

guidelines established for management of federal lands designated as matrix under the Northwest Forest Plan will be applied to the municipal ownership for a period of 20 years. Under the Memorandum of Understanding the City shall:

(1) Maintain riparian buffers along South Fork Mill Creek and Crow Creek for a slope distance equal to or greater than the height of 2 site-potential trees from the edge of the stream channel in which 60 to 80 percent conifer canopy closure will be maintained.

(2) Cooperatively maintain, with the Forest Service, 100 acres of the best spotted owl habitat as close as possible to identified activity centers for all known spotted owl activity centers located on City-owned or Forest Service lands. City-owned habitat within activity centers on City-owned lands must be maintained until it is determined through accepted protocol survey efforts that the sites have been vacated by spotted owls for a period of 3 years.

(3) Timber management within retained 100-acre areas will be consistent with the guidelines for Late-Successional Reserves as defined in the Northwest Forest Plan.

(4) Provide for maintenance of adequate levels of coarse woody debris during timber harvest activities on City-owned lands based upon a target (where present and practicable) of 120 linear feet of logs per acre, 16 inches in diameter or greater and 16 feet long, for regeneration harvests, and appropriately modified for partial-cut harvests (modified targets to be developed jointly with the Forest Service).

Phase I of this Plan is a commitment by the City to abide by the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding for a period of 20 years. Phase II of the Plan will last for a period of 10 years, during which the City would either continue conditions set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding or ensure that the following conditions are met:

(1) Either 79 acres of owl nesting, roosting, or foraging habitat and an additional 730 acres of dispersal or better habitat is maintained on the permit lands or 100 acres of nesting, roosting, or foraging habitat and an additional 590 acres of dispersal or better habitat is maintained on the permit area. The above habitat requirements must be within the permit area, but need not be the same habitat currently existing on the permit area.

(2) Impacts to any known owl-occupied sites on or adjacent to the ownership would be minimized through: the avoidance of the 70-acre core area surrounding site centers until

the sites have been determined by the Service to be vacant for 3 years; and no harvest activities within 1/4 mile of a known, active nest site between 01 March and 30 June.

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the City Plan qualifies as a "Low-Effect" Plan as defined by the Service's Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook. Low-Effect Plans are those involving: (1) minor or negligible effects on federally listed and candidate species and their habitats; and (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources. As more fully explained in the Service's Environmental Action Statement, the City Plan qualifies as a Low Effect Plan for the following reasons:

(1) Approval of the Plan will result in minor or negligible effects on the owl and other listed or proposed species. Due to the low quality of this area for habitat suitability and occupation by owls and the minimization measures contained in the Plan, the amount of take likely to occur is low. The Service anticipates the take of approximately two owl sites over the entire 30-year permit duration. This level of loss would likely have occurred absent this proposed action due to management actions undertaken on adjacent federal land.

(2) The Plan will not have adverse effects on unique geographic, historic or cultural sites, or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

(3) Approval of the Plan will not result in any cumulative or growth-inducing impacts and, therefore, will not result in significant adverse effects on public health or safety.

(4) The project does not require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, nor does it threaten to violate a Federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

(5) Approval of this Plan will not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

The Service has therefore made a preliminary determination that approval of the City Plan qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act, as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1). Based upon this preliminary determination, we do not intend to prepare further National Environmental Policy Act

documentation. The Service will consider public comments in making its final determination on whether to prepare such additional documentation.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act. The Service will evaluate the permit application, Plan, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the northern spotted owl. The final permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: December 29, 1998.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Service Regulations Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (hereinafter Service) will conduct an open meeting on January 27, 1999, to identify and discuss preliminary issues concerning the 1999-2000 migratory bird hunting regulations.

DATES: January 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The Service Regulations Committee will meet at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington Square Building, Room 200 A/B, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert J. Blohm, Acting Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, ms 634-ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, (703) 358-1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Representatives from the Service, the Service's Migratory Bird Regulations Committee, and Flyway Council Consultants will meet on January 27, 1999, at 8:30 a.m. to identify preliminary issues concerning the 1999-2000 migratory bird hunting regulations for discussion and review by the Flyway Councils at their March meetings.

