

Arend, Refuge Planning, at (907)786-3393, fax (907) 786-3965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) (16 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*) was signed into law on December 2, 1980. The broad purpose of this law is to provide for the disposition and use of a variety of federally owned lands in Alaska. Section 303 of ANILCA established Togiak National Wildlife Refuge which includes the Cape Newenham National Wildlife Refuge. ANILCA lists the purposes for which Togiak Refuge was established and is managed, which are to conserve fish and wildlife populations and habitats in their natural diversity; to fulfill the international treaty obligations of the United States with respect to fish and wildlife and their habitats; to provide the opportunity for continued subsistence uses by local residents; and to ensure water quality and necessary water quantity within the refuge. Section 304(g) of ANILCA directs the Service to prepare comprehensive plans for all refuges and to revise them "from time to time."

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, which amended the Refuge Administration Act, also includes requirements for system wide refuge planning. Should any provisions of the Refuge Administration Act conflict with the provisions of ANILCA, the provisions of ANILCA shall prevail for refuges in Alaska. Plans identify and describe: the populations and habitats of the fish and wildlife resources of the refuge; the special values of the refuge, as well as any other archeological, cultural, ecological, geological, historical, paleontological, scenic, or wilderness value of the refuge; areas of the refuge that are suitable for use as administrative sites or visitor facilities, or for visitor services; present and potential requirements for access; and significant problems which may adversely affect the populations and habitats of fish and wildlife. The plans designate areas within the Refuge according to their respective resources and values; specify programs for conserving fish and wildlife and maintaining the special values of the Refuge; specify uses which may be compatible with the major purposes of the Refuge; and identify opportunities to be provided for fish and wildlife-oriented recreation, ecological research, environmental education and interpretation of Refuge resources and values, if they are compatible with the purposes of the Refuge.

The Togiak comprehensive plan was completed in 1987. Much of the management direction in the comprehensive plan is now out of date due to changes in laws, regulations, and circumstances. In 1991 the Service completed a public use management plan which provided additional guidance for management of public use along popular sport fishing rivers. In 1997 the Refuge began to revise the public use management plan to address increasing public use of the Refuge. The Service has decided to combine the comprehensive plan and the public use management plan and prepare one revised comprehensive conservation plan and environmental impact statement for the Refuge.

This notice formally begins the revision of the comprehensive plan for the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge. In addition to soliciting public comments through this notice, public comments on issues to be addressed in the revision will be solicited through newsletters and other mailings. The comprehensive plan revision will be discussed during community meetings in Togiak, Quinhagak, Goodnews, Platinum, Manokotak, Aleknigik, Clark's Point, Dillingham and Anchorage, AK between April and November 1999. Once issues are identified, the Service will identify options to address the issues and prepare a draft comprehensive plan and draft environmental impact statement. This document is scheduled to be released for public review in the fall of 2000. After public review and comment on the draft plan and environmental impact statement, including public meetings, a final plan and environmental impact statement will be prepared and released.

In preparing and revising the plan, the Service will consult with appropriate State agencies and Native corporations and will hold public meetings to ensure that residents of local villages and political subdivisions of the State which are most affected by administration of the Refuge have the opportunity to present their views on the plan revisions. Before adopting a plan, The Service will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** and will provide an opportunity for public views and comment.

Electronic Access: Interested persons may submit comments and data by electronic mail (E-mail) to: Maggi_Arend@fws.gov. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

WordPerfect Version 8 or compatible file formats are acceptable.

David B. Allen,
Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-020-09-1060-00]

Pony Express Resource Management Plan, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a plan amendment to the Pony Express Resource Management Plan (RMP).

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salt Lake Field Office, Utah is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider a proposed amendment to the Pony Express RMP which would establish the appropriate management level (AML) and forage allocation for two wild horse herd areas (HA), Cedar Mountain and Onaqui Mountain. Forage allocation adjustments shall take into consideration the needs of wildlife and livestock.

DATES: The comment period for identification of issues for the proposed plan amendment will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before June 14, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alice Stephenson, Land Use Planner, Bureau of Land Management, telephone (801) 977-4317. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address or telephone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pony Express RMP, approved January 12, 1990, Wild Horse Decision No. 1 set the herd sizes at: Cedar Mountain HA at 85 animals (1,020 AUMs) and Onaqui Mountain HA at 45 animals (540 AUMs). Since then, the HAs have been evaluated to determine the potential carrying capacity for wild horses. Preliminary issues include livestock grazing, wilderness study areas, off-highway vehicles, vegetation, water, and riparian. Public participation is being sought at this initial stage in the planning process to ensure the RMP

amendment addresses all issues, problems and concerns from those interested in the management of these public lands.

Linda Colville,

Acting State Director, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-050-1220-00]

Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) will be held on May 20, 1999 in Canon City, Colorado.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m. at the Holycross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway 50, Canon City, Colorado. Topics discussed at the meeting will include current issues within the district including a discussion on public involvement with the Recreation Guidelines for Colorado BLM and an update on the Texas Creek OHV Area. All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council at 9:30 a.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. The District Manager may limit the length of oral presentations depending on the number of people wishing to speak.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 1999 from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Canon City District Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City Colorado 81212; Telephone (719) 269-8500; TDD (719) 269-8597.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Smith at 719-269-8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Summary minutes for the Council meeting will be maintained in the Canon City District Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during

regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Kenneth Smith,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-910-0777-29-241A]

State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting notice of meeting and tour.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting and tour of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. The meeting and tour will be held June 11-12, 1999 in the Arizona Strip, north of the Grand Canyon. On June 11, the RAC will conduct a one-day meeting from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the BLM Arizona Strip Field Office located at 345 East Riverside Drive in St. George, Utah. The agenda items to be covered at the meeting include review of previous meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on legislation, regulations and statewide planning efforts; Updates on Wild Horse and Burro Program and Barry M. Goldwater Range Withdrawal and LEIS; Report on Interagency Meeting with Forest Service and Natural Resource Conservation Service on Noxious Weed Issue; Updates on Secretarial Initiatives, regarding Proposed Arizona National Monument and Empire Cienega National Conservation Area; Presentation on BLM Land Acquisition/Exchange Program, Proposed Field Office Rangeland Resource Teams; Reports from BLM Field Office Managers; Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation and Public Relations, Wild Horse and Burro Working Groups; Reports from RAC members; and Discussion on future meetings. A public comment period will be provided at 11:30 a.m. on June 11, 1999, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council. On June 12, the RAC and BLM staff will tour the Shivwits Plateau and discuss the proposed Arizona National Monument. The tour will depart from the Arizona Strip Field Office at 7:00 a.m., and conclude approximately at 5:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land

Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203, (602) 417-9215.

Gary D. Bauer,

Acting Arizona Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District.

NOTICE: Notice of Field Tour of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council.

ACTION: Field tour of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council; June 3, 1999, in Spokane, Washington.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council will take a field tour on June 3, 1999. The tour will start at 8:30 a.m., at the Spokane District Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane, Washington 99212-1275. The Council will visit BLM administered lands in Spokane and Lincoln Counties, Washington. Topics to be addressed include recreation activities and revegetation issues. The tour will conclude no later than 4:00 p.m. The tour is open to the public but transportation will not be provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Buesing, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington 99212-1275; or call 509-536-1200.

Dated: May 7, 1999.

Joseph K. Buesing,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action, direct sale of public lands in Conejos and Lake Counties, CO.