

Assessment provide different levels of wildlife management and visitor services opportunities. The Environmental Assessment will be used to determine whether the implementation of the selected alternative would have a significant impact upon the quality of the human environment.

The Comprehensive Management Plan for the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge was integrated into and coordinated with the update of the 1986 Management Plan for the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) administers the National Estuarine Research Reserve System. NOAA requires that each NERR have an approved written management plan that is periodically updated. The Comprehensive Management Plan is the first update of the 1986 Tijuana River NERR Management Plan.

**DATES:** Written comments should be postmarked or electronically-mailed no later than June 21, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** There are three options for submitting comments on the Tijuana Slough EA and CMP, mail, fax, or electronic mail. Mail or fax your comments to Dean Rundle, Manager, San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 2736 Loker Avenue West, Suite A, Carlsbad, CA 92008, phone (760) 930-0168, facsimile (760) 930-0256. You may submit comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: [r1planning-guest@fws.gov](mailto:r1planning-guest@fws.gov). Submit comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption, and enter "Tijuana Slough NWR CMP/EA" in the subject line.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Availability of Documents**

Individuals who want copies of the Comprehensive Management Plan for the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge and Associated Environmental Assessment, should immediately contact Charles Houghten, Acting Chief, Division of Refuge Planning, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232, telephone (503) 231-2231, facsimile (503) 231-6161. These documents will also be available for viewing on the following Fish and Wildlife Service webpage [www.r1.fws.gov/plnhome.html](http://www.r1.fws.gov/plnhome.html).

#### **Background Information**

The Tijuana Slough Refuge provides habitat for several endangered, threatened, and migratory species. The salt marsh, tidal channels, mudflats, sand beaches, and dunes provide habitat

for the endangered light-footed clapper rail, endangered California least tern, endangered brown pelican, endangered salt marsh bird's beak, threatened western snowy plover, State-endangered Belding's savannah sparrow, and many species of migratory shorebirds and waterfowl. The riparian woodlands provide habitat for the endangered least Bell's vireo, endangered southwestern willow flycatcher, and many species of migratory birds.

Two alternatives are analyzed in the Environmental Assessment. Alternative A (preferred alternative) would implement increased levels of both wildlife management and visitor services at the Tijuana Slough Refuge. Alternative B (no action) would implement existing levels of wildlife management and visitor services at the Tijuana Slough Refuge. The Environmental Assessment also analyzes the environmental effects of (1) predator management for the recovery of endangered and threatened species, (2) construction of new office and classroom space, (3) acquisition of additional lands along Sea Coast Drive, (4) annual sand dune maintenance, (5) relocation of damaged trails in the Tijuana River floodplain, and (6) emergency dredging of the mouths of Oneonta Slough and Tijuana River.

The environmental review of the Refuge Comprehensive Management Plan and associated Environmental Assessment will be conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd *et seq.*), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

Dated: May 17, 1999.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

#### **Bureau of Land Management**

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#### **Notice for Publication; AA-6652-G; Alaska Native Claims Selection**

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is

hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(a), will be issued to Far West, Inc. for approximately 5,839 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Chignik, Alaska.

#### **Seward Meridian, Alaska**

T. 46 S., R. 58 W.,

Secs. 14, 15, and 16;

Secs. 20 to 23, inclusive;

Secs. 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, and 34.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Anchorage Daily News*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until June 21, 1999 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**Katherine L. Flippen,**

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

#### **Bureau of Land Management**

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#### **Collection, Storage, Preservation and Scientific Study of Fossils From Federal and Indian Lands**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a public meeting regarding the collection, storage, preservation and scientific study of fossils from federal and Indian lands will be held on June 21, 1999, in Reston, Virginia at the U.S. Geological Survey auditorium. The Department of the Interior will hold a one day public

meeting to receive input on federal paleontology policies.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, June 21, 1999, beginning at 8:30 A.M. Persons wishing to make a presentation have up to five minutes to make a statement and will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

