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OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Brenda Aguilar, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: June 11, 2001.

John P. Burke III,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Technical/ Agency Draft Florida Manatee Recovery Plan, Third Revision for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and public comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability for second public review of the updated Technical/Agency Draft of the Florida Manatee Recovery Plan, Third Revision. We solicit review and written comments from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: We must receive comments on the draft recovery plan on or before August 9, 2001 to receive consideration by us.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of the draft recovery plan by contacting Bill Brooks by electronic mail (e-mail) at fw4_es_jacksonville@fws.gov or by calling (904) 232-2580, extension 104 or at Jacksonville Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6620 Southpoint Drive, South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, Florida, 32216. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods:

1. You may submit written comments and information to the Field Supervisor, at the above address.

2. You may hand-deliver written comments to our Jacksonville Field Office, at the above address, or fax your comments to (904) 232-2404.

3. You may send comments by e-mail to the Field Supervisor at fw4_es_jacksonville@fws.gov. For directions on how to submit electronic filing of comments see the "Public Comments Solicited" section.

Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Brooks (see ADDRESSES section).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The West Indian manatee, *Trichechus manatus*, is currently listed as endangered throughout its range for both the Florida and Antillean subspecies (U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1967). The Florida manatee lives in freshwater, brackish, and marine habitats. Submerged, emergent, and floating vegetation are their preferred food. During the winter, cold temperatures keep the population concentrated in peninsular Florida and many manatees rely on the warm water from natural springs and power plant outfalls. During the late spring and summer, they expand their range and are seen on infrequent occasions as far north as Rhode Island on the Atlantic Coast and as far west as Texas on the Gulf Coast.

The most significant threat presently facing manatees in Florida is death and serious injury from boat strikes. In the long term, the greatest challenge to manatee recovery is maintaining adequate sources of warm water so the species can survive the cold in winter. The availability of warm-water refuges for manatees is uncertain due to deregulation of the power industry in Florida, and the lack of secure minimum flows at the natural springs on which many manatees depend. Long term survival also depends on maintaining the integrity of ecosystems and habitat sufficient to support a recovered manatee population.

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we are preparing recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish

criteria for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. *et seq.*) (Act), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. We will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. We and other Federal agencies will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

We developed the initial recovery plan for West Indian manatee in 1980. This plan focused primarily on manatees in Florida, but included Antillean manatees in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In 1986, we adopted a separate recovery plan for manatees in Puerto Rico. To reflect new information and planning needs for manatees in Florida, we revised the original plan in 1989 and focused exclusively on the Florida manatee. This first revision covered a 5-year planning period ending in 1994. We revised and updated the plan again in 1996, which again covered a 5-year planning period ending in 2000. In 1999, we initiated the process to revise the plan for a third time. We established an 18-member recovery team made up of the public, agencies, and groups that have an interest in manatee recovery and/or could be affected by proposed recovery actions, to draft this revision. Extensive public comments on the November 30, 2000 Technical/Agency Draft resulted in significant changes to the recovery criteria. We felt these changes were significant enough to warrant another public review of the Technical/Agency Draft as set forth in this Notice.

In the 20 years since approval of the original recovery plan, a tremendous amount of knowledge of manatee biology and ecology has been achieved and significant protection programs have been implemented, through the guidance provided by the recovery planning process. This Technical/Agency Draft of the Florida Manatee Recovery Plan, Third Revision reflects many of those accomplishments, addresses new threats and needs, and specifically addresses the planning requirements of the Act through 2006. The Florida Manatee Recovery Team

provided assistance during the development of this draft plan.

Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the recovery plan described. We will consider all comments received by the date specified above prior to approval of the plan.

Please submit electronic comments as an ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and encryption. Please also include "Attn: [RIN number]" and your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly by calling our Jacksonville Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Our practice is to make all 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 from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. In some circumstances, we would withhold also from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. 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 section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: June 6, 2001.

David L. Hankla,

Field Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-060-1220DH-01]

Notice of Intent

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to amend the West HiLine Resource Management Plan (RMP) for

public lands in an area known as Loma/Vimy Ridge located in Chouteau County, Montana. The BLM is proposing to amend the off-road vehicle (ORV) designation for the public lands that are currently open seasonally or yearlong to motorized cross-country travel and designate the area as limited yearlong and also designate the roads and trails open to motorized vehicles. An environmental assessment will be prepared by the Havre Field Station to analyze the impacts of this proposal and any alternatives.

DATES: Comments and recommendations on this notice should be received on or before August 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to: Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Jody Peters, Havre Field Station, 1704 2nd Street West, Drawer 911, Havre, MT 59501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jody Peters, 406-262-2832.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Loma/Vimy Ridge Watershed planning effort would implement decisions of the West HiLine RMP, the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River Plan, the Wood River Ranch Habitat Management Plan, and the Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management. The Loma/Vimy Ridge Watershed consists of two large blocks of public land located on or adjacent to Rowe Bench and Vimy Ridge, in Chouteau County, Montana. These lands are the high grounds between the Missouri, Teton, and Marias Rivers, where they converge. The land is in north central Montana about 1/2 mile west of Loma and 11 miles northeast of Fort Benton. Surface ownership consists of approximately 11,450 acres of public land.

About 850 acres of public land are currently designated as open to ORV use, 7,950 acres are designated as limited seasonally, and 2,650 acres are within the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument where all motorized vehicle use off road is prohibited except for emergency or authorized purposes. Through the watershed planning for this area the BLM is proposing to change the open and limited seasonally designations to limited yearlong. The watershed plan will include a map showing the transportation network of roads and trails available for use under the terms and conditions set forth in the plan amendment.

(Authority: Sec. 202, Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2747 (43 U.S.C. 1712)).

Dated: April 23, 2001.

Owen Billingsley,

Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Dakotas Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, North Dakota Field Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Dakotas Resource Advisory Council will be held August 20 & 21, 2001, at the Travel Lodge, Dickinson, North Dakota. The session will convene at 8 a.m. on August 20th. A field trip to the Coteau Mine is scheduled for the 21st. Agenda items will include off highway vehicles, energy activities on public lands, Homestake exchange, discussion on Payment-In-Lieu of Taxes, and Fire and Fuel Reductions.

The meeting is open to the public and a public comment period is set for 4 pm on August 20, 2001. The public may make oral statements before the Council or file written statements for the Council to consider. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make an oral statement, a per-person time limit may be established. Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and copying.

The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the Dakotas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Burger, Field Office Manager, North Dakota Field Office, 2933 3rd Ave. W., Dickinson, North Dakota. Telephone (701) 227-7700.

Dated: June 21, 2001.

Douglas Burger,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.