

restoration projects in the Gulf of Mexico to begin addressing injuries to natural resources caused by the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill. The Framework Agreement represents a preliminary step toward the restoration of injured natural resources and replacement of the lost use of those resources and their services. The Framework Agreement is intended to expedite the start of restoration in the Gulf in advance of the completion of the injury assessment process. The Framework Agreement provides a mechanism through which the Trustees and BP can work together "to commence implementation of early restoration projects that will provide meaningful benefits to accelerate restoration in the Gulf as quickly as practicable" prior to the resolution of the Trustees' natural resource damages claim. Early restoration is not intended to, and does not fully address all injuries caused by the Spill. Restoration beyond early restoration projects will be required to fully compensate the public for natural resource losses from the Spill.

The Trustees' key objective in pursuing early restoration is to secure tangible recovery of natural resources and natural resource services for the public's benefit while the longer-term process of fully assessing injury and damages is underway. As the first step in this accelerated process, the Trustees released, after public review of a draft, a Phase I ERP in April 2012. In December 2012, after public review of a draft, the Trustees released a Phase II ERP. Collectively, the Phase I and Phase II ERPs include a total of ten projects that were selected by the Trustees and, after negotiations in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement, agreed to by BP. Those restoration actions include nine separate projects that are ready for implementation, and one project that the Trustees have selected for completion for project design and final NEPA review. The Trustees have begun implementing many of the projects selected in the Phase I and Phase II ERPs.

#### Phase III Early Restoration

On May 6, 2013, NOAA issued a public notice in the **Federal Register** on behalf of the Trustees. The public notice announced the Trustees' intent to propose additional future early restoration projects for the purpose of continuing the process of using early restoration funding to restore natural resources, ecological services, and human use services injured or lost as a result of the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill disaster. The Trustees expect to propose

those early restoration projects, and potentially additional early restoration projects, to the public in a Phase III DERP, which will evaluate restoration alternatives under OPA, the Framework Agreement, and all applicable legal requirements. The Trustees intend to consider both ecological and human use restoration projects to restore injuries caused by the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill, addressing the physical and biological environment as well as the relationship people have with the environment.

As noted above, the Trustees intend to prepare a PEIS in accordance with NEPA to evaluate the environmental consequences of restoration projects that the Trustees intend to propose in a Phase III DERP. In addition, the Trustees intend to evaluate early restoration project types in the PEIS in order to allow the Trustees to tier NEPA analyses for future early restoration projects to the PEIS, where appropriate. Examples of the early restoration project types the Trustees intend to evaluate in the PEIS could include: Create and improve wetlands; protect shorelines and reduce erosion; restore barrier islands and beaches; restore submerged aquatic vegetation; restore oysters; restore and protect finfish and shellfish; restore and protect birds; restore and protect sea turtles; enhance public access to natural resources for recreational use; enhance recreational experiences; promote environmental and cultural stewardship, education, and outreach; enhance management of recreational uses; and, remove and reduce land-based and marine debris.

Throughout the early restoration process, the Trustees have actively solicited public input on restoration project ideas through a variety of mechanisms, including public meetings, electronic communication, and creation of a Trustee-wide public Web site and database to share information and receive public project submissions. The Trustees received extensive comments and restoration project ideas during the scoping process for a comprehensive Gulf Spill Restoration PEIS prepared by NOAA on behalf of the Trustees in 2011 (76 FR 9327–9328). NOAA's preparation of a draft comprehensive Gulf Spill Restoration PEIS on behalf of the Trustees is intended to apply to all natural resource restoration following the completion of the NRDA, which is still underway. The PEIS that is the subject of this Notice of Intent is specifically and more narrowly focused on early restoration.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify the concerns of the affected public and federal agencies, states, and

Indian tribes, involve the public in the decision making process, facilitate efficient early restoration planning and environmental review, define the issues and alternatives that will be examined in detail, and save time by ensuring that draft documents adequately address relevant issues. The scoping process reduces paperwork and delay by ensuring that important issues are considered early in the decision making process. Following the scoping process, the Trustees will prepare a draft PEIS and Phase III DERP, at which time the public will be encouraged to comment on the document(s). Similar to the scoping process, public comment meetings will be held at that time to gather public input on the document(s).

#### Invitation To Comment

The Trustees seek public involvement in the scoping process and development of the PEIS. The Trustees invite public comment during the 60-day public comment period regarding the scope, content, and any significant issues the Trustees should consider in the PEIS.

#### Next Steps

Following scoping, the Trustees intend to release the draft PEIS and Phase III DERP by late 2013 or early 2014. At that time, the Trustees will invite public review and comment on the document(s).

#### Administrative Record

The documents comprising the Administrative Record can be viewed electronically at the following location: <http://www.doi.gov/deepwaterhorizon>.