**ADDRESSES:** The U.S. Geological Survey is located at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, and parking is generally available at the USGS visitor lot. Written comments will be accepted at the meeting or may be sent to Sara Pena, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C. St., N.W., LS-204, Washington, D.C., 20240, by July 15, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sara Pena, Bureau of Land Management at (202) 452-5040.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Senate (Senate Report 105-227) requested that the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with appropriate scientific, educational, and commercial entities, prepare a report assessing the need for a unified federal policy on the collection, storage, and preservation of fossils. The background document, "Collection, Storage, Preservation and Scientific Study of Fossils from Federal and Indian Lands," provides some information on current federal policies on paleontology. A copy of the background document is available on the Interior Department web site at <http://www.doi.gov>, or by contacting Sara Pena, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C. St., N.W., LS-204, Washington, D.C., 20240, telephone: (202) 452-5040.

Dated: May 17, 1999.

**Marilyn W. Nickels,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Meeting of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given that a meeting of the Advisory Board for the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be held on Thursday, June 3, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at

the Best Western Sunridge Inn, One Sunridge Lane, Baker City, Oregon 97814.

At an appropriate time, the Board will recess for approximately one hour for lunch. Public comments will be received from 12:00 p.m. to 12:15 p.m., June 3, 1999. Topics to be discussed are the prioritizing of market segments, refinement of mission and goals, and reports from Coordinators of Subcommittees.

**DATES:** The meeting will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. June 3, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David B. Hunsaker, Bureau of Land Management, National Historic Oregon Trail, Interpretive Center, P.O. Box 987, Baker City, OR 97814 (Telephone 541-523-1845).

**Penelope Dunn-Woods,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Recreation Use Restrictions and Regulations for Egin Lakes Access and Red Road Recreation Sites Adjacent and Within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA), Idaho

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

**ACTION:** Notice of recreation use restrictions for Egin Lakes Access and Red Road recreation sites adjacent and within the Sand Mountain WSA, Idaho.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given in accordance with Title 43 Group 8000-Recreation Programs, and in accordance with the principles established by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, that certain lands located in and adjacent to the Sand Mountain WSA which includes the area known as the St. Anthony Sand Dunes Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) in Fremont and Jefferson Counties, Idaho have recreation use restrictions placed upon them. Actions are implemented under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.

**DATES:** Effective date: May 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Bureau of Land Management, Upper Snake River District, Idaho Falls Field Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, telephone (208) 524-7500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The WSA is 21,000 acres of public land that has current vehicle and recreation use restrictions within it that were established through the **Federal Register** on August 13, 1992. Both the WSA and SRMA are within the Egin-Hamer Winter Seasonal Closure Area established through the Federal Register on December 16, 1997.

Recreation use in the SRMA has increased nearly 1000% from an estimated 14,000 visits in FY84 to over 136,000 visits in FY 98. The Egin Lakes Access Site alone recorded over 72,000 visits in which over 20,000 visitors were campers using the undeveloped camping area or the developed parking lot to camp. Use along the Red Road where there are numerous undeveloped recreation sites recorded over 24,000 visits in which over 2000 visitors were overnight campers.

Open campfire sites inside the Sand Mountain WSA but outside the Red Road Open Sand Campfire Area have increased tremendously in the last few years, especially around major access routes onto the open sand and around Dry Lake Bed (Hidden Lake) causing degradation of the natural values of the area. The last few years have also had non-traditional dispersed recreation uses occur on Hidden Lake which is a dry lake bed in the winter but has water throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons. Snowmobile and Personal Water Craft users have been using the lake in the summer for water craft skinning. This activity has created safety problems to other recreation users along the lake shore and in the water. These uses were not present at the time the roadless inventory for wilderness values was conducted by the BLM during 1970s and are not considered a type of primitive and unconfined recreation use for a wilderness characteristic.

To reduce the litter and debris left in open campfires causing safety problems to recreation users, the degrading of natural values of the area and prohibiting non-primitive type of recreation activities inside the WSA, the following restrictions will be implemented and apply to the Sand Mountain WSA: 1) Open campfires are prohibited inside the Sand Mountain WSA except in the designated Red Road Open Sand Campfire Area; 2) Use of personal water craft or any other motorized vehicle or craft is prohibited on any body of water inside the WSA.

Use in the developed and undeveloped recreation sites and areas surrounding and within the WSA have increased over 20% the last three years. The use has created public safety and