

any time during the 2-year period prior to the Award Date is ineligible to bid on such Mortgage Loan or on the pool containing such Mortgage Loan, and

(9) An entity or individual that is: (a) Any affiliate or principal of any entity or individual described in the preceding sentence (sub-paragraph 8); (b) any employee or subcontractor of such entity or individual during that 2-year period prior to Award Date; or (c) any entity or individual that employs or uses the services of any other entity or individual described in this paragraph in preparing its bid on such Mortgage Loan.

#### Freedom of Information Act Requests

HUD reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to disclose information regarding SFLS 2011–3, including, but not limited to, the identity of any successful qualified bidder and its bid price or bid percentage for any pool of loans or individual loan, upon the closing of the sale of all the Mortgage Loans. Even if HUD elects not to publicly disclose any information relating to SFLS 2011–3, HUD will have the right to disclose any information that HUD is obligated to disclose pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and all regulations promulgated thereunder.

#### Scope of Notice

This notice applies to SFLS 2011–3 and does not establish HUD's policy for the sale of other mortgage loans.

Dated: August 30, 2011.

**Carol Galante,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Housing—  
Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### **Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, Washoe and Humboldt Counties, NV, and Lake County, OR; Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a draft comprehensive conservation plan (Draft CCP) and draft environmental impact statement (Draft

EIS) for the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) for public review and comment. In these documents, we describe alternatives, including our preferred alternative, for managing the Refuge for 15 years, following approval of the final CCP.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by November 8, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments or requests for copies or more information by any of the following methods. You may request hard copies or a CD-ROM of the documents.

*E-mail:* [SheldonCCP@fws.gov](mailto:SheldonCCP@fws.gov). Include “Sheldon Refuge draft CCP/EIS” in the subject line of the message.

*Internet:* <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/planning/main/docs/NV/docssheldon.htm>.

*Fax:* Attn: John Kasbohm, Project Leader, 541–947–4414.

*U.S. Mail:* Sheldon-Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex, P.O. Box 111, Lakeview, OR 97630.

*In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or Pickup:* Call 541–947–3315 to make an appointment (necessary for view/pickup only) during regular business hours at the above address. For more information on locations for viewing or obtaining documents, see Public Availability of Documents under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aaron Collins, Planning Team Leader, (541) 947–3315.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Introduction**

With this notice, we continue the CCP process for Sheldon Refuge. We started this process through a notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 12, 2008 (73 FR 27003). We now announce a Draft CCP/EIS, prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Refuge Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and

their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Refuge Administration Act.

Habitat management activities proposed in the Draft CCP/EIS include improving the conditions of wetland, riparian, desert grassland, and shrub-steppe habitats, with emphasis on removing feral animals, reducing invasive species, reducing encroachment of western juniper, and where feasible, restoring fire to improve habitat diversity and plant community succession.

Public-use management actions proposed in the Draft CCP/EIS include expanding and improving trails, signs, campgrounds, and visitor contact facilities for wildlife observation and photography, sport fishing, and hunting; continuing fishing and hunting coordination with the States; improving information available to all visitors; formally designating authorized motorized vehicle routes; and reducing illegal activities.

#### **Background**

Sheldon Refuge encompasses approximately 575,000 acres primarily in northwestern Nevada, but includes a small portion within south-central Oregon. Originally established to protect and conserve the American pronghorn, the Refuge provides important habitat for a variety of wildlife, including greater sage-grouse, pygmy rabbit, American pika, mule deer, California bighorn sheep, Sheldon tui chub, and a variety of migratory birds, including shorebirds, raptors, and passerines. Habitat types found on the Refuge are primarily shrub-steppe uplands, but also include important springs and spring brooks, basalt cliffs and canyons; emergent marshes; juniper, mountain mahogany, and aspen woodlands; and desert greasewood flats.

The purpose of the CCP is to fulfill the purposes for which the Refuge was established and to provide reasonable, scientifically-grounded guidance for improving the Refuge's shrub-steppe, riparian, wetland, and cliff-talus habitats for the long-term conservation of native plants and animals, endemic fish, and migratory birds while providing high-quality public-use programs for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, and environmental education and interpretation. The Draft CCP/EIS

identifies appropriate actions to protect and sustain biological features of the Refuge's sagebrush obligate wildlife populations and habitats, the migratory shorebird populations that use the Refuge, and candidate or rare species.