#### Authority

The authority of this action is the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.), and the implementing Natural Resource Damage Assessment regulations found at 15 CFR part 990.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Wildland Fire Executive Council Meeting Schedule

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., 2, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Wildland Fire Executive Council (WFEC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The next meeting will be held June 25–26, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 25–26, 2013 at the National Association of Counties, 25 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shari Eckhoff, Designated Federal Officer, 300 E Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho 83706; telephone (208) 334–1552; fax (208) 334–1549; or email [Shari\\_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Shari_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The WFEC is established as a discretionary advisory committee under the authorities of the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture, in furtherance of 43 U.S.C. 1457 and provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a–742j), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et. seq.*), the National Wildlife Refuge System improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee), and the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 *et. seq.*) and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture certify that the formation of the WFEC is necessary and is in the public interest.

The purpose of the WFEC is to provide advice on coordinated national-level wildland fire policy and to provide leadership, direction, and program oversight in support of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council. Questions related to the WFEC should be directed to Shari Eckhoff (Designated Federal Officer) at [Shari\\_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Shari_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov) or (208) 334–1552 or 300 E. Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho, 83706–6648.

**Meeting Agenda:** The meeting agenda will include: (1) Welcome and introduction of Council members; (2) Presentation and Deliberation on the Cohesive Strategy National Trade-off Analysis; (3) Public comments which will be scheduled for 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day; and (4) closing remarks. Participation is open to the public.

**Public Input:** All WFEC meetings are open to the public. Members of the public who wish to participate must notify Shari Eckhoff at

[Shari\\_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Shari_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov) no later than the Friday preceding the meeting. Those who are not committee members and wish to present oral statements or obtain information should contact Shari

Eckhoff via email no later than the Friday preceding the meeting. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

Questions about the agenda or written comments may be emailed or submitted by U.S. Mail to: Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Wildland Fire, Attention: Shari Eckhoff, 300 E. Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho 83706–6648. WFEC requests that written comments be received by the Friday preceding the scheduled meeting. Attendance is open to the public, but limited space is available. Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Ms. Eckhoff at (202) 527–0133 at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting.

Dated: May 23, 2013.

**Shari Eckhoff,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### **Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Bear Lake County, ID, and Oxford Slough Waterfowl Production Area, Franklin and Bannock Counties, ID; Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Finding of No Significant Impact**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of the final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge (NWR, refuge), 7 miles south of Montpelier, Idaho; the refuge-managed Thomas Fork Unit (Unit) in Montpelier; and the Oxford Slough Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) in Oxford, Idaho. The final CCP describes how we will manage the refuge and WPA for the next 15 years.

**ADDRESSES:** You may view or obtain copies of the final CCP and FONSI by any of the following methods. You may request a hard copy or a CD of the document.

**Agency Web site:** Download the final CCP and FONSI at [http://www.fws.gov/bearlake/refuge\\_planning.html](http://www.fws.gov/bearlake/refuge_planning.html).

**Email:**

[FW1PlanningComments@fws.gov](mailto:FW1PlanningComments@fws.gov).

Include “Bear Lake NWR CCP” in the subject line of the message.

**U.S. Mail:** Annette de Knijf, Refuge Manager, Bear Lake NWR, Box 9, Montpelier, ID 83254.

**In-Person Viewing or Pickup:** Call 208–847–1757 to make an appointment during regular business hours at the Refuge Headquarters at 322 North 4th St. (Oregon Trail Center), Montpelier, ID. For more information on locations for viewing or obtaining documents, see “Public Availability of Documents” under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Annette de Knijf, Refuge Manager, Bear Lake NWR, 322 North 4th St. (Oregon Trail Center), Montpelier, ID 83254; phone (208) 847–1757.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Introduction**

With this notice, we finalize the CCP process for Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Bear Lake County, Idaho, and the Oxford Slough Waterfowl Production Area in Franklin and Bannock Counties, Idaho. We started this process through a notice in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 35829; June 23, 2010). We released the draft CCP/EA to the public, announcing and requesting comments in a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 59639; September 28, 2012). For more information about the history and purposes of the refuge and WPA, see that notice.

We announce our decision and the availability of the FONSI for the CCP for Bear Lake NWR and Oxford Slough WPA in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1506.6(b)) requirements. We completed a thorough analysis of impacts on the human environment, which we included in the draft CCP/EA.

The final CCP will guide us in managing and administering the refuge and WPA for the next 15 years. Alternative 3, as we described in the draft CCP/EA, forms the basis of the final CCP.

##### **Background**

###### *The CCP Process*

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (together referred to as the Refuge Administration Act), 16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee, requires us to develop a CCP for each national