

refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is encouraged. The CMP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Nisqually NWR was established in 1974, “* * * for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds” (16 U.S.C. 715d). A CMP is needed to update the 1978 Nisqually NWR Conceptual Plan and facilitate potential changes in habitat management and associated public uses, with full public participation. Until the CMP is completed, Refuge management will be guided by official Refuge purposes; Federal legislation regarding management of national wildlife refuges; the Nisqually NWR Conceptual Plan and other legal, regulatory and policy guidance. The major issues to be addressed in the CMP include habitat protection and enhancement, boundary expansion and completion of the Refuge, riparian and tidal restoration, control of invasive and exotic vegetation, future flooding, compatibility of secondary uses, jurisdiction over navigable waters within the Refuge, public access and accessibility, and hunting and fishing. The plan will include the following topics:

(a) Habitat management, including management of forest, freshwater, estuarine, tidal and riparian areas, water courses, wetlands, old farm fields, and meadows;

(b) Wildlife population management, including federally-listed endangered and threatened species, migratory birds, and native mammals and fish;

(c) Public use management, including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation, hiking, biking;

(d) Cultural resource identification and protection; and

(e) Expansion of partnerships, community outreach and volunteers.

Alternatives (and their effects) that address the issues and management strategies associated with these topics will be included in the environmental document. With the publication of this notice, the public is encouraged to send written comments on these and other issues, courses of action that the Service should consider, and potential impacts that could result from CMP implementation on Nisqually NWR. Comments already received are on record and need not be resubmitted.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, Executive Order 12996, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations. We estimate that the draft environmental document will be available by Fall 1998.

Dated: September 25, 1997.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting, Regional Director, Region I, Portland Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Ruffe Control Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Ruffe Control Committee, a committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The purposes of the upcoming meeting are to: (1) Review current information on ruffe populations; (2) review progress on implementation of the eight components of the Ruffe Control Program; and (3) review the status of the Ruffe Control Program and the Committee. Products of the meeting will be: (1) material for a report to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force on 1997 activities; and (2) recommendations from the Committee to the Task Force regarding the future of the Ruffe Control Program and the Committee. An optional field trip is planned to trawl for ruffe in Duluth–Superior Harbor.

DATES: The Ruffe Control Committee will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, and 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon on Thursday, October 30, 1997. The optional field trip will begin at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Days Inn, 110 East Second Street, Superior, Wisconsin. The optional field trip will leave from the Days Inn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Busiahn, Chair, Ruffe Control Committee, at 715–682–6185, or Bob Peoples, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at 703–358–2025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal

Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Ruffe Control Committee, a committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force established under the authority of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701–4741). Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203–1622, and the Chair, Ruffe Control Committee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fishery Resources Office, 2800 Lake Shore Drive East, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: October 3, 1997.

Gary Edwards,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance, Species Task Force Assistant Director—Fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV–020–1990–01]

Final Environmental Impact Statement, Florida Canyon Mine Proposed Expansion and Comprehensive Reclamation Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement addressing the Florida Canyon Mine Proposed Expansion and Comprehensive Reclamation Plan, and the initiation of a 30-day review period

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, notice is given that the Winnemucca Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared, by third party contractor, a Final Environmental Impact Statement on Florida Canyon Mining Incorporated’s Florida Canyon Mine Expansion and Comprehensive Reclamation Plan. The mine is located on public and private lands in Pershing County, Nevada, approximately 35 miles northeast of Lovelock and 38 miles southwest of Winnemucca. This document will become available to the public for a 30-day review period before issuance of a Record of Decision.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

will be distributed and made available to the public on 10 October 1997. Comments on the FEIS must be received by the close of business 10 November 1997. On or after that date a Record of Decision will be issued regarding the Proposed Action.

A copy of the FEIS can be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office, ATTN: Ken Loda, Project NEPA Coordinator, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445. Those who did not receive the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) should request that document as well.