#### CCP Alternatives We Are Considering

The Service identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing the Sheldon Refuge for the next 15 years, including a No Action Alternative (Alternative 1). Brief descriptions of the alternatives follow.

*Alternative 1: Current Management.* Alternative 1 reflects current management of Sheldon Refuge and serves as the baseline for comparing and contrasting the other management alternatives. Under Alternative 1, the Refuge's management focus would be on maintaining habitats throughout the Refuge in their current conditions and preventing further degradation of fish and wildlife habitats. The primary action would be to continue the current program of gathering feral horses and burros through regular roundups, and allowing their adoption, in order to maintain a relatively stable population of approximately 800 feral horses and 90 feral burros.

Wildland fire suppression and mechanical cutting and thinning of encroaching juniper would continue, in order to maintain sagebrush habitats in a late stage of plant community succession and avoid potential widespread growth of invasive annual grasses. Prescribed burning would continue to be used to maintain wet meadow and grassland habitats in an early to mid stage of plant community succession.

Public uses such as wildlife observation, photography, hunting, and fishing would continue through the maintenance of existing facilities, which include ponds, reservoirs, fishing docks, primary roads, and 13 campgrounds in primitive, semi-primitive, and developed conditions. Stocking fish in Refuge reservoirs would continue, and the limited collection of rocks and minerals would be allowed to continue. Under Alternative 1, we would not change the current proposal for lands designated as wilderness. The Refuge would officially designate roads and routes necessary for wildlife-dependent public uses throughout Sheldon Refuge, consistent with existing Executive orders, Federal regulations, and Service policies, where such uses would be compatible with Refuge purposes.

*Alternative 2: Intensive Habitat Management.* Under Alternative 2, the Service's preferred alternative, the Refuge would focus on improving

habitat for all fish and wildlife, especially those necessary for healthy populations of sagebrush obligate wildlife species such as American pronghorn and greater sage-grouse. Actions to improve habitats within the Refuge would include the adoption, and if necessary, auction of all feral horses and burros on the Refuge within 5 years of implementing the CCP, consistent with Service policy. Other management actions to improve habitat conditions would include relocating campgrounds away from sensitive riparian habitats, reducing western juniper and sagebrush encroaching into adjacent habitats, and, where feasible, increasing the occurrence and frequency of fire, to restore more natural habitat conditions, diversity, and plant community succession. Removing abandoned commercial livestock developments and reducing invasive plants along road corridors would be emphasized.

Wildlife-dependent public uses would also be emphasized, with opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, interpretation, and environmental education maintained or improved from present conditions. Recreation opportunities for limited collection of rock and mineral specimens would be allowed to continue, with added emphasis on visitor information related to relevant laws, regulations, and interpretation of the area's geology. The State of Nevada fish stocking program would continue, limiting stocked fish species to those naturally occurring within the local area.

Under Alternative 2, we would recommend wilderness designation for approximately the same number of acres in the current proposal, but the location and distribution of the areas recommended would differ. Contingent upon approval of the wilderness recommendation, we would open some designated primitive routes for motorized vehicle use under Alternative 2. Several segments of existing and proposed routes would be realigned to reduce erosion and other impacts to riparian habitats.

Alternative 2 is the Service's preferred alternative because it is expected to result in the greatest improvement of habitat conditions for native fish, wildlife, and plants on the Refuge. It also achieves the purposes for which the Refuge was established.

*Alternative 3: Less Intensive Management.* Under Alternative 3, the Refuge's management focus would be on mimicking or restoring natural processes, to maintain, enhance, and where possible, increase native fish, wildlife, and plant diversity

representative of historical conditions in the Great Basin. Emphasis would be placed on improving shrub-steppe habitats and restoring modified and/or degraded habitats to a more native condition, while using less intensive and less costly management actions where appropriate. Habitat management actions would include the adoption and, if necessary, auction of all feral horses and burros from the Refuge within 10 years. Other habitat management efforts would emphasize natural habitat restoration and creating conditions where natural processes, such as fire, could be allowed more frequently, with less dependence on prescribed fire and other intensive management actions.

