

tree planting; harvesting and yarding of timber; construction, maintenance and use of logging roads and landings; quarrying of stone and gravel for use in those roads and landings; and cellular phone and radio repeater tower sites.

The Services will conduct an environmental review of the Plan and prepare an environmental document (environmental assessment or environmental impact statement). The environmental review will analyze the proposal as well as a full range of reasonable alternatives, and the associated impacts of each. The Services are currently in the process of developing alternatives for analysis. There are four alternatives proposed thus far. Under Alternative A (no action alternative) no Permit is issued and take will be avoided for any and all threatened and endangered species on the property. Alternative B (preferred alternative) involves issuing a Permit for six threatened and endangered species on the property (bald eagle, peregrine falcon, marbled murrelet, northern spotted owl, grizzly bear, gray wolf) with provisions for approximately 20 unlisted species. The Plan would have minimization and mitigation measures for six threatened and endangered species and approximately 20 unlisted species on the property. Alternative C involves issuing a Permit for northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet only, with provisions for approximately 20 unlisted species. The Plan would have minimization and mitigation measures for northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet and approximately 20 unlisted species. Alternative D involves a Candidate Conservation Agreement with minimization and mitigation measures for anadromous salmonids and bull trout and take avoidance for any and all threatened and endangered species on the property.

Comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties to ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the environmental review should be directed to the Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service at the addresses provided above.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and policies and procedures of the Services for compliance with those regulations. It is

estimated that the draft environmental document will be available by January 1998.

Dated: August 12, 1998.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Western Regional Panel, a geographic committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The meeting is open to the public. Meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION.**

DATES: The Western Regional Panel will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 1998, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 24, 1998. Committees of the Panel will meet late Wednesday afternoon and early Thursday morning.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at U.S. Bureau of Reclamation offices, Building 67, Denver Federal Center, 6th and North Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Max Haegele, Chair, Western Regional Panel at 303–445–2801, Linda Drees, Coordinator, Western Regional Panel at 785–539–3474, extension 20, or Bob Peoples, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703–358–2025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a public meeting of the Recreation Activities Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

Topics to be covered during the meeting: nonindigenous species policy and legislative developments, including the proposed Executive Order on Invasives, the Western Governors' Association Resolution on Undesirable Aquatic and Terrestrial Species, the proposed Plant Protection Act, and national voluntary ballast water regulations; the Washington State and

Colorado River basin ANS management plans; a proposed ballast water outreach program; purple loosestrife management; proposed amendment of Panel procedures and its geographic structure; additional tribal representation on the Panel's Executive Committee; review of accomplishments under the Panel's current work plan, committee reports and recommendations for the Panel's 1999 work plan; and proposed Panel actions.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Coordinator, Western Regional Panel, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 315 Houston Street, Suite E, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, and Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 851, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203–1622. They will be available for public inspection at these locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: August 17, 1998.

Hannibal Bolton,

Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Acting Assistant Director—Fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT–060–4310–DN–P]

Closure of Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Malta Field Office.

ACTION: Notice of permanent closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, all non-permitted uses such as, but not limited to, hunting, shooting and camping on public land within the townsites of Landusky and Zortman and the public lands surrounding the Zortman Elementary school are prohibited. Authorized personnel of the Bureau of Land Management, state and local Law Enforcement, and other emergency services are exempt from this closure. The public lands in the townsite of Landusky are located in T. 25 N., R. 24 E., sec. 22 and 27, block 1, block 2 school reserve, block 3 lots 10, 13 and 18, block 4 and block 8. The public lands in the townsite of Zortman are located in T. 25 N., R. 25 E., sec. 16 and 17, block 1, block 3, block 5, block 6 lot 9, block 7, block 8 lots 3, 4 and 8, block 9, block 11, block 14 lots 1 through 4, inclusive, block 15 lots 1 through 4, inclusive, block 16, lots 1 through 4

inclusive, block 18 lots 1 through 5, inclusive and block 19 lots 1 to 6, inclusive. The public lands surrounding the Zortman Elementary school are in T. 25 N., R. 25 E., sec. 16, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The purpose of this closure is to ensure the public safety and protection of private property of the residents of Landusky and Zortman while at the same time protecting the public lands from environmental and resource degradation. The emergency closure is in accordance with the provision of 43 CFR 8364.1.

Any person convicted of violating this closure or restriction is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

DATES: Effective immediately.

LOCATION: Public lands in the townships of Landusky and Zortman, Phillips County, MT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Hotaling, Field Manager, Malta Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, HC 65 Box 5000, 501 S. 2nd Street, E., Malta, MT 59538-0047, 406-654-1240.

Dated: August 6, 1998.

Richard M. Hotaling,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-020-05-3809-00; AZA29237]

Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for the Yarnell Mining Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement in Yavapai County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Extension.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the comment period of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared by the Bureau of Land Management is extended for an additional 36 days.

DATES: Written comments must be postmarked no later than September 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the Project Manager for the Yarnell Mining Project EIS, Bureau of

Land Management, Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Stone, EIS Project Manager, (602) 580-5517.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The end of the comment period, as noted in the Draft EIS for the Yarnell Mining Project, was August 25, 1998. The comment period is now extended to September 30, 1998.

Dated: August 12, 1998.

MarLynn Spears,

Assistant Field Manager, Lands and Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Cancellation of Prospectus for Operation of Accommodations, Facilities, and Services Within Grand Canyon National Park

SUMMARY: This notice advises all persons and entities interested in the Prospectus for Operation of Accommodations, Facilities and Services, National Park Service, Grand Canyon National Park, South Rim which was issued on June 8, 1998, that the National Park Service is cancelling this prospectus pursuant to 36 CFR 51.4(c). This notice is effectively immediately. The National Park Service has concluded that several programmatic issues have arisen which require consideration and resolution before proceeding further. A new prospectus will be issued by the National Park Service as soon as is practicable. Persons requesting the prospectus issued on June 8, 1998 will be notified of its issuance at the appropriate time. Solicitation notices will be posted in accordance with 36 CFR 51.4(a).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information can be obtained by contacting the National Park Service, Intermountain Region-Denver Support Office, Office of Concessions Management, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225-0287, Attn: Kathy Fleming (303) 969-2665.

Dated: August 12, 1998.

Ronald E. Everhart,

Acting Director, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve; Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets the schedule for a meeting of the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Advisory Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

DATE, TIME, AND ADDRESS: Friday, August 28, 1998; 8:30 a.m. until business and public comment are complete; Emporia State University, Memorial Union, Colonial Ballroom, Emporia, Kansas.

This business meeting is open to the public. Space and facilities to accommodate members of the public are limited and people will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Maps showing meeting and parking locations are available by contacting the Superintendent. An agenda will be available from the Superintendent 1 week prior to the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to participate in these meetings. If you would like to address the committee, please contact the Superintendent by August 28, 1998, at the address or telephone number listed below requesting that your name be added to the agenda. Depending on the number of requests, the Superintendent has the right to limit the amount of time each participant is allowed to address this committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Miller, Superintendent, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, P.O. Box 585, 226 Broadway, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas 66845; or telephone him at 316-273-6034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve was established by Public Law 104-333, dated November 12, 1996.

Dated: August 12, 1998.

David N. Given,

Deputy Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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