

action alternative would likely result in the natural extirpation of all Red-cockaded woodpecker groups within 20 years because of habitat fragmentation, geographic isolation, and lack of intensive management (especially prescribed fire or other hardwood control actions). A second alternative involves the Applicant's implementation of the Service's "Draft Red-cockaded Woodpecker Procedures Manual for Private Lands" (Private Lands Manual), without creation of a Conservation Area. This would delay, but is not enough to prevent, the eventual extirpation of Red-cockaded woodpeckers on the Applicant's lands. This would occur because maintenance of habitat will retain woodpecker groups (unlike the no-action alternative), but those groups would not persist due to their small size (often comprising a single bird) and demographic isolation from potential mates in other groups. The third alternative to the proposed action involves mitigation efforts on lands recently sold by the Applicant to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for eventual transfer to the Service as part of Upper Ouachita NWR. Mitigation on the TNC tract would result in a greater contribution to Red-cockaded woodpecker persistence in the affected environment than either the no-action alternative or the Private Lands Manual alternative, but less than the proposed alternative. Moreover, the applicant does not own the property, and once it is transferred to the Upper Ouachita NWR, the applicant would no longer retain the option of managing for excess woodpecker groups to sell as mitigation credits to third parties. The Applicant's HCP was developed in an adaptive management framework to allow changes in the program based on new scientific information including, but not limited to, biological needs and management actions proven to benefit the species or its habitat.

Under section 9 of the Act and its implementing regulations, "taking" of endangered and threatened wildlife is prohibited. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take such wildlife if the taking is incidental to and not the purpose of otherwise lawful activities. The Applicant has prepared an HCP as required for the incidental take permit application.

As stated above, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the issuance of the ITP is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. This preliminary information may be revised due to public comment

received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the draft EA and HCP.

The Service will also evaluate whether the issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of the biological opinion, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP.

Dated: March 26, 2001.

H. Dale Hall,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands.

DATES: The advisory board will meet Tuesday, May 1, 2001, from 8 a.m., to 5 p.m., local time, and on Wednesday, May 2, 2001, from 8 a.m., to 12 noon local time. Submit written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting no later than close of business May 15, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will meet at the Sheraton Tulsa Hotel, 10918 E. 41st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Send written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting to: Bureau of Land Management, National Wild Horse and Burro Program, WO 260, Attention: Ramona DeLorme, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada 89502-7147.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Nordin, Wild Horse and Burro Public Outreach Specialist, 775-861-6583. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may reach Ms. Nordin at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Electronic Access and Filing Address: Speakers may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to:

Janet.Nordin@blm.gov. Please include identifier "WH&B" in the subject of your message and your name and address in the body of the message.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Meeting

Under the authority of 43 CFR part 1784, the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the BLM, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief, Forest Service, on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:

Tuesday, May 2, 2001

- Introduction
- Approval of February Board Minutes
- Research Updates
- Marketing Implementation Update
- Lunch
- Progress Report on Strategy Implementation
- Report on February Board Recommendations
- Public Comment
- Adjourn
- Public Roundtable

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

- New Issues
- Program Reports
- BLM
- Forest Service
 - Close Out/Recommendations/Next Meeting
 - Adjourn
 - Lunch
 - Board Tour of Long-Term Holding Facility

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability needing an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, such as interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in alternate format, must notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

The Federal advisory committee management regulations (41 CFR 101-6.1015(b)), require the BLM to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of a meeting 15 days prior to the meeting date.

II. Public Comment Procedures

Members of the public may make oral statements to the Advisory Board on

May 1, 2001, at the appropriate point in the agenda. This opportunity is anticipated to occur at 4 p.m., local time. Persons wishing to make statements should register with the BLM by noon on May 1, 2001, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of speakers, the Advisory Board may limit the length of presentations. At previous meetings, presentations have been limited to three minutes in length. Speakers should address the specific wild horse and burro-related topic listed on the agenda. Speakers must submit a written copy of their statement to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section or bring a written copy to the meeting.