Public-use opportunities for wildlife observation, photography, hunting, and fishing would be available at most current sites, except fish stocking would be discontinued at one of the two reservoirs currently stocked within the Refuge. Campgrounds would be consolidated to establish larger individual campgrounds with better amenities. Under Alternative 3, we would propose the least number of acres for designation as wilderness, compared to the other alternatives. Contingent upon this proposal, Alternative 3, we would open some designated primitive routes to motorized vehicle use that would not require intensive restoration or management to minimize adverse impacts.

#### Public Availability of Documents

In addition to methods in **ADDRESSES**, you can view or obtain documents at the following locations.

- Our Web site: <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/planning/main/docs/NV/docssheldon.htm>.
- Lake County Public Library, 513 Center St., Lakeview, OR.
- Humboldt County Public Library, 85 East Fifth St., Winnemucca, NV.
- Washoe County Public Library, 301 South Center St., Reno, NV.

#### Submitting Comments

Public comments are requested, considered, and incorporated throughout the planning process; please see **DATES** for due dates. Comments on the Draft CCP/EIS will be analyzed by the Service and addressed in final planning documents.

#### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time.

While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: August 31, 2011.

**Robyn Thorson,**

*Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Announcement of National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will meet on October 4–5, 2011 at the National Conservation Training Center, 698 Conservation Way, Shepherdstown, WV 25443. The meeting will be held in Room #201 Instructional East.

The NGAC, which is composed of representatives from governmental, private sector, non-profit, and academic organizations, has been established to advise the Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee on management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-16. Topics to be addressed at the meeting include:

- Recent FGDC Activities
- NGAC Feedback on Geospatial Platform
- Innovative Strategies for Geospatial Programs and Partnerships
- Geospatial Workforce Development
- NGAC Tribal Subcommittee
- NGAC Subcommittee Activities

The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment during the morning of October 5. Comments may also be submitted to the NGAC in writing. Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance for clearance into the meeting site. Please register by contacting Arista Maher at the Federal Geographic Data Committee (703-648-6283, [am Maher@fgdc.gov](mailto:am Maher@fgdc.gov)). Registrations are due by September 26. While the meeting will be open to the public, seating may be limited due to room capacity.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on October 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Mahoney, U.S. Geological Survey (206-220-4621).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meetings of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee are open to the public. Additional information about the NGAC and the meeting are available at <http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac>.

Dated: September 2, 2011.

**Ivan DeLoatch,**

*Executive Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Lander Resource Management Plan Revision Project, Lander Field Office, Wyoming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lander Field Office and by this notice is announcing the opening of a 90-day comment period.

**DATES:** To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft RMP/EIS within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft RMP/EIS in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public participation activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or the project Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/lander.html>.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Lander Resource Management Plan Revision Project by any of the following methods:

Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Planning/rmps/lander.html>.

E-mail: [LRMP.WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:LRMP.WYMail@blm.gov).

Mail: Lander Field Office, Attn: RMP Project Manager, 1335 Main Street, Lander, Wyoming 82520.

Copies of the Draft RMP/EIS are available at the following locations:

- Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.
- Bureau of Land Management, Lander Field Office, 1335 Main Street, Lander, Wyoming 82520.
- Bureau of Land Management, Wind River/Bighorn Basin District Office, 101 South 23rd Street, Worland, Wyoming 82401.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristin Yannone, RMP Project Manager, telephone 307-332-8400; address 1335 Main Street, Lander, Wyoming 82520; e-mail [kristin\\_yannone@blm.gov](mailto:kristin_yannone@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The planning area for the Project includes lands within the BLM Lander Field Office's administrative boundaries, including all of Fremont County and some of Teton, Sweetwater, Hot Springs, and Natrona counties in Wyoming. The planning area includes all lands, regardless of jurisdiction, totaling approximately 6.6 million acres; however, the BLM will only make decisions on lands that fall under the BLM's jurisdiction. BLM-administered surface, totaling approximately 2.4 million acres, and Federal mineral estate, totaling 2.8 million acres, make up the decision area. The revised RMP will replace the 1987 Lander RMP. The Draft RMP/EIS includes a series of management actions, within four management alternatives, designed to address management challenges and issues raised during scoping. These include, but are not limited to, mineral development, livestock grazing, air quality, special management areas including areas of critical environmental concern (ACEC), wildlife habitats including that of the Greater sage-grouse, and management of the settings of the congressionally designated trails. The four alternatives are:

- Alternative A: Continues existing management practices (no action alternative);