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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Public Scoping Meetings for Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan

AGENCIES: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior; National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Oregon Department of Forestry (Applicant) has begun the development of a Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan) for state forest lands managed by the Applicant. The Applicant intends to submit the Plan to the Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (collectively, "the Services"), along with an application for an incidental take permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act).

This notice advises the public that the Services and Applicant have scheduled a series of public meetings to inform the public of a proposed Plan and the process of application for incidental take permits. The Services are seeking suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues related to the development of a Plan, including the range of alternatives that should be considered in the environmental review documents required under the National Environmental Policy Act. Public input may be written or oral (if provided at any of the public meetings). Information on dates and deadlines is provided below.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before February 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the scope of the environmental assessment or environmental impact statement should be labeled as "Attention—ODF HCP" and addressed to Mr. Russell Peterson at: Oregon State Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, 2600 SE 98th Avenue, Suite 100, Portland, Oregon 97266; telephone (503) 231-6179. Written comments may also be sent by facsimile to (503) 231-6195.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Mr. Joseph Zisa at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Applicant has initiated the development of a multi-species Habitat

Conservation Plan under the provisions of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act, in consultation with the Services. The Plan will be submitted to the Services as part of an application for an incidental take permit for approximately 630,000 acres of state forest land. This acreage includes approximately 520,000 acres in the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests in northwest Oregon and approximately 48,000 acres in the Santiam State Forest. The remaining covered acreage would include all other state forest lands west of the Cascade Mountains crest, with the exception of the Elliott State Forest in Coos and Douglas Counties. The Services issued an incidental take permit for the Elliott State Forest in 1995.

Once completed, the Applicant would submit the Plan as part of the incidental take permit application. The Services would evaluate the incidental take permit application and associated Plan in accordance with section 10(a)(2)(B) of the Act, and its implementing regulations. The environmental review of the Plan would be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations, as well as the implementing regulations of the Endangered Species Act. A No Action/No Project alternative will be considered consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

The proposed incidental take permit would cover the Applicant's management activities that would result in the incidental take of species currently listed under the Act. Additionally, the applicant would be requesting federal assurances regarding other, presently unlisted species occurring or potentially occurring on the above lands. Presently listed species that the proposed Plan and incidental take permit would potentially cover include the threatened northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), the threatened marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus marmoratus*), the threatened bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), and the endangered American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*). The proposed agreement covering conservation of unlisted species would include the proposed threatened coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and other species.

During this scoping process, the Services seek public and agency input regarding the development of the proposed Plan and potential issuance of incidental take permits.

Should the decision be made that an environmental impact statement is

appropriate, a separate Notice of Intent will be published in the **Federal Register**. Comments received during the scoping process referenced in this notice and any additional comments received following a future Notice of Intent shall be considered in the preparation of a draft environmental impact statement. At this time, the Services cannot estimate the time following the completion of this scoping process necessary for a decision regarding the selection of National Environmental Policy Act documentation and additional scoping.

Draft Plan and National Environmental Policy Act documents are not expected to be available for public review during this scoping process. The information gathered from scoping will be utilized in the development of such documents prior to a formal public review process later in 1998.

The Applicant is expected to present some of its proposals for the Plan to the public during the upcoming scoping meetings. These proposals do not necessarily represent those that will be included in the Plan as it undergoes further development. Such proposals may not be the product of complete consultation with the Services and have not been subject to formal evaluation for adequacy by the Services.

Meetings

As an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the scope of the environmental assessment or environmental impact statement and issues related to the development of the Plan, public scoping meetings are scheduled as follows:

November 17, 1997, Oregon Department of Forestry District Office, 4907 Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

November 18, 1997, Red Lion Inn, Chinook Room, 400 Industry Street, Astoria, Oregon, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

November 20, 1997, World Forestry Center, Portland, Oregon, 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., preceded by an informational workshop from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

December 2, 1997, Oregon Department of Forestry Headquarters, Conference Room, 2600 State Street, Salem, Oregon, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

December 3, 1997, Lane Community College, Forum Room 308, Eugene, Oregon, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

(For more detailed information regarding the above locations, please contact the Oregon Department of Forestry's Public Affairs Office at telephone (503) 945-7422 or (800) 482-6866.)

Comments

Comments received will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) at the above office. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be made available to the public.

Authority: This notice is being furnished pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act Regulations (40 CFR sections 1501.7 and 1508.22) to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives that would be analyzed or considered in preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: October 22, 1997.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians Resource Recovery Park Project, Riverside County, California**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent and public scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), with the cooperation of the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, intends to gather information necessary for preparing a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Cabazon Resource Recovery Park Project proposed for development on Section 6 of the Cabazon Reservation in Riverside County, California. A description of the proposed project, location, and environmental considerations to be addressed in the PEIS are provided below (see supplemental information). In addition to this notice, a public meeting regarding the proposed project and preparation of the PEIS will be held.

This notice is published in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations found in 40 CFR 1501.7. The purpose of this notice is to obtain suggestions and information from other

agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the PEIS. Comments and participation in this scoping process are encouraged.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 28, 1997. A public scoping meeting will be held November 13, 1997, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Ronald Jaeger, Area Director, Sacramento Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 4330 Watt Avenue, 4th Floor, North Highlands, California 95660. A public scoping meeting will be held on November 13, 1997, at the Tribal Hall, Cabazon Reservation, 84-245 Indio Springs Drive, Indio, California, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank Fryman, Acting Area Natural Resources Officer, Sacramento Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 4330 Watt Avenue, 4th Floor, North Highlands, California 95660, telephone number (916) 979-2575, extension 255; or Michael Derry, Development Manager, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, 84-245 Indio Springs Drive, Indio, California 92201, telephone number (760) 342-2593, extension 3015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Cabazon Band of Mission Indians plans to develop Section 6 of their Reservation, located between Avenue 62 and Avenue 66 on State Highway 111, south of the City of Coachella in Riverside County, California, into the Cabazon Resource Recovery Park (CRRP). The CRRP will be developed to include numerous industrial facilities in the areas of recycling, reclamation, and reuse of materials that would otherwise be disposed of as waste, and subsequent manufacturing of products from the reclaimed materials. The CRRP will build on the existing waste recycling industries already constructed on Section 6. Future types of industries to be pursued include: a catalytic converter recycling plant in which platinum metal is recovered; a waste tire recycling plant which will produce crumb rubber for numerous industrial and paving uses; a materials recovery facility (MRF) which will separate reusable materials from the municipal solid waste stream; a biomass to ethanol facility; a building block production facility; and a specialty plastic products manufacturer using plastics recovered at the MRF. Numerous other projects similar in nature are planned. An infrastructure will be constructed to support the facilities in the Park, including rail sidings, a road network, a sewage treatment plant, and a cogeneration plant. The project will use

the existing Southern Pacific rail line and the improved State Highway 86 for transportation of materials to and from the Park. The PEIS will address existing, developing, planned, and representative projects in the CRRP. Areas of environmental concern include: air quality, traffic and transportation, biological and botanical resources, and cultural resources. The range of issues addressed may be expanded based on comments received during the scoping process.

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Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted the proposed collection for information listed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3501 *et seq.*). On April 8, 1996, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 15510) requesting comments on the collection. The comment period ended June 7, 1996. No comments were received. Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the BLM Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirements should be made within 30 days directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0136), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, D.C., 20503, telephone (202) 395-7340. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Clearance Office (WO-630), 1849 C St., N.W., Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Nature of Comments: We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the Bureau of Land