Participation in the Advisory Board meeting is not a prerequisite for submission or written comments. The BLM invites written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reason for any recommendation. The BLM appreciates any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on management and protection of wild horses and burros are those that are either supported by quantitative information or studies or those that include citations to and analysis of applicable laws and regulations. Except for comments provided in electronic format, speakers should submit two copies of their written comments where feasible. The comment period ends May 15, 2001. Comments must be postmarked on or before that date.

In the event there is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for a copy of your comments, the BLM will make them available in their entirety, including your name and address (or your e-mail address if you file electronically). However, if you do not want the BLM to release your name and address (or e-mail address) in response to a FOIA request, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. The BLM will honor your request to the extent allowed by law. The BLM will release all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, in their entirety, including names and addresses (or e-mail addresses).

Dated: April 11, 2001.

Elena Daly,

Deputy Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Colorado: Filing of Plats of Survey

April 4, 2001.

The plats of survey of the following described land will be officially filed in the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Lakewood, Colorado, effective 10:00 am., April 4, 2001. All inquiries should be sent to the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of the subdivision of certain sections, T 33 N., R. 10 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1064, Colorado, was accepted January 22, 2001.

This survey was requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for administrative purposes.

The plat (in two sheets) representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of certain sections, and an informative traverse of the center line of a road in Mesa County, Colorado, by the Bureau of Land Management, and referred to as Case No. COC-59085, T. 12 S., R. 98 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1256, Colorado, was accepted January 22, 2001.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east and north boundaries and subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of certain sections, and an informative traverse of the center line of a road in Mesa County, Colorado, by the Bureau of Land Management, and referred to as Case No. COC-59085, T. 2 S., R. 2 E., Ute Meridian, Group 1256, Colorado, was accepted January 22, 2001.

The supplemental plat canceling lot 2 in the NE¹/₄ of section 8, lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 in the SW¹/₄ of section 8, and lot 1 in the SE¹/₄SW¹/₄ of section 16, T. 33 N., R. 1 E., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, that were erroneously created on the plat approved December 28, 1993, under Group 942, Colorado, was accepted February 1, 2001.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Twelfth Guide Meridian West (east boundary), north boundary, subdivisional lines, and a portion of the metes-and-bounds survey of certain claim lines, and the subdivision of certain sections, T. 3 N., R. 101 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1211 Colorado, was accepted February 7, 2001.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the

subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of sections 34 and 35, T. 4 N., R. 101 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1211, Colorado, was accepted February 7, 2001.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 7, T. 4 S., R. 100 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1257, Colorado, was accepted February 13, 2001.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of certain sections, T. 16 S., R. 70 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1039, Colorado, was accepted February 21, 2001.

The supplemental plat creating new lots 97 and 98 in section 5 of T. 1 N., R. 71 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted February 27, 2001. This plat is based upon the survey plat approved July 24, 1875, the dependent resurvey plat approved November 16, 1942, and the supplemental plats approved December 13, 1938, October 15, 1997, and the official records of the following mineral claims: MS 16550, Ibach placer, approved May 31, 1904, MS 18083, Ethel A., approved December 20, 1906, and MS 18702, Red Rock, approved December 31, 1908.

The plat (in two sheets) representing the dependent resurvey of portions of certain mineral claims, T. 44 N., R. 4 W., and suspended T. 44 N., R. 5 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1238, Colorado, was accepted March 15, 2001.

The plat (in two sheets) representing the dependent resurvey of certain mineral claims, or portions thereof, suspended T. 43 N., R. 6 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1238, Colorado, was accepted March 15, 2001.

The supplemental plat creating new lots in sections 8 and 9 of T. 1 N., R. 71 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted March 8, 2001. This plat is based upon the dependent resurvey plat approved November 16, 1942, and the supplemental plats approved December 31, 1931 and May 8, 1933, and the official records of the following mineral claims: MS 12460, Blackbird, approved April 26, 1898, MS 14836, Queen of the West, approved July 27, 1901, MS 15211, Minnie Bell, Minnie Bell No. 2, and Monitor, approved January 30, 1902, MS 16100, New and Gold Leaf, amended plat September 12, 1902, MS 18693, Ella C. and Norma Belle, approved December 22, 1908, and MS 20375, Orphan, approved September 29, 1928.