

1988 requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. Information presented during the public comment period has been considered in the preparation of the final recovery plan, and is summarized in the appendix to the recovery plan. We will forward substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions.

All 13 plant taxa covered in this recovery plan are endemic to the northern Channel Islands (Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and San Miguel), with the exception of a few populations of island rush-rose that occur on the more southerly island of Santa Catalina. These plants occur in a variety of habitats: coastal terrace, coastal bluff scrub, coastal sage scrub, and chaparral. All 13 plant taxa and their habitats have been variously affected or are currently threatened by one or more of the following: soil loss; historic and continuing habitat alteration by mammals alien to the Channel Islands (pigs, goats, sheep, donkeys, cattle, deer, elk, horses, bison); direct predation by these same alien mammals; habitat alteration by native seabirds; competition with alien plant taxa; and increased vulnerability to extinction due to reduced genetic viability, depressed reproductive vigor, and the chance of extinction from random naturally occurring events because of small numbers of individuals and isolated populations.

The objective of this plan is to conserve the plants so that protection by the Act is no longer necessary. Actions necessary to accomplish this objective include active control programs for introduced animals, implementation of an interagency Conservation Strategy, habitat restoration and weed control, surveys, conservation research, seed storage in cooperating facilities, and development of techniques for germination, propagation, and outplanting.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: February 15, 2001.

Michael J. Spear,

Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Mitten Crab Control Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Mitten Crab Control Committee. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Mitten Crab Control Committee will meet from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The Mitten Crab Control Committee Meeting will be held in the Pavilion Room at the Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at 703-358-2308 or by e-mail at sharon_gross@fws.gov or Kim Webb, Mitten Crab Control Committee Chair, at 209-946-6400.

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 Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Mitten Crab Control Committee. The ANS Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

Topics to be covered during the Mitten Crab Control Committee meeting include: a review of the life history of the mitten crab, a description of the California invasion, a review of the draft management plan, an update of the current status, and a discussion of Committee actions to further develop a comprehensive management plan.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: February 14, 2001.

Cathleen I. Short,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistance Director—Fisheries and Habitat Restoration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Addition to Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the 114 acre expansion of the Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge.

DATES: This action was effective on February 9, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew French, Chief, Division of Realty, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2nd Floor, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts. Telephone 413-253-8590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This property has been identified as the preferred site for the proposed Rhode Island National Wildlife Complex visitor center. The property is also within the boundary of all the proposed alternatives of the draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan currently proposed for the Rhode Island Complex.

Based on the information contained in the decision document, a categorical exclusion was signed on December 20, 2000, by the Regional Director.

Dated: February 9, 2001.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Notice of Proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) Negotiations Under the Technology Transfer Act of 1986

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Schering-Plough Animal Health Corporation to seek U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of the antibacterial florfenicol for use in public and private aquaculture.

Inquiries: If any other parties are interested in similar activities with the USGS, please contact: William H. Gingerich, 2630 Fanta Reed Road, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54603; Telephone 608-783-6451; Internet "bill_gingerich@usgs.gov".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Susan Haseltine,

Chief Scientist for Biology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-500-0777-XG-2522]

Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) will be held on March 8 in Canon City, Colorado. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m. at the Holy Cross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway 50, Canon City, Colorado. Topics will include a discussion on RAC operations and coordination and an update on the Arkansas River Water Needs Assessment and Arkansas Headwaters Management Plan. All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council at 9:30 a.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. The Center Manager may limit the length of oral presentations depending on the number of people wishing to speak.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2001 from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Front Range Center, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Smith at (719) 269-8500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Summary minutes for the Council meeting will be maintained in the Canon City Center and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: February 9, 2001.

Levi Deike,

Front Range Center Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-700-01-1220-AL-1784]

Southwest Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; Southwest Resource Advisory Council meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Resource Advisory Council (Southwest RAC) will meet in April, 2001 in Durango, Colorado.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: For additional information, contact Roger Alexander, Bureau of Land Management, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401; phone 970.240.5335; e-mail roger_alexander@co.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The April 12, 2001 meeting will be held at the San Juan Public Lands Center, Sonoran Rooms A & B, 15 Burnett Court in Durango, Colorado. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and end no later than 4:30 p.m. The agenda will include a presentation on BLM's oil and gas program responsibilities and RAC business items for 2001. General public comment is scheduled for 9:15 a.m.

Summary minutes for Council meetings are maintained at BLM's Western Slope Center office in Montrose and on the internet at <http://www.co.blm.gov/swrac/swrac.htm> and are available for public inspection and reproduction within thirty (30) days following each meeting.

Dated: February 9, 2001.

Roger Alexander,

Public Affairs Specialist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-1310-00]

Notice of Intent for Planning Analyses

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent for Planning Analyses.

SUMMARY: The Jackson Field Office, Eastern States, will prepare Planning Analyses (PA) for consideration of leasing several scattered tracts of Federal mineral estate for oil and gas

exploration and development. The PAs will be prepared in concert with Environmental Analyses (EA).

This notice is issued pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.7 and Title 43 CFR 1610.2(c). The planning effort will follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 1600.

The public is invited to participate in this planning process, beginning with the identification of planning issues and criteria.

DATES: Comments relating to the identification of planning issues and criteria will be accepted for thirty days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Bureau of Land Management, Jackson Field Office, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Mississippi 39206.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Quazi T. Islam, Physical Scientist, Jackson Field Office, (601) 977-5400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM has responsibility to consider applications to lease Federal mineral estate for oil and gas exploration and development. An interdisciplinary team will be used in the preparation of the PA/EAs. Preliminary issues, subject to change as a result of public input, are (1) potential impacts of oil and gas exploration and development on the surface resources and (2) consideration of restrictions on lease rights to protect surface resources. A separate analysis will be prepared for all tracts within each state. Tract locations, along with acreages, are listed below.

Alabama, Tuscaloosa County, Huntsville Meridian,

T 18 S, R 8 W, Section 8:N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 80.0 acres.

Alabama, Tuscaloosa County, Huntsville Meridian,

T 18 S, R 9 W, Section 18:SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 19:NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; Section 30:NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; and Section 31:SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 200.0 acres.

Alabama, Tuscaloosa County, Huntsville Meridian,

T 19 S, R 9 W, Section 8:SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 40.0 acres.

Alabama, Tuscaloosa County, Huntsville Meridian,

T 19 S, R 8 W, Section 30:NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, & NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 200.0 acres.

Louisiana, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana Meridian,

T 14 S, R 18 E, Section 19: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, 75.48 acres.

Mississippi, Amite County, Washington Meridian,

T 1 N, R 4 E, Section 26: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and all