

the advisory board will participate in a field trip from 5:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time.

Submit written comments no later than close of business February 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The advisory board will meet in the Reno Hilton, Reno, Nevada.

Send written comments to Bureau of Land Management, WO-610, Mail Stop 406 LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access and filing address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Knapp, Wild Horse and Burro Public Affairs Specialist, (202) 452-5176. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

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:

Monday, February 9, 1998

- Welcome by BLM Nevada State Director Bob Abbey and BLM Director Pat Shea;
- Fact-finders reports on specific issues related to the wild horse and burro program;
- Discussion of science issues;
- Updates on several reports reviewing the wild horse and burro program;
- Report on the adoption program; and
- Presentation of comments by members of the public.

Tuesday, February 10, 1998

- Field trip to the Kama Mountain Herd Management Area to observe a gather and the immuno-contraception process.

The meeting is open to the public. The advisory board will make detailed minutes of the meeting. BLM will make the minutes available to interested parties who contact the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Under the Federal advisory committee management regulations (41 CFR 101-6.1015(b)(2)), in exceptional circumstances an agency may give less

than 15 days notice of a committee meeting if the reasons for doing so are included in the committee meeting notice published in the **Federal Register**. In this case, BLM made commitments with regard to scheduling the first meeting of the advisory committee based on the approval of the charter within a time frame. Delays in obtaining approval of the charter, which required the signature of two Cabinet secretaries, will result in publication of the meeting notice 14 days prior to the committee meeting.

II. Public Comment Procedures

Members of the public may make oral statements to the advisory board on February 9, 1998 at the appropriate point in the agenda, which is anticipated to occur at 3:30 p.m. local time. Persons wishing to make statements should register with BLM by noon on February 9, 1998, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of speakers, the advisory board may limit the length of presentations. Speakers should address specific wild horse and burro-related topics 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 submittal of written comments. BLM invites written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reason for any recommendation. 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, commenters should submit two copies of their written comments where feasible. BLM will not necessarily consider comments received after the time indicated under the **DATES** section or at locations other than that listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

In the event there is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for a copy of your comments, we intend to 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 us 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. We will honor your wish to

the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organization or businesses, will be released in their entirety, including names and addresses (or e-mail addresses).

Electronic Access and Filing Address

Commenters may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to: mknapp@wo.blm.gov. Please submit comments as an ASCII file and void the use of special characters or encryption. Please include the identifier "WH&B" in the subject of your message and your name and address in the body of your message.

Dated: January 22, 1998.

Pat Shea,

Director, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Realty Action; Oregon

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

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action, Lease of Public Land in Harney County, Oregon.

SUMMARY: The following described public land is being considered for lease under Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, (43 U.S.C. 1732), at not less than fair market value.

Willamette Meridian

T.20S., R.29E.,

Sec. 34, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described aggregates 3.75 acres, more or less, in Harney County, Oregon.

The purpose of the lease would be to authorize a longstanding occupancy use. The term of the proposed lease would be for the lifetime of the proponents, Alan and Ethel Bossuot, who own improvements on the property. The improvements include a cabin, outbuildings, a bridge and corrals, which have existed on the property for at least 40 years. The improvements were originally placed on public land inadvertently by the Bossuots and their predecessors. For these reasons, the land would not be offered for lease on a competitive basis.

The lease would be subject to Federal, State, and local ordinances applicable to

the premises in addition to other conditions deemed necessary to protect the public interest.

The proposal conforms with the Three Rivers Resource Management Plan. Based on a review of this plan and other factors, the land has been determined suitable for lease under the above cited authority.

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 proposed lease to the Three Rivers Resource Area Manager at the address described below. Comments will be considered in the NEPA analysis to be prepared for this proposal.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to the Three Rivers Resource Area Manager, HC 74-12533, Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Detailed information concerning this proposal is available from Craig M. Hansen, Area Manager or Skip Renchler, Realty Specialist, Three Rivers Resource Area at the above address, phone (541) 573-4400.

Dated: January 14, 1998.

Craig M. Hansen,

Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Whiskeytown Unit, Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area; Operation of Marina Services

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will shortly be releasing a concession Prospectus to continue the operation of marina services at the Whiskeytown Unit of the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area located in northern California. The existing business includes related services such as food, merchandise, and camping and is located in two separate sections of the Whiskeytown Unit. Most services are provided seasonally from approximately the last week in May to the first week in September. The annual gross receipts average about \$500,000. The new contract will be for 10 years and will require an improvement program estimated to cost about \$178,800. There is an existing concessioner that has operated satisfactorily under the existing contract and has a right of preference in renewal.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The cost for purchasing a Prospectus is \$30.00. Parties interested in obtaining a copy should send a check or money order, NO CASH, payable to "National Park Service" to the following address: National Park Service, Pacific Great Basin Support Office, Office of Concession Program Management, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94107-1372, "Mail Room Do Not Open".

Please include a mailing address indicating where to send the prospectus. Inquiries may be directed to Ms. Teresa Jackson, Office of Concession Program Management at (415) 427-1369.

Dated: January 12, 1998.

John J. Reynolds,

Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Backcountry and Wilderness Plan for Joshua Tree National Park, California; Extension of Public Comment Period

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement assessing alternatives for, and potential impacts of, a proposed Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan for Joshua Tree National Park, California. In deference to public interest expressed to date from local governmental agencies, organizations, and other interested parties, the original 90 day public comment period has been extended for one month. Written comments on the draft document must now be received or post-marked not later than February 28, 1998, and should be directed to the Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, California, 92277.

Dated: January 15, 1998.

Patricia L. Neubacher,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Denali National Park and the Chairperson of the Denali Subsistence Resource Commission announce a forthcoming meeting of the Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission.

The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order by the Chair.
- (2) Roll call and confirmation of quorum.
- (3) Superintendent's welcome and introductions.
- (4) Approval of minutes of last meeting.
- (5) Additions and corrections to the agenda.
- (6) New Business:
 - a. Review federal subsistence programs.
 - b. Individual customary and traditional determination process.
 - c. Natural and cultural resource studies.
 - d. Agency reports.
- (7) Old Business:
 - a. Draft Subsistence Management Plan.
 - b. ATC access.
 - c. Harvest reports.
- (8) Public and other agency comments.
- (9) Set time and place of next SRC meeting.
- (10) Adjournment.

DATES: The meeting will be held Friday, February 13, 1998. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 6 p.m.

LOCATION: The meeting will be held at North Star Inn, Conference Room, Healy, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Martin, Superintendent or Hollis Twitchell, Subsistence Coordinator, Denali National Park, PO Box 9, Denali Park, Alaska 99755. Phone (907) 683-2294.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Public Law 96-487, and operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act.

Paul R. Anderson,

Regional Director.

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