The FEIS and DEIS are also available for inspection at the following additional locations: Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, 850 Harvard Way, Reno, Nevada; Humboldt County Library, Winnemucca, Nevada; Pershing County Library, Lovelock, Nevada; Lander County Library, Battle Mountain, Nevada; and the University of Nevada Library in Reno, Nevada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ken Loda, Project NEPA Coordinator at the above Winnemucca Field Office address, by telephone at (702) 623-1500, or by email at kloda@nv.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS was prepared in abbreviated form, and with the DEIS (issued on 20 June 1997) they represent the complete Environmental Impact Statement. The FEIS responds to comments received on the DEIS. Together the documents analyze the potential direct, indirect and cumulative environmental impacts that could result from the expansion of the open pit and north and south waste rock storage areas; development of the new south heap leach pad; haul road; solution ponds; solution corridor/road; plant; monitoring wells/road; crusher site; diversion channels and sediment ponds; growth media stockpiles; exploration roads and drill sites; waste supply pipelines; realignment of the Johnson Canyon access road; and a revised comprehensive reclamation plan for the mine. Approximately 860 acres would be disturbed by the proposed mine expansion, of which 447 are public and 413 private. Approval of the proposed project would extend the life of the mine five years. Alternatives analyzed are the north extension of the heap leach pad alternative and the no action alternative.

Dated: September 26, 1997.

Ron Wenker,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-932-1430-01; AA-8917]

Public Land Order No. 7286; Partial Revocation of Public Land Order No. 664; Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes a public land order insofar as it affects approximately 148 acres of public land on Sitkinak Island, which was withdrawn in aid of contemplated legislation. The land is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was withdrawn. The land will continue to be withdrawn as part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, as established and designated by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 9, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shirley J. Macke, BLM Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue, No. 13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599, 907-271-5477.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 664, which withdrew public land on Sitkinak Island in aid of contemplated legislation, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

Seward Meridian

T. 42 S., R. 30 W., Tract B.

T. 41 S., R. 31 W.,

Tract B, excluding the northernmost portion described as follows:

Beginning at the true point for corner No. 1, Tract B, which is a meander corner on the westerly shore of Sitkinak Strait, and the true point of beginning;

Thence S. 32°12' W., 1.73 chs. to W.C.M.C. No. 1, a concrete-filled iron post with a brass cap established at latitude 56°35'20.69" N., longitude 154°04'27.53" W.;

Thence continuing S. 32°12' W., 26.21 chs. to W.C.M.C. No. 2, a concrete-filled iron post with a brass cap established at latitude 56°35'06.27" N., longitude 154°04'44.00" W.;

Thence continuing S. 32°12' W., 5.27 chs. to corner No. 2, Tract B, which is a meander corner on the northerly shore of Sitkinak Lagoon;

Thence northeasterly and southeasterly with the meanders of the mean-high tide line of the shore of Sitkinak Lagoon, approximately 12.94 chs. to a point;

Thence N. 56°24'57" E., approximately 12.54 chs. to a point on the mean-high tide line of the westerly shore of Sitkinak Strait;

Thence northwesterly with the meanders of the line of mean-high tide of the westerly shore of Sitkinak Strait, approximately 20 chs. to the true point of beginning. T. 42 S., R. 31 W., Tract C.

The area described, less the excluded portion, contains approximately 148 acres.

2. The land described above will remain withdrawn as part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, pursuant to Sections 303(1)(iv) and 304(c) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 668(dd) (1994); and will be subject to the terms and conditions of any other withdrawal or segregation of record.

Dated: September 26, 1997.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-930-1430-01; CACA 8026, CAS 051740, and CAS 2816]

Public Land Order No. 7289; Revocation of Executive Order No. 6544 and Public Land Orders No. 2618 and 4845; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes Executive Order No. 6544 and Public Land Order No. 2618, and revokes Public Land Order No. 4845, in its entirety, insofar as they affect 240 acres of lands withdrawn for the Forest Service's Gazelle Mountain fire lookout and the Bureau of Land Management's Copco Lake Access Area. The lands are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were withdrawn, and the revocations are necessary to facilitate a pending land exchange. The lands are temporarily closed to surface entry and mining because of the pending land exchange. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 9, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Duane Marti, BLM California State Office (CA-931.4), 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825; 916-978-4675.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Executive Order No. 6544 (CACA 8026), which withdrew public land for