

tributaries, and 9 Bayluscide (5 percent granular) treatments were conducted on 5 deltas. A cumulative total of approximately 141 stream miles and 1220 delta acres were treated. In summary, trap catches of spawning-phase sea lamprey declined by 80 to 90 percent; nest counts were reduced by 57 percent. Sixteen of 22 TFM treatments reduced ammocoetes at index stations to less than 10 percent of pre-treatment levels. Eight of the nine Bayluscide treatments resulted in mean mortality rates over 85 percent among caged ammocoetes. Relatively small numbers of nontarget amphibian and fish species were killed. Adverse effects on nontarget species were higher for Bayluscide treatments than TFM. Native mussels, snails and some other macroinvertebrates were significantly affected after the 1991 Bayer 73 treatments of the Ausable and Little Ausable deltas in New York. However, they recovered to pre-treatment levels within 4 years. American brook lamprey also experienced substantial treatment-related mortality. Yet, the finding of dead American brook lamprey in second-round treatments in each stream where they were negatively affected during the first round suggested their populations persisted. Wounding rates on lake trout and landlocked Atlantic salmon were reduced in the main lake basin, and catches of both species increased. A significant increase in survival of age 3 to 4 lake trout was noted; survival of older fish improved but did not change significantly. Returns of Atlantic salmon to tributaries increased significantly after treatment. Changes in wounding rates on brown and rainbow trout could not be evaluated, but angler catches have increased since 1990. Catch per unit of effort of rainbow smelt, the major forage species for salmonids, decreased significantly at one of two sampling stations in the main lake basin and in Malletts Bay, but not at other locations; length-at-age also decreased at most sites. Evaluation of angler and general public responses to the program indicated a favorable, 3.5:1 economic benefit:cost ratio.

A Comprehensive Evaluation of an Eight Year Program of Sea Lamprey Control in Lake Champlain provides a detailed description of the results of the project. It is available on the USFWS web-site at, [www.fws.gov/r5lcfwro/lamprey/lamprey.html], or from any of the contacts for further information listed above.

Decision To Be Made

The responsible officials in the USFWS, NYSDEC, and VTDFW must

decide whether to continue sea lamprey control for Lake Champlain. In addition, if sea lamprey control will continue, the agencies must also consider the following:

(1) Should the following list be established as the long term program objectives?

(a) Achieve and maintain lamprey wounding rates at or below 25 wounds per 100 lake trout, ideally 10 wounds per 100 lake trout; 15 wounds per 100 landlocked salmon, ideally 5 wounds per 100 landlocked salmon, and; 2 wounds per 100 walleye, ideally 0 wounds per 100 walleye.

(b) Attain target wounding rates within 5 years of full implementation of the Proposed Action. Full implementation is defined as application of optimal sea lamprey control strategies on tributaries identified in Proposed Action.

(c) Employ an integrated approach to continuing sea lamprey control using lampricides and nonchemical means.

(2) What mitigation and monitoring measures are required for sound resource management?

(3) Is sea lamprey control in the best interest for the resource and citizens of the States of New York and Vermont?

The Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision is expected to be released by August 2001. The Responsible Officials will make a decision regarding this proposal after considering public comments, and the environmental consequences displayed in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The decision and supporting reason will be documented in the Record of Decision.

Dated: February 23, 2001.

Richard O. Bennett,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Extension of Comment Period: Draft Policy on National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes (Notice); Draft Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); Draft Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); and Draft Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964 (Notice)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are extending the comment period on the **Federal Register** notice dated January 16, 2001, pages 3668-3731 that invites the public to comment on the following policies: National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes; Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 19, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Souheaver, Acting Chief, Division of Natural Resources, National Wildlife Refuge System (703) 358-1744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a **Federal Register** notice dated January 16, 2001 (66 FR 3668) we published draft policies for National Wildlife Refuge System Mission, Goals, and Purposes; Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964. These policies, affecting management and use of the National Wildlife Refuge System, represent the culmination of our initial policy development in response to the landmark National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997.

We received several requests to extend the public comment period beyond the March 19, 2001 due date. In order to ensure that the public has an

adequate opportunity to review and comment on our draft policy, we are extending the comment period to April 19, 2001.

Dated: February 14, 2001.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-040-1430-EU; WYW139343]

Notice of Decision to Terminate Exchange Proposal and Opening of Public Land; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on February 27, 2001, the Bureau of Land Management issued a decision to withdraw from and terminate a proposed land exchange, with Don C. Miner of Pagosa Springs, Colorado. This notice also terminates the temporary segregation on the lands associated with the proposed exchange, serialized as WYW139343.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stan McKee, Field Manager, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 N., Rock Springs, WY 82901-3447, 307-352-0256.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the regulations contained in 43 CFR 2091.3-2(b), at 9 a.m. on March 15, 2001, the following described lands will be relieved of the temporary segregative effect of the exchange application WYW 139343.

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 12 N., R. 110 W.,
Sec. 5, N¹/₂N¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄,
N¹/₂N¹/₂SW¹/₄NE¹/₄
Sec. 6, N¹/₂N¹/₂SE¹/₄NE¹/₄

The area described contains 30 acres in Sweetwater County.

1. At 9 a.m. on March 15, 2001, the lands will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. on March 19, 2001, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

2. At 9 a.m. on March 15, 2001, the lands will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws. Appropriations of any of the lands described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38, shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: March 5, 2001.

Stan McKee,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-050-1430-DB-24-1A]

Realty Actions; Sales, Leases, Etc.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Piute County, Utah, have been examined and found suitable for sale utilizing non-competitive procedures, at not less than the fair market value. Salt Lake Meridian, Utah. T. 30 S., R. 3 W. Section 21, Lots 2 and 5, containing 23.09 acres. Authority for the sale is Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA). The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of this notice.

DATES: For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit comments regarding the sale of the lands to the Field Manager, Richfield District at the address shown below. In the absence of timely objections, this proposal shall become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed sale should be sent to Jerry Goodman, Field Manager, Richfield Field Office, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701. Comments, including names and addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Bureau of Land Management, Richfield Field

Office and will be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to have your name or street address from public review and disclosure under the FOIA, 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 of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Goodman, Richfield Field Manager, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701 or telephone (435)896-1500. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands described above will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending disposition of this action or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first. The land is being offered to Mr. Earl Sudweeks of Kingston, Utah, at not less than the appraised fair market value. All minerals in the lands would be reserved to the United States. Detailed information concerning the sale will be available to interested parties from the Richfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701.

Jerry W. Goodman,

Field Manager, Richfield Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-933-1430-ET; AA-82862]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Air Force has filed an application to withdraw approximately 1.25 acres of public lands within Air Navigation Site No. 169 at King Salmon. The proposed withdrawal is needed to protect the area for an environmental remediation project. The lands are presently