

Dispersed camping would be allowed (except within one-quarter mile of the Sterling Highway) under all of the alternatives, but would be limited to 14 days in any 30-day period under Alternative A; limited to 24 hours within any 14-day period within 100 yards of the river under Alternative B; not allowed within 100 yards of the river under Alternatives C and E (the Preferred Alternative); limited to 48 hours within any 14-day period within 100 yards of the river and within 1 mile of the Kenai River/Skilak Lake inlet/outlet under Alternative D.

For the Middle Kenai River (Skilak Lake downstream to the Refuge boundary), non-guided public use would be allowed without restriction under Alternatives A and B. Such use would be allowed without restriction under Alternatives C and E (the Preferred Alternative) until a Limits-of-Acceptable Change planning process is completed with stakeholders; and Alternative D would implement a limited permit program after a public rulemaking process is conducted.

Sportfishing guides would be required to have special use permits under all of the alternatives, though such permits would be issued without limit under Alternative A. Under Alternative B, the need to implement a permitting process would be evaluated after the conclusion of the ongoing Kenai River-wide guide process. Under Alternatives C and E (the Preferred Alternative), permits would be limited to the number of existing permittees, and existing permittees would be "grandfathered" in after a public rulemaking process is conducted; under Alternative D, permits would be limited to 20 through a competitive selection process, and management of the timing and starts of boats would be initiated.

Issue 5: Balance Motorized Access With Resource and Visitor-Experience Protection

Under all the alternatives, airplane access would not be allowed May 1 to September 30 on any lake where nesting trumpeter swans and/or their broods are present, except on two lakes in designated Wilderness—where the closure would be May 1 to September 10 under Alternatives A through C and E (the Preferred Alternative)—and five lakes in designated Wilderness plus one lake outside of designated Wilderness under Alternative D. Airplane access would be allowed on 46 lakes in designated Wilderness under Alternatives A and E (the Preferred Alternative); 45 lakes under Alternative B; 50 lakes under Alternative C; and 59 lakes under Alternative D.

Under all the alternatives, floatplane access to Chickaloon Flats would be allowed on 6.5 miles of the Chickaloon River. Under Alternative A, wheeled airplane access would be allowed year-round within designated areas of the Chickaloon Flats area, including three upland landing zones, a designated beach zone, and the unmaintained Big Indian Creek airstrip. Under Alternatives B through E (the Preferred Alternative), wheeled airplane access would be allowed on 21 square miles of unvegetated portions of the Chickaloon Flats area. Access would also be allowed on the unmaintained Big Indian Creek airstrip under Alternatives B and E (the Preferred Alternative). Under Alternatives C and D, access would be allowed on the Big Indian Creek airstrip, which would be maintained by the Service; and under Alternative D, an additional 6.8 square miles of unvegetated portions of the Chickaloon Flats would be accessible September 1 to December 15 (or to coincide with future waterfowl hunting seasons).

Under Alternatives A through C and E (the Preferred Alternative), snowmachines would be allowed in designated areas December 1 to April 30 when the refuge manager determines there is adequate snow cover. Under Alternative C, certain zones within designated areas may be opened earlier (than December 1) or later (than April 30) depending on local snow conditions.

Under Alternative D, the December 1 to April 30 time restriction would be eliminated, and certain zones within designated areas may be opened depending on local snow conditions. Under Alternatives B through E (the Preferred Alternative), research studies would be conducted with stakeholders to evaluate the effects of snowmachine use on Refuge resources and visitor experiences, and the results of those studies would be used to support future management decisions.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will make all comments from individual persons part of the official public record. We will handle requests for such comments in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA,

and Departmental policies and procedures.

Dated: August 21, 2009.

