

MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1256.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* November 13, 1998.

*Time:* 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Richard Panniers, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5148, 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1741.

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*Contact Person:* Calbert Laing, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4210, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1221.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, SSS-6-5.

*Date:* November 13, 1998.

*Time:* 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* ANA Hotel, 2401 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Marjam G. Behar, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4178, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1180.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* November 16-17, 1998.

*Time:* 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Houston Baker, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5128, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1175, houstonb@drg.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* November 16, 1998.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn National Airport, 1489 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

*Contact Person:* J. Terrell Hoffeld, PHD, DDS, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4116, MSC 7816, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1781.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* November 16, 1998.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Ramada Inn, 1775 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Luigi Giacometti, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5208, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1246.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* November 16, 1998.

*Time:* 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge II, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Priscilla B. Chen, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4104, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1787.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* November 16-17, 1998.

*Time:* 7:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Chevy Chase, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Nancy Shinowara, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4208, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892-7814, (301) 435-1173, shinowan@drg.nih.gov.

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Dated: October 27, 1998.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Intent To Amend and Supplement a Comprehensive Management Plan and Supplement a Final Environmental Impact Statement

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public and other agencies that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Pronghorn Management Plan (PMP) and associated supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge (Refuge), Lake County, Oregon. The PMP will amend and supplement the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) that was approved for the Refuge

in May 1994. The supplemental EIS will disclose the environmental consequences of the changes and additions the PMP or its alternatives would make to the CMP. The Service is providing this notice to advise the public and other agencies of our intentions, to request suggestions and information on the scope of issues and alternatives to be included in the PMP and supplemental EIS, and to announce that public meetings will be held in appropriate locations between November 4, 1998 and December 4, 1998. Information about the times and locations of the public meetings will be published in local media, provided to known interested parties through public notices, and made available upon request from persons who contact the refuge at the address and telephone number provided herein. This notice is provided in compliance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act; Service policy on refuge planning; and the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments and requests for information to: Hart Mountain Refuge Pronghorn Plan; U.S.F.W.S.; P.O. Box 111 (18 South G Street, #301); Lakeview, Oregon 97630 (541/947-3315).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Victoria Roberts at the above address and telephone number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Service completed and approved a CMP and EIS in May 1994 to provide guidance for management of Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge for the subsequent 15-year period. In this CMP, the Service acknowledged that many of the refuge habitats had been degraded by a long history of livestock grazing and fire suppression, and selected a "Native Community Restoration" alternative that emphasized habitat management actions including reintroduction of fire and removal of livestock grazing.

The PMP would be prepared as an amendment and step-down supplement to the approved CMP in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Refuge Improvement Act) (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.). The 1997 amendment to the Refuge Administration Act defines new

planning standards for national wildlife refuges and strengthens the compatibility standard for national wildlife refuges by defining a mission for the National Wildlife Refuge System and specifying that uses of refuges must be compatible with both the purpose(s) of the individual refuge and mission of the System. It also clarifies that if there are conflicts between the purpose(s) of a refuge and the mission of the System, the conflict must be resolved to first protect the purpose(s) of the refuge. Furthermore, the Service is directed to recognize compatible wildlife-dependent recreation as the priority public uses of the System, facilitate compatible wildlife-dependent recreation, and provide increased opportunities for families to experience compatible wildlife-dependent recreation.

Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge was established " \* \* \* as a range and breeding ground for antelope and other species of wildlife \* \* \* " by Executive Order 7523 on Dec. 21, 1936. The 1994 CMP for the refuge emphasized wildlife habitat management actions, de-emphasized wildlife population management actions, and did not establish population objectives for pronghorn. Pronghorn population numbers have fluctuated widely since the establishment of the refuge, and the population is currently declining despite significant habitat improvements that have occurred since the Service began implementing the CMP in 1994.

This decline has surfaced debate over pronghorn population objectives and the role of wildlife population management in meeting these objectives and other refuge goals including the public use direction provided by Congress in the Refuge Improvement Act. The existing management plan provides that "wildlife populations, with few exceptions, would be managed through managing upland and wetland habitat" on the refuge. The limited direction provided for population management in the CMP, such as in the case of predator control, is ambiguous and has resulted in public controversy over interpretations of the CMP's intent.

The Service is initiating a public process to develop a PMP that is intended to resolve some of the differences in interpretation of the CMP and to provide more detailed direction on pronghorn management that reflects recent legislative direction and biological information that has been gathered since the CMP's completion. The PMP will establish population management objectives for the

pronghorn herd that uses the Refuge, develop population management actions to meet these objectives, develop decision criteria that could be used to initiate these population management actions, and establish a link between these population objectives and the wildlife-dependent recreational uses the Service is directed to provide. No changes are contemplated to the habitat-related objectives or actions approved in the 1994 CMP.

The range of alternative pronghorn population management strategies being considered for the PMP at this time include to: (1) maximize the pronghorn population and increase wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities in a manner consistent with the habitat objectives of the 1994 CMP (intensive population management intervention to benefit pronghorn); (2) define and maintain minimum pronghorn population limits that will meet public expectations about the purpose of the refuge and demand for wildlife recreation (limited, incremental population management intervention); and (3) manage the pronghorn population primarily through management of refuge habitat as provided in the 1994 CMP (population management intervention only when the species is at risk) (no action). The alternatives that will be considered in the PMP and supplemental EIS are expected to evolve through the public participation process.

The supplemental EIS would identify the environmental consequences of changes and additions the proposed PMP and its alternatives would make to the CMP in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

Dated: October 5, 1998.

**Thomas J. Dwyer,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Receipt of Petition for Reassumption of Jurisdiction From the Native Village of Barrow

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is published in exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-608) provides, subject to certain specified conditions, that Indian tribes may petition the Secretary of the Interior for reassumption of jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings.

This is notice that the petition has been received by the Secretary from the Native Village of Barrow for the reassumption of jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings. The petition is under review and may be inspected at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Social Services, 1849 C Street, NW, Room 4603 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Dated: October 23, 1998.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-660-99-1610-00]

#### Shooting Closure on Public Lands in San Diego County, CA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

**ACTION:** Closure Order.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is permanently closing 320 acres of public land near La Posta, southern San Diego County, California, to recreational target shooting. The closure is necessary due to safety hazards, fire danger, noise nuisance, litter and resource degradation and land use conflicts. BLM intends to eliminate these safety and environmental problems almost entirely by closing the area to target shooting. The closure will affect most of the recreational target shooters using BLM public lands in southern San Diego County. It will not affect licensed hunters in the pursuit of lawful game or law enforcement officers while in the performance of their official duties.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The closure is effective November 4, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Hansen, Acting Field Manager, USDI Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 690 W. Garnet Avenue, P.O. Box 1260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258-1260. Telephone: (760) 251-4800.