

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement**

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed reintroduction of the Mexican gray wolf within its historic range in the southwestern United States.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Parsons, Mexican Gray Wolf Recovery Coordinator, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-1306, at (505) 248-6920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A limited number of individual copies of the EIS may be obtained from the above address. Copies of the final EIS have been distributed to public libraries throughout Arizona and New Mexico, to Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies and organizations that commented on the draft EIS, and to individuals requesting copies. Copies of the EIS and copies of public comment on the draft EIS are also available for inspection at the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 2 Headquarters, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Any comments on the proposal must be received no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the notice of availability, by EPA in the Federal Register, of the EIS on the reintroduction of the Mexican gray wolf within its historic range in the southwestern United States. No action will be taken on this proposal before 30 days following publication of the notice of availability of the EIS by EPA.

Dated: December 16, 1996.

John G. Rogers,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dated: December 17, 1996.

Willie R. Taylor,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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Bureau of Land Management, Alaska; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(a), will be issued to

Koniag, Inc., successor in interest to Nu-Nachk Pit, Inc., for approximately 10,760 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Larsen Bay, Alaska.

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 30 S., R. 28 W.

T. 32 S., R. 28 W.

T. 29 S., R. 30 W.

T. 32 S., R. 30 W.

T. 31 S., R. 31 W.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Kodiak Daily Mirror*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until January 22, 1997 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Michael C. Johnson,

Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(a), will be issued to Stevens Village for 27.43 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Stevens Village, Alaska:

T. 14 N., R. 7 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh

Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until January 22, 1997 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Michael C. Johnson,

Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.

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Bureau of Land Management, Alaska; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(a) and 22(j) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(a), will be issued to Tozitna, Limited for 327.95 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Tanana, Alaska, within T. 4 N., R. 22 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until January 22, 1997 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart

E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Elizabeth Sherwood,
Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch
of 962 Adjudication.

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Bureau of Land Management—Interior

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Amendment To Extend Public Comment Period on Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS).

SUMMARY: On Tuesday, August 13, 1996 a Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register for the draft Owyhee Resource Management Plan and draft Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). That notice indicated that the public comment period provided for in 43 CFR Part 1600 (BLM Planning Regulations) would remain open until November 15, 1996. A subsequent notice published on Friday, November 8, 1996 amended that notice and extended the public comment period until January 3, 1997. This notice amends both of those previous notices. The comment period has now been extended and will close on July 3, 1997.

DATES: The public comment period for the draft Owyhee Resource Management Plan and draft Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) has been extended and will close on July 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted at any time during the comment period to the Boise Field Office and should be sent to: Owyhee Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Boise Field Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay Carlson, Area Manager; or Fred Minckler, Team Leader at the address above. Telephone (208) 384-3300.

Dated: December 11, 1996.

David Vail,

Operations Manager.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Loan Guarantees to Israel; Notice of Investment Opportunity

The Government of Israel (the "GOI") wishes to select managing underwriters for the structuring and sale of U.S.

Agency for International Development ("USAID")-guaranteed loans. The USAID-guaranteed loans have been authorized by Public Law 102-391, and are being provided in connection with Israel's extraordinary humanitarian effort to resettle and absorb immigrants into Israel from the republics of the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and other countries.

The legislation authorizes the guaranty by USAID of up to \$10 billion principal amount of loans over a five-year period, with a maximum of \$2 billion in loans, offered in one or more tranches, to be guaranteed in each of the five fiscal years. This Notice is in connection with the GOI's selection of managing underwriters for an offering contemplated to be made under the authorization for the current fiscal year.

In order to be considered as a managing underwriter for the proposed transaction, interested parties must demonstrate the requisite financial and technical capabilities by their responses to a Request for Proposals ("RFP"), which will be available from the GOI prior to the offering. Interested parties who wish to receive an RFP, when available, should contact Mr. Eliahu Ziv-Zitouk, Consul and Chief Fiscal Officer, Ministry of Finance of the Government of Israel, 800 Second Avenue, New York, New York 10017 (fax: 212/499-5715).

Selection of underwriters and the terms of the loans are initially subject to the individual discretion of the GOI and thereafter subject to approval by USAID. In order to be eligible for selection as a managing underwriter, an institution must be a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, and otherwise meet the legal requirements for serving in such role. All firms are encouraged to submit proposals, regardless of ethnic origins, race or gender.

The full repayment of the loans will be guaranteed by USAID. To be eligible for a USAID guaranty, the loans must be repayable in full no later than the thirtieth anniversary of the disbursement of the principal amount thereof. The USAID guaranty will be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America and will be issued pursuant to authority in Section 226 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. Disbursements under the loans will be subject to certain conditions required of the GOI by USAID as set forth in agreements between USAID and the GOI.

Additional information regarding USAID's responsibilities in this guaranty program can be obtained from the undersigned: Room 3417A N.S.,

2201 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20523-0030, Telephone: 202/647-9839.

Dated: December 13, 1996.

Michael G. Kitay,

Assistant General Counsel, Agency for
International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Judgment Under the Clean Water Act

In accordance both with a Court order dated November 19, 1996, and Department Policy, 28 C.F.R. § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. The Telluride Company*, Civil No. 93-K-2181 (D. Colo.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Colorado on October 15, 1996.

The November 19, 1996, Court order required, among other things, that the proposed Consent Decree be published in the Federal Register in each of three consecutive weeks. This is the third and final publication of the proposed Consent Decree.

The proposed Consent Decree concerns alleged violations of section 301(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), resulting from the defendants' unauthorized filling of over 46 acres of alpine wetlands as part of their mountain resort development near Telluride, San Miguel County, Colorado. As part of the proposed Consent Decree, defendants will be required to pay a penalty of \$1.1 million dollars and to implement a 16-acre restoration project to the satisfaction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Defendants have also agreed to abide by a site-wide management plan for the continued protection and preservation of the remaining wetlands that they own. The proposed Consent Decree preserves the United States' right to appeal in earlier ruling of the Court. If the appeal is successful, defendants will be obligated to perform an additional 15-acres of wetland restoration along the San Miguel River and pay an additional penalty of \$50,000.

The Clerk of the United States District Court will receive written comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree until January 23, 1997. Comments should be addressed to James R. Manspeaker, Clerk of the District Court, United States Courthouse, 1929 Stout Street, Denver, CO 80294. Please send a copy of any comments to Robert H. Foster, U.S. Department of Justice,