Gary Edwards,

Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anchorage, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Information Quality Guidelines Pursuant to Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001

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

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Revised Peer Review Guidelines.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of Availability of the amended Information Quality guidelines of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM). OSM's amended guidelines implement the Information Quality guidelines published by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the **Federal Register**. The OMB guidelines directed Federal agencies to issue and implement guidelines to ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of Government information disseminated to the public. Accordingly, OSM is amending its Information Quality Guidelines in order to provide current information about the title of the Information Quality contact. We are making no other substantive changes. We are making minor, non-substantive editorial and technical corrections. The corrected guidelines are available on the OSM Internet Web site at: http://www.osmre.gov/guidance/osm_info_quality.shtm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20240. Telephone (202) 208–2961 or by e-mail to infoquality@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The OSM guidelines, as amended, implement guidelines published by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2001 (66 FR 49718) and February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8451). The OMB guidelines directed Federal agencies to issue and implement guidelines to ensure and maximize the

quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of Government information disseminated to the public. Our Information Quality Guidelines were published in the **Federal Register** on November 13, 2002 (67 FR 68882). The amendments addressed in this notice reflect OSM organizational changes, by making appropriate changes in OSM contact information. Our amendments make no other substantive changes in our guidelines; however, they make other minor technical and editing corrections. As noted above, the corrected guidelines are available on the OSM Internet Web site at: http://www.osmre.gov/guidance/osm_info_quality.shtm.

Dated: July 28, 2009.

Glenda H. Owens

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands.

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet Monday, September 28, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., local time. This will be a one day meeting.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will meet in Arlington, Virginia at the Hyatt Arlington, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209. Their phone number for reservations is 1-800-233-1234.

Written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, National Wild Horse and Burro Program, WO-260, Attention: Ramona DeLorme, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada 89502-7147. Submit written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting no later than close of business September 23, 2009. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access and filing address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ramona DeLorme, Wild Horse and Burro Administrative Assistant, at 775-861- 6583. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may reach Ms. DeLorme at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Meeting

Under the authority of 43 CFR part 1784, the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the BLM, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief of the Forest Service, on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:

Monday, September 28, 2009 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

8 a.m. Call to Order & Introductions:

8:15 a.m. Old Business:

Update Pending Litigation

8:45 a.m. Program Updates:

Gathers

Adoptions

Facilities

Forest Service Update

Break (9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.)

9:45 a.m. Program Updates

(continued):

Program Accomplishments

Lunch (11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.)

1 p.m. New Business:

Break (2:45 p.m.-3 p.m.)

3 p.m. Public Comments

4 p.m. Board Recommendations

4:45 p.m. Recap/Summary/Next Meeting/Date/Site

5 p.m. Adjourn

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability needing an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, such as an interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

The Federal Advisory Committee Management Regulations [41 CFR 101-6.1015(b)] require BLM to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of a meeting 15 days prior to the meeting date.

II. Public Comment Procedures

Members of the public may make oral statements to the Advisory Board on September 28, 2009 at the appropriate

point in the agenda. This opportunity is anticipated to occur at 3 p.m., local time. Persons wishing to make statements should register with the BLM by noon on September 28, 2009 at the meeting location. Depending on the number of speakers, the Advisory Board may limit the length of presentations. At previous meetings, presentations have been limited to three minutes in length. Speakers should address the specific wild horse and burro-related topics listed on the agenda. Speakers must submit a written copy of their statement to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section or bring a written copy to the meeting.

Participation in the Advisory Board meeting is not a prerequisite for submission of written comments. The BLM invites written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reason for any recommendation. The BLM appreciates any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on management and protection of wild horses and burros are those that are either supported by quantitative information or studies or those that include citations to and analysis of applicable laws and regulations. Except for comments provided in electronic format, speakers should submit two copies of their written comments where feasible. The BLM will not necessarily consider comments received after the time indicated under the **DATES** section or at locations other than that listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

In the event there is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for a copy of your comments, the BLM will make them available in their entirety, including your name and address. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. The BLM will release all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, in their entirety, including names and addresses.

Electronic Access and Filing Address

Speakers may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to: