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Comment Due Date: Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: December 16, 1998.

Michael H. Trujillo,

Assistant Surgeon General, Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4341-N-41]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 24, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7256, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1226; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been

determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: December 17, 1998.

Fred Karnas, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Alaska Land Managers Forum

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice, reestablishment of Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988) and 41 CFR 101.6-1015(a). Following consultation with the General Services Administration and the Office of Management and Budget, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior is administratively reestablishing an advisory committee known as the Alaska Land Managers Forum. The purpose of the committee is to advise the Secretary on Alaska land and resources issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah L. Williams, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior for Alaska, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, 1689 C Street, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-5151, (907) 271-5485.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the 40 years since Statehood, land ownership and management in Alaska has undergone a massive change. In 1959, nearly all of Alaska (99.8 percent) was owned by the Federal Government, and most of this land (365 million acres) was public domain under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management. Today, the State has received title to 90 million acres of a 104.5 million acre entitlement. Alaska Natives, through village and regional corporations established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, have become major land holders (37 million acres interim conveyed or patented) with the eventual ownership of 45.5 million acres. Finally, over 145 million acres in Federal ownership are in national forests, parks, and wildlife refuges. These changes in land status have, in turn, generated changes in the roles and relationships of the State and Federal agencies in Alaska. Also, Native corporations, as owners of 12 percent of

the State's land area, have become major participants in the complexities of land and resource management.

Since Statehood, there have been several different types of cooperative planning entities charged with making an overview of Alaska issues and developing comprehensive recommendations to the State and Federal Governments. None of these planning entities exist today. The Secretary of the Interior is reestablishing the Alaska Land Managers Forum Advisory Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App.), for the purpose of advising him on land and resource issues in Alaska.

Membership on the Forum consists of individuals appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Appointed as cochairs are the Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior for Alaska as the Federal Cochair, the Lt. Governor of the State of Alaska as the State Cochair, and the President of the Alaska Federation of Natives (or designee) as the Alaska Native Cochair. In addition, the charter provides for appointing the commissioners or directors of specified State agencies, the State directors of specified Federal land management agencies, and the heads of two Alaska Native organizations.

Administrative establishment of the Alaska Land Managers Forum is necessary and in the public interest.

Dated: September 16, 1998.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

Certification

I hereby certify that the administrative reestablishment of the Alaska Land Managers Forum Advisory Committee is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by the several acts which regulate management of Federal lands in Alaska.

Dated: September 16, 1998.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish And Wildlife Service

Comprehensive Conservation Plans; Michigan and Minnesota

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare Comprehensive Conservation Plans and Associated Environmental Documents.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCPs) and environmental assessments for units within Michigan and Minnesota. The CCPs will be prepared for the Wyandotte and Michigan Islands National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs) and the East Lansing Wetland Management District as part of the planning process for Shiawassee NWR. The CCP will be prepared for the Minnesota Valley Wetland Management District as part of the planning process for Minnesota Valley NWR. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations:

- (1) to advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and
- (2) to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental document.

DATES: Inquire at the address below for due dates for comments regarding specific projects.

ADDRESSES: Address comments and requests for more information or to be put on a mailing list to: Chief, Branch of Ascertainment and Planning, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111, 612-713-5429, E-mail: R3PLANNING@mail.fws.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Service will solicit information from the public via open houses and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and radio announcements in the areas near each unit will inform people of the time and place of open houses to be held in 1999 related to the CCP and NEPA documentation.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 requires that all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System be managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving unit purposes. Public input into this planning process is encouraged. The CCPs will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for each of its units and how the Service will implement management strategies.

Shiawassee NWR administers the Wyandotte and Michigan Islands NWRs. Minnesota Valley NWR administers the Minnesota Valley Wetland Management District. The intent to prepare a CCP for the Shiawassee and Minnesota Valley

NWRs was published October 1, 1997 (62 FR 51482).

Wyandotte NWR consists of two islands and adjacent shallow waters in the Detroit River offshore from Wyandotte, Michigan. The refuge is situated in what was once one of the most significant migratory staging areas for diving ducks in the United States. Extensive beds of aquatic vegetation have disappeared and only a remnant of the once vast rafts of migratory waterfowl are now seen in Wyandotte. Public access is not permitted on either island.

Michigan Islands NWR consists of five islands. Thunder Bay and Scarecrow Islands are located in Lake Huron near Alpena, Michigan. The islands total 128 acres and are home to the Federally-threatened Dwarf lake iris (*Iris lacustris*). American redstarts (*Setophaga ruticilla*) and American black ducks (*Anas rubripes*) nest on the islands. Gull, Pismire, and Shoe Islands are part of the Beaver Island Group in northern Lake Michigan. The three islands total 235 acres. Pismire and Shoe Islands are officially designated as the Michigan Islands Wilderness Area. Herring (*Larus argentatus*) and ring bill gulls (*L. Delawareensis*), double-crested cormorants (*Phalacrocorax auritus*), great blue herons (*Ardea herodias*), and Caspian terns (*Sterna caspia*) nest on the islands.

The East Lansing Wetland Management District consists of two Waterfowl Production Areas, a 160 acre area in Jackson County and a 77 acre area in VanBuren County. The areas are managed primarily to maintain wetland and upland habitat for migrating and nesting waterfowl, migratory birds, and resident game species.

Minnesota Valley Wetland Management District is a 13 county district located in east central Minnesota. The district includes portions of the Minnesota, Cannon, and Mississippi River watersheds. Pre-settlement habitat included prairie pothole, native prairie, oak savannah, and big woods habitats. Prevalent land use in the district is agriculture and urban development around the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The major breeding species of waterfowl in the district are mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*), blue-winged teal (*A. discors*), and wood ducks (*Aix sponsa*). The district consists of 2,248 acres of waterfowl production areas and approximately 700 easement acres.

The Service units need CCPs because no formal, up-to-date, long-term management direction exists. Until the CCPs are completed, management will be guided by official unit purposes; the

National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; other Federal legislation regarding management of national wildlife refuges and wilderness; and other legal, regulatory and policy guidance.

Upon implementation, the CCPs will apply to Federal lands, easements, and lands leased by the Service within the boundaries of the units. The plans will be consistent with the Service's Ecosystem Approach to Fish and Wildlife Conservation and include approaches to habitat management, wildlife population management, public use management, cultural resource identification and protection, and management of any special uses. The compatibility of uses will be determined as part of the CCP process.

The environmental review of these projects 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.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, Executive Order 12996, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

We estimate that the first draft CCPs and associated environmental documents will be available by August 1999.

Dated: December 8, 1998.

Marvin E. Moriarty,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-040-7122-00-5513; AZA 28793; AZA 29640]

Extension of Public Comment Period for Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Dos Pobres/San Juan Project Case Number AZA 28973 and AZA 29640, Safford Field Office, Graham County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The notice published in the *Federal Register* on Thursday, September 24, 1998, in Vol. 63, No. 185, page 51091, provided for the acceptance of written comments relating to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Dos Pobres/San Juan Project to be accepted until November 25, 1998. A