In accordance with 50 CFR 20.153 and Departmental policy regarding meetings of the Service Regulations Committee attended by any person

outside the Department, these meetings are open to public observation. Members of the public may submit written comments on the matters discussed to the Director.

Dated: December 30, 1998.

Thomas O. Melius,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that a meeting of the Advisory Board for the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Best Western Sunridge Inn, One Sunridge Lane, Baker City, Oregon 97814.

At an appropriate time, the Board will recess for approximately one hour for lunch. Public comments will be received from 12:00 p.m. to 12:15 p.m., February 3, 1999. Topics to be discussed are the University of Idaho Marketing Internship, FY99 Budget, an update on FY99 Recommendations and reports from Coordinators of Subcommittees.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and run to 4:00 p.m. February 3, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David B. Hunsaker, Bureau of Land Management, National Historic Oregon Trail, Interpretive Center, P.O. Box 987, Baker City, OR 97814, Telephone 541-523-1845.

Lynn P. Findley,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Policy Outreach Symposium on Reforestation at Surface Coal Mines; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the objectives of the Government Performance and Results Act and the Vice-President's National Performance Review, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) of the U.S. Department of the Interior is soliciting the participation of interested parties to discuss policy and technical issues related to reforestation on active and abandoned mines. On May 13, 1998, OSM held an initial meeting to seek public input on possible roles OSM might play in encouraging reforestation, where appropriate. Based on the results of that session, OSM is planning to host a number of events, including a Policy Outreach Symposium on Reforestation at Surface Coal Mines. The Symposium will be held in Washington, DC on January 14, 1999. The purpose of the symposium is to provide a forum to discuss current policy issues relevant to reforestation of mined lands and to obtain public input on how to encourage tree planting on active and abandoned mined lands.

DATES: The Policy Outreach Symposium On Reforestation at Surface Coal Mines will be a public meeting held in Washington, D.C., on January 14, 1999, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The Policy Outreach Symposium On Reforestation will be held at the South Interior Building's Auditorium, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Please refer to our home page, or contact Ms. Sarah Donnelly listed under For Further Information Contact, for additional information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Donnelly at: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Room 210-SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone: (202) 208-2826; FAX: (202) 219-3111; E-Mail address on the Internet: sdonnell@osmre.gov. Any individual who needs special accommodations to attend the public meeting should contact Sarah Donnelly at the above address. Please refer to OSM's home page at www.osmre.gov for additional information on the Symposium. The meeting is open to the public. Limited seating for the public is available on a first-come, first serve basis. To assist us in planning seating for this event, please register via OSM's home page or at the address listed at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planned program agenda for the Symposium includes the following:

State/Tribal/Industry Reforestation Comments—Review of State/Tribal and industry views on current reforestation policies, including nationwide overview of successful policies, practices, and of dilemmas.

State/Tribal Tree Planting Statistics—Nationwide overview of forestry as a post-mining land use. Quantity and quality of reforestation on active and abandoned sites, as well as, an assessment of State interest in reforestation issues will be addressed.

Site Preparation Issues—How do AOC and other grading requirements influence tree planting?; How does soil restoration, in particular, excessive compaction play into successful reforestation from a policy perspective?

Land Use Issues—How do the land use capability requirements and landowner desires influence the restoration of mined lands to forestry?

Erosion Control Issues—What are the effects of our soil stabilization policies and regulations (e.g., rills and gullies) on successful restoration of forestry land use?

Revegetation Issues—How do the revegetation standards for success influence tree planting?; Are there feasible alternatives within the current regulatory framework that would encourage reforestation?

Reforestation Efforts on AML Lands—What are the keys to current, successful AML reforestation programs?; What would encourage an increase in tree planting on AML sites—supplemental "tree planting grants", reforestation awards category, use of reforestation on remined lands?

Dated: December 29, 1998.

Robert J. Ewing,

Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-417]

Certain Code Hopping Remote Control Systems, Including Components and Integrated Circuits Used Therein; Notice of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1337.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on December 1, 1998, under section 337 of