

public open houses and/or submit written comments on the preliminary management alternatives. Comments already received are on record and need not be resubmitted.

Two public open houses will be held as follows:

July 29, 4pm–8pm, Colville High School, 154 Highway 20 East, Colville, Washington. (Presentation on alternatives at 6:30 pm)

July 30, 4pm–8pm, Inland NW Wildlife Council Building, 616 North Market St., Spokane, Washington. (Presentation on alternatives at 6:30 pm)

All comments received from individuals on Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations [40 CFR 1506.6(f)], and other Service and Departmental policy and procedures. When requested, the Service generally will provide comment letters with the names and addresses of the individuals who wrote the comments. However, the telephone number of the commenting individual will not be provided in response to such requests to the extent permissible by law. Additionally, public comment letters are not required to contain the commentator's name, address, or other identifying information. Such comments may be submitted anonymously to the Service.

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, the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

We estimate that the draft CCP / Environmental Impact Statement will be available in November, 1998.

Dated: July 10, 1998.

Don Weathers,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK–962–1410–00–P]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision approving lands for conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(h)(8) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(8), will be issued to the Bering Straits Native Corporation for 3,840 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Marys Igloo, Alaska, and are within T. 5 S., R. 30 W., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Nome Nugget. 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 August 24, 1998, 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.

Heather A. Coats,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO–030–08–1010–00–1784]

Southwest Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Notice; Resource Advisory Council Meeting

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 USC), notice is hereby given that the Southwest Resource Advisory Council

(Southwest RAC) will meet in Gunnison, Colorado.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: For additional information, contact Roger Alexander, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montrose District Office, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401; telephone 970–240–5335; TDD 970–240–5366; e-mail r2alexan@co.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The August 13, 1998, meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Aspinall-Wilson Center, South Room, 909 Escalante Drive, Gunnison, Colorado. The agenda will include discussions on the Montrose District's Fiscal Year 1999 Annual Work Plan priorities and updates on implementation of the Gunnison Sage Grouse Plan, the recreation guidelines, and on-going exchange efforts in the Montrose District. Time will be provided for public comments at 9:30 a.m.

All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council, or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. If necessary, a per-person time limit may be established by the Montrose District Manager.

Summary minutes for Council meetings are maintained in the Montrose District Office and on the World Wide Web at http://www.co.blm.gov/mdo/mdo_sw_rac.htm and are available for public inspection and reproduction within thirty (30) days following each meeting.

Dated: July 20, 1998.

Roger Alexander,

Public Affairs Specialist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ–020–08–A155; AZA–29932]

Notice of Realty Action Noncompetitive Sale of Public Lands in Maricopa County, Arizona

AGENCY: City of Glendale, BLM, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action, Noncompetitive Sale.

SUMMARY: The following public lands have been found suitable for direct sale under Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750; 43 U.S.C. 1713), at not less

than the estimated fair market value to be established by appraisal. The City of Glendale proposes to use the lands for an expansion to the already existing landfill operation. The land will not be offered for sale for at least 60 days after the date of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

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Sec. 1, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 80 acres in Maricopa County.

The land described above is hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws including the mining laws, pending disposition of this action or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first. It has been determined that there are no known mineral values, therefore the mineral interests shall be determined suitable for sale under Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2727; 43 U.S.C. 1719) and may be conveyed simultaneously.

The conveyance document, when issued, will contain certain reservations to the United States and will be subject to any existing rights-of-way and any other valid existing rights. Detailed information concerning this sale is available for review at the Phoenix Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Field Office Manager, Phoenix Field Office, at the above address.

In the absence of timely objections, this proposal shall become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: July 14, 1998.

Sandra R. Nelson,

Acting Assistant Field Manager, Support Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-010-98-1150-00]

Arizona: Amend the Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice to amend.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management has proposed to amend the Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan (RMP-1992), to modify RMP decisions to comply with the Endangered Species Act and to achieve the goals and objectives of the recovery plan for the Mojave population of desert tortoises, listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as threatened. Since the signing of the Record of Decision for the RMP, critical habitat has been designated, and the Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan (1994) has been approved by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS).

This amendment also addresses conservation and recovery of three other species federally listed as endangered: southwestern willow flycatcher, Virgin River chub, and woundfin minnows. Management of Virgin River chub and woundfin were addressed in the 1992 RMP. The RMP did not address southwestern willow flycatchers because the listing of southwestern willow flycatchers as endangered did not occur until 1995, after the RMP was finalized. Critical habitat for southwestern willow flycatchers was designated in 1997.

The proposed Decision Record documents approval of an amendment to the Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan. This amendment supercedes decisions in the RMP. Decisions contained in the amendment apply only to areas that are: within desert tortoise habitat as categorized by the Bureau in the RMP; within critical habitat as designated by USFWS; within any one of the four Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs); or within pastures of livestock grazing allotments containing tortoise habitat (including portions of Nevada and Lake Mead NRA that are administered by the Arizona Strip BLM).

The proposed decision is to implement the Proposed Action as described in Environmental Assessment AZ-010-95-01, with additional terms and conditions from USFWS biological opinion 2-21-96-F-132. The Proposed Action is designed to address tortoise recovery goals and objectives while reducing impacts on local communities and human activities that occur in the Mojave Desert.

BLM is proposing to designate three ACECs encompassing 169,300 acres (264.5 sq. miles) to be managed primarily for recovery of desert tortoises, and modify the prescriptions for the Virgin River ACEC (8,100 acres). Beaver Dam Slope ACEC: This would expand the existing ACEC to include tortoise habitat on public lands in Arizona north of I-15 and the Virgin

River but outside the Beaver Dam Wilderness Area, as categorized in the RMP. This area would complement management in Nevada and Utah and contain approximately 51,400 acres (80.3 sq. miles) in Arizona.

Virgin Slope ACEC: This area would include most tortoise habitat on public lands in Arizona between the Virgin River (or I-15) and the Virgin Mountains, as categorized in the RMP. A small portion of the Mesquite Community Allotment in Nevada would be managed consistent with the ACEC. This ACEC would contain approximately 41,375 acres (64.6 sq. miles) in Arizona.

Pakoon ACEC: This would include tortoise habitat on public lands in the Pakoon Basin. This area would contain approximately 76,525 acres (119.6 sq. miles). Activities administered by the Arizona Strip on Lake Mead NRA and on public lands in Nevada would be managed in accordance with ACEC prescriptions. This ACEC would be closed to livestock grazing.

Virgin River ACEC: There would be no change in the boundary of this ACEC (8,100 ac), although prescriptions would be modified to be consistent with the tortoise ACECs. BLM proposes to manage the following resources to reduce impacts on listed species and their habitats: mineral exploration and development, fire suppression, livestock grazing, vegetation harvest, lands and realty, transportation and access, off-highway vehicles, recreation, wild, free-roaming burros, wildlife management, and other surface-disturbing activities (such as military maneuvers and airports). Outside of the four ACECs there would be no change to decisions in the RMP, except that grazing would be managed in accordance with the grazing decisions issued August 11, 1995.

Management of the ACECs would be consistent with the recommendations found in the Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan. Land use prescriptions within ACECs would affect livestock grazing, lands and realty actions, wild burros, recreation, and other activities.

DATES: BLM proposes to implement the proposed action on August 31, 1998. Closure of the Pakoon ACEC to grazing would occur following a two-year notification period.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Protest procedures described in 43 CFR 1610.5-2 give the public an opportunity to seek administrative review of perceived oversights or inadequacies in a proposed plan. Any proposed decision in the resource management plan amendment may be protested. The