

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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Butte Sink, Willow Creek-Lurline, and North Central Valley Wildlife Management Areas; Tehama, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Yuba, Sutter, Placer, Yolo, Solano, Contra Costa, and San Joaquin Counties, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and environmental assessment (EA) for Butte Sink, Willow Creek-Lurline, and North Central Valley Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). The WMAs are part of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex. We provide this notice in compliance with our CCP policy to advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intentions, and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the planning process.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments by January 15, 2010. We will announce opportunities for public input in local news media throughout the CCP process.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments or requests for more information by any of the following methods.

E-mail: Jackie Ferrier@fws.gov. Include "CCP" in the subject line of the message.

Fax: Attn: Jackie Ferrier, (530) 934-7814.

U.S. Mail: Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, 752 County Road 99W, Willows, California, 95988.

In-Person Drop-off: You may drop off comments during regular business hours at the above address.

Additional information about the CCP planning process is available on the Internet at <http://sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Mensik, Acting Project Leader, at (530) 934-2801 or Jackie Ferrier, Planning Team Leader, at (530) 934-2801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we initiate our process for developing a CCP for Butte

Sink, Willow Creek-Lurline, and North Central Valley WMAs, in Tehama, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Yuba, Sutter, Placer, Yolo, Solano, Contra Costa, and San Joaquin counties, CA. This notice complies with our CCP policy to (1) Advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on this refuge and (2) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the environmental document and during development of the CCP.

Background

The CCP Process

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Improvement Act), which amended the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Improvement Act.

Each unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the National Wildlife Refuge System mission, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Our CCP process provides participation opportunities for Tribal, State, and local governments; agencies; organizations; and the public. At this

time we encourage input in the form of issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of [the] North Central Valley, Willow Creek-Lurline, and Butte Sink WMAs.

We will conduct the environmental review of this project and develop an EA in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; and our policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations.

Butte Sink, Willow Creek-Lurline, and North Central Valley Wildlife Management Areas

Sacramento NWRC consists of five NWRs and three wildlife management areas. This CCP will include Butte Sink, Willow Creek-Lurline, and North Central Valley WMAs. The Butte Sink WMA was established in 1979 and currently consists of 733 acres of fee title lands and 35 conservation easements on approximately 10,260 acres. The acquisition objective for the Butte Sink WMA has been met. The Willow Creek-Lurline WMA was established in 1985 and currently consists of 84 conservation easements on approximately 5,795 acres; with an approved acquisition objective of 8,000 acres within Glenn and Colusa counties. The North Central Valley WMA was established in 1991 and currently consists of approximately 1,732 acres of fee title lands and 28 conservation easements on approximately 14,740 acres; with an approved acquisition objective of 55,000 acres within eleven counties.

The vast majority of wetlands in the Central Valley have been converted to agricultural, industrial, and urban development. The WMAs consist of intensively managed wetlands, associated uplands and riparian habitats that support large concentrations of migratory birds and many other wetland-dependent species. Collectively, these lands play a significant role in supporting approximately forty percent of Pacific Flyway wintering waterfowl populations.

Scoping: Preliminary Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities

We have identified preliminary issues, concerns, and opportunities that could be addressed in the CCP. These issues are briefly summarized below. During public scoping additional issues may be identified.

During the CCP planning process, the Service will evaluate: Methods for enhancing the wildlife and habitat resources, water supply and quality, mosquito control/public health, long-term easement compliance monitoring, and future acquisitions. Visitor service opportunities on fee title lands will also be evaluated.

Public Meetings

We will give the public an opportunity to provide input at public meetings. You can obtain the schedule from the planning team leader or project leader (*see ADDRESSES*). You may also submit comments anytime during the planning process by mail, e-mail, or fax (*see ADDRESSES*). There will be additional opportunities to provide public input once we have prepared a draft CCP.

Public Availability of Comments

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.

Dated: November 20, 2009.

Ren Lohofener,

Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington State Office, Portland, Oregon, 30 days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian,

Oregon

T. 19 S., R. 6 W., accepted October 2, 2009.
T. 30 S., R. 2 W., accepted October 15, 2009.
T. 22 S., R. 8 W., accepted October 16, 2009.

T. 23 S., R. 3 W., accepted October 16, 2009.
T. 19 S., R. 5 W., accepted October 23, 2009.
T. 29 S., R. 9 W., accepted October 23, 2009.
T. 31 S., R. 4 W., accepted October 29, 2009.

Washington

T. 23 N., R. 10 W., accepted October 23, 2009.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the plats may be obtained from the Land Office at the Oregon/Washington State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 333 SW. 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204, upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file a notice that they wish to protest (at the above address) with the Oregon/Washington State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, Branch of Geographic Sciences, Bureau of Land Management, 333 SW. 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204.

Dated: November 13, 2009.

Fred O'Ferrall,

Branch of Lands and Minerals Resources.

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Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes Act Sale Classification; Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has determined that certain public lands in Custer County, Idaho are suitable for classification for conveyance to the Custer County Commission, under authority of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, June 14, 1926, (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*) as amended.

DATES: Comments regarding the proposed classification for conveyance must be received by January 14, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Detailed information concerning this action, including but not limited to documentation related to compliance with applicable environmental and cultural resource laws, is available for review at the BLM Challis Field Office. Address all written comments concerning this Notice to David Rosenkrance, BLM Challis Field Office Manager, 1151 Blue Mountain Road, Challis, Idaho 83226-9304.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Vanek, Realty Specialist, BLM Challis Field Office, (208) 879-6218, or by e-mail at: timothy_vanek@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Challis Shooting Range is approximately 2½ miles north of Challis, Idaho and approximately 0.8 mile west of Challis Creek Road. The public land portion of the Challis Shooting Range has been examined and found suitable for conveyance to the Custer County Commission under the provisions of the R&PP Act, as amended. The subject parcel is at the following legal land description:

Boise Meridian

T. 14 N., R. 19. E.,
Sec. 17, N½SW¼.

The area described contains approximately 80 acres in Custer County.

The 80 acres is currently authorized under an R&PP lease, identified with BLM serial number IDI-14152-01, to the Custer County Commission, and operated and managed by the Central Idaho Rod & Gun Club (CIRGC), which is a non-profit organization. The current lease was originally granted in July 1981 and renewed in November 2006. To comply with the R&PP Act, as amended and current BLM policy found in Instruction Memorandum 2008-074 (Change 1) dated December 2, 2008, the renewal decision included a bar on further renewals. The lease will expire in November 2011.

CIRGC developed the subject parcel with a rifle range, rifle shooting stations/benches with overhead cover, target backstops at 100-yard intervals out to 600-yards, and a two-track road extending the length of the range. Also, as a part of the rifle range, CIRGC uses a 1000-yard backstop which is an earthen berm. However, it is not part of the 80-acres currently authorized by the R&PP lease, nor is it listed for disposal in the BLM Challis Resource Management Plan. Hence, it is not part of this sale classification. The subject parcel is adjacent to private property owned by the CIRGC which developed the site with a clubhouse, access road and parking area, shotgun trap shooting stations, pistol range, and a public restroom.

The Custer County Commission proposes to use the land to continue operation of the Challis Shooting Range. Custer County holding R&PP title to the subject parcel would also provide the CIRGC freedom to make future improvements to the facility. There are no other use authorizations on the subject parcel. Conveyance of the subject parcel is consistent with the