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Dated: August 9, 1999.

Anna Snouffer,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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

Date: August 17, 1999.

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:01 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Richard Marcus, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5168, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1245, richard.marcus@nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

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

Date: August 18, 1999.

Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Carl D. Banner, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5212, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1251, bannerc@drg.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

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

Date: August 18, 1999.

Time: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Mike Radtke, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4176, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1728.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

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

Date: August 19, 1999.

Time: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Mike Radtke, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4176, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1728.

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine, 93.306; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 9, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Kern National Wildlife Refuge, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and

Environmental Assessment for the Kern National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Kern and Tulare Counties, California.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Kern National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) Complex. The Service is gathering information necessary to prepare a CCP and EA pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The public is invited to participate in the planning process. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the Service CCP policy to accomplish the following:

- (1) Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions;
- (2) Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the planning documents; and
- (3) announce public scoping workshops on August 30 and 31, 1999.

DATES: Public scoping workshops will be held at the following locations beginning at 7:00 pm and ending no later than 9:00 pm on the dates indicated:

Date	Location
August 30, 1999	Tulare Community Center Tulare, California.
August 31, 1999	Beale Library (Auditorium) Bakersfield, California.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the workshops to identify issues, concerns, and opportunities to be addressed in the CCP. To ensure that the Service has adequate time to evaluate and incorporate suggestions and other input into the planning process, comments should be received on or before September 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on the EA or CCP or requests to be added to the mailing list to the following address: Planning Team Leader—Kern NWR Complex, California/Nevada Refuge Planning Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-1916, Sacramento, California, 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Pelz, Planning Team Leader, by phone at (916) 414-6504, or email at mark___pelz@fws.gov, or David Hardt, Project Leader, by phone at (661) 725-2767, or email at dave___hardt@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended, mandates that all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System are to be managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP will guide management decisions by identifying Refuge goals, long-range objectives and management strategies for achieving the Refuge purposes. The planning process will consider many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection, wildlife-dependant recreation and other public uses, cultural resources, and environmental effects. Public input into this planning process is important. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuge and how the Service will manage the Refuge Complex.

The Service is soliciting information from the public via written comments and public meetings. Interested parties are urged to submit their names and addresses to be added to the Service's mailing list. The Service will periodically send out special planning updates to those who are interested in the Refuge Complex. Among other things, these mailings will provide information on how to participate in the CCP planning process. Comments received will be used to identify key issues and to develop goals, objectives, and management strategies. Additional opportunities for public participation will occur throughout the process, which is expected to be completed in mid 2001.

The Kern Refuge Complex is composed of three refuges: Kern, Pixley, and Blue Ridge. Kern Refuge is located 19 miles west of Delano, California at the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley. It was established in 1960 to provide wintering habitat for waterfowl in the southern San Joaquin Valley. The Kern Refuge consists of a single, 10,618-acre unit owned by the Federal government. The Refuge purpose is to provide " * * an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds." 16 U.S.C. 715d (Migratory Bird Conservation Act).

Pixley Refuge is located approximately 19 miles south of the City of Tulare, northeast of Kern Refuge. This Refuge was set aside in 1959 to provide wintering habitat for waterfowl as well as the endangered blunt-nosed leopard lizard. Pixley Refuge is composed of a 8,800 acres, of which about 70 percent are owned by the Federal government. The Refuge purposes are: (1) " * * a land-conservation and land-utilization

program * * * 7 U.S.C. 1011 (Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act); (2) " * * as refuges for migratory birds and other wildlife: * * * Secretarial Order 2843, dated Nov. 17, 1959; and (3) " * * to conserve (A) fish or wildlife which are listed as endangered species or threatened species * * * or (B) plants * * * 16 U.S.C. 1534 (Endangered Species Act of 1973).

Blue Ridge Refuge is located in central Tulare County, northeast of Porterville, in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. This Refuge was established in 1982 to protect critical roosting habitat for the California condor. The 897 acres in the Blue Ridge Refuge are all owned by the Federal government. The refuge purpose is " * * to conserve (A) fish or wildlife which are listed as endangered species or threatened species * * * or (B) plants * * * 16 U.S.C. 1534 (Endangered Species Act of 1973).

The outcome of this planning process will be a CCP to guide Refuge management for the next 15 years and accompanying NEPA document. It is estimated that a draft CCP and NEPA document will be made available for public review in the latter part of 2000.

Dated: August 9, 1999.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The next meeting of the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at the Garfield County Courthouse in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

DATES: Wednesday, September 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: For further information, contact Lynn Barclay, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 455 Emerson Street, Craig, Colorado 81625; Telephone (970) 826-5096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Northwest Resource Advisory Council will meet on September, 29, 1999, at the Garfield County Courthouse, County Commissioners Meeting Room, 109 8th

Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. and include discussions of the proposed statewide recreation guidelines, grazing permit renewals, and wilderness review.

The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meetings or submit written statements following the meeting. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested persons an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of council meetings are maintained at the Bureau of Land Management Offices in Grand Junction and Craig, Colorado. They are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: August 10, 1999.

Mark T. Morse,

Center Manager, Northwest Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Big Cypress National Preserve, Florida.

SUMMARY: This Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (ORVMP/SFEIS) identifies and assesses potential impacts of alternative options for the management of off-road vehicles within the Big Cypress National Preserve. The ORVMP/SFEIS describes management concerns which include the need to protect natural resources while providing recreational ORV access to the Preserve.

DATES: The ORVMP/SFEIS will be available for review August 13, 1999, until November 12, 1999. Written comments must be received by the Superintendent at the address below or postmarked no later than November 12, 1999. Public meetings will be held in the Preserve area at times to be published in local newspapers.

ADDRESSES: The ORVMP/SFEIS may be viewed on the Internet at www.nps.gov/BICY/ORVPLAN. Copies of the ORVMP/SFEIS are available from the Superintendent at the following address. Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, HCR 61, Box 110,