIS—February 2001,
File Final EIS—July 2001,
Record of Decision—September 2001.

The Bureau of Land Management's scoping process for the EIS will include:

- (1) Identification of issues to be addressed,
- (2) Identification of viable alternatives,
- (3) Notifying interested groups, individual and agencies to determine level of participation and obtain additional information concerning issues to be addressed in the EIS.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Roy Masinton, Field Manager, Malheur Resource Area, Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918.