

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides notice that a draft Conservation Plan for the Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas anicia cloudcrofti*) (butterfly) is available for review and comment. This Conservation Plan will provide guidance for the conservation and management of the species and its habitat.

DATES: Comments on the draft Conservation Plan must be submitted directly to the Service (see **ADDRESSES** section) on or before November 8, 2004 or at the public meeting to be held in October of 2004.

ADDRESSES: The Service will host a public informational session in the Village Council Chambers Room at 201 Burro Street Cloudcroft, New Mexico, on October 13, 2004, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

If you wish to comment via mail, comments and materials should be addressed to the Threatened and Endangered Species Division, Fish and Wildlife Service Southwest Regional Office, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87103-1306. Comments and materials received will be made available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment, at the above address. A copy of this document has been posted on the Fish and Wildlife Service Web site at <http://www.fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah E. Rinkevich, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, or Tracy Scheffler, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Southwest Regional Office, at the above address (505) 248-6920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly is found only in high elevation mountain-meadows within the Sacramento Mountains of central New Mexico. In January 1999, the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity petitioned the Service to emergency list the Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly as endangered. The Service published a notice on December 27, 1999, finding that the petition presented substantial information to indicate that listing may be warranted, but that emergency listing was not warranted. The Service then commenced a status review of the species. On September 6, 2001, the Fish and Wildlife Service published a 12-month finding and proposed rule to list the Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly as endangered with critical habitat (66 FR 46575). Habitat loss from

proposed development, drought and wildfire, and threats from collection were stated as the reasons for the proposed listing.

In response to growing interest by the local community to conserve the butterfly, the Service began coordination in 2004 with local and Federal partners to assess current threats to the species and develop a draft Conservation Plan. The goal of the draft Conservation Plan is to provide conservation and management recommendations for public and private lands within the range of the butterfly as necessary to alleviate threats to the species and its habitat. Specific conservation actions in the draft Conservation Plan include time and cost estimates and responsible partners.

The Village of Cloudcroft, Otero County, Forest Service, and the Service have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to demonstrate the commitments of the parties to the implementation of the Conservation Plan.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the draft Conservation Plan. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the Conservation Plan. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name or address, you must state this request prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. To the extent consistent with applicable law, we will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 3, 2004.

Esther M. Pringle,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of the BLM-administered public lands.

DATES: Friday, October 22, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and meet in formal session on Saturday, October 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Saturday meeting will be held at the Needles City Council Chambers, located at 1111 Bailey, Needles, California.

ADDRESSES: The field office is located at 101 West Spikes Road in Needles, California.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council and interested members of the public will depart for a field tour from the parking lot of the BLM's field office in Needles at 8 a.m. Tour stops will include the Route 66 interpretive display and a BLM grazing allotment. Presentations and discussions will focus on current grazing management and proposed revisions to the grazing regulations. The public is welcome to participate in the tour, but should plan on providing their own transportation, drinks, and lunch.

Agenda items tentatively scheduled for the Saturday Council meeting will include the election of officers, reports by Advisory Council members, the District Manager and the five District field office managers, a briefing on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's raven management initiative, and an update on the Desert Managers Group's Desert Tortoise Education and Outreach Plan. BLM will also brief the Council on the status of the Eastern San Diego County Resource Management Plan, and review the 10-year anniversary of the passage of the California Desert Protection Act.

All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land

Management, Public Affairs Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

Dated: September 27, 2004.

Alan Stein,

Assistant District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-05-1020-PH]

Notice of Public Meeting, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting dates are November 9-10, 2004, at the Drury Inn, 4310 The 25 Way Northeast, Albuquerque, NM. An optional field trip is planned for Monday, November 8, 2004. The public comment period is scheduled for November 8, 2004, from 6-7 p.m. at the Drury Inn. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to comment and time available, oral comments may be limited. The three established RAC working groups may have a late afternoon or an evening meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in New Mexico. All meetings are open to the public. At this meeting, topics include issues on renewable and nonrenewable resources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Herrera, New Mexico State Office, Office of External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, PO Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, (505) 438-7517.

Dated: October 1, 2004.

Linda S.C. Rundell,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Direct Sale of Public Lands, OR 55502

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: A 0.45 acre parcel of public land in Lane County, Oregon, is being considered for direct sale to James L. Bean to resolve an inadvertent occupancy trespass. The parcel is the minimum size possible to resolve the encroachment.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 22, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address all written comments concerning this notice to Emily Rice, Field Manager, Upper Willamette Field Office, PO Box 10226, Eugene, Oregon 97440.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Adcock, Realty Specialist at (541) 683-6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described public land has been examined and found suitable for sale under Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719). The parcel proposed for sale is identified as follows:

Willamette Meridian, Oregon,
T. 21 S., R. 2 W.,
Sec. 1, lot 9.

The area described contains 0.45 acre, more or less, in Lane County, Oregon. This parcel will be sold at no less than the appraised market value which has been determined to be \$10,000.00. In accordance with 43 CFR 2711.3-3(a) (5) direct sale procedures are appropriate since the land has been inadvertently occupied and utilized for many years as a portion of a residential yard. The Eugene District Resource Management Plan as amended, August 6, 1998, identifies "unintentional occupancy trespass sites discovered in the future * * *" as suitable for disposal.

James L. Bean will be allowed 30 days from receipt of a written offer to submit a deposit of at least 10 percent of the appraised market value of the parcel and within 180 days thereafter to submit the balance.

The following rights, reservations, and conditions will be included in the Deed conveying the land:

A reservation to the United States for a right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States. Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

The mineral interests being offered for conveyance have no known mineral value. Acceptance of the direct sale offer constitutes an application for conveyance of the mineral interests also being offered under the authority of Section 209(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1719). In addition to the full purchase price, a nonrefundable fee of \$50 will be required for purchase of the mineral interests to be conveyed simultaneously with the sale of the land.

The land described is segregated from 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.

Detailed information concerning this land sale, including the reservations, sale procedures and conditions, planning and environmental documents, appraisal report, and mineral report is available for review at the Eugene District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2890 Chad Drive, Eugene, Oregon 97470.

In the absence of any objections, this proposal will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Comments, including names, street addresses, and other contact information of respondents, will be available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to request that the BLM consider withholding your name, street address and other contact information, e.g., Internet address, FAX or phone number, from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. The BLM will honor requests for confidentiality on a case-by-case basis to the extent allowed by law. The BLM will make available for public inspection in their entirety all submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2711.1-2 (a)).