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ADDRESSES: A copy of the Plan or a summary may be obtained by writing to Doug Spencer at the address above or by placing a request through the website.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information contact Doug Spencer, Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, 6975 Mower Road, Saginaw, MI 48601. Phone (517) 777-5930 or E-mail doug_spencer@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge includes a large area of wetlands and forests within the agricultural and urban landscape of Michigan's Saginaw County. Established in 1953, the Refuge now includes 9,226 acres and is recognized as globally significant to migratory waterfowl. It was authorized to be a sanctuary for migratory birds, fish and wildlife-oriented recreation, protection of natural resources, and the conservation of endangered and threatened species. The Michigan WMD consists of two waterfowl production areas, which are cooperatively managed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan emphasizes the habitat needs of fish and wildlife and expanded opportunities for wildlife-dependent recreation.

Dated: February 8, 2001.

William F. Hartwig,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Klamath Fishery Management Council Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Klamath Fishery Management Council, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The Klamath Fishery Management Council makes recommendations to agencies that regulate harvest of anadromous fish in the Klamath River Basin. The objectives of this meeting are to hear technical reports (including the ocean stock projection for Klamath River fall

chinook in 2001), review the 2000 fishery season, and discuss and plan management of the 2001 season. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Klamath Fishery Management Council will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2001; and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2001.

Place: The meeting will be held at the Yurok Tribal Office, Highway 96, Weitchpec, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald A. Iverson, Project Leader, Fish and Wildlife Service, 1829 South Oregon Street, Yreka, California 96097, telephone (530) 842-5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For background information on the Klamath Council, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).

Dated: February 7, 2001.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Acting California/Nevada Operations Manager, California/Nevada Office, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

2001 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) Contest

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service announces the dates and locations of the 2001 Federal Duck Stamp contest; the public is invited to enter and to attend.

DATES: 1. The official date to begin submission of entries to the 2001 contest is July 1, 2001. All entries must be postmarked no later than midnight, Saturday, September 15, 2001.

2. The public may view the 2001 Federal Duck Stamp Contest entries on Monday, November 5, 2001, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Requests for complete copies of the regulations, reproduction rights agreement, and display and participation agreement may be requested by calling 1-877-887-5508, or requests may be addressed to: Federal Duck Stamp Contest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Suite 2058, Washington, DC 20240. You may also download the information from the

Federal Duck Stamp Home Page at duckstamps.fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Terry Bell, telephone (202) 208-4354, or fax: (202) 208-6296.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 16, 1934, Congress passed and President Roosevelt signed the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act. Popularly known as the Duck Stamp Act, it required all waterfowl hunters 16 years or older to buy a stamp annually. The revenue generated was originally earmarked for the Department of Agriculture, but 5 years later was transferred to the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to buy or lease waterfowl sanctuaries.

In the years since its enactment, the Federal Duck Stamp Program has become one of the most popular and successful conservation programs ever initiated. Today, some 1.5 million stamps are sold each year, and, as of 1995, Federal Duck Stamps have generated \$501 million for the preservation of 4,389,792.86 acres of waterfowl habitat in the United States. Numerous other birds, mammals, fish, reptiles and amphibians have similarly prospered because of habitat protection made possible by the program. An estimated one third of the nation's endangered and threatened species find food or shelter in refuges preserved by Duck Stamp funds. Moreover, the protected wetlands help dissipate storms, purify water supplies, store flood water, and nourish fish hatchlings important for sport and commercial fishermen.

The Contest

The first Federal Duck Stamp was designed, at President Roosevelt's request, by Jay N. "Ding" Darling, a nationally known political cartoonist for the *Des Moines Register* and a noted hunter and wildlife conservationist. In subsequent years, noted wildlife artists were asked to submit designs. The first contest was opened in 1949 to any U.S. artist who wished to enter, and 65 artists submitted a total of 88 design entries. The number of entries rose to 2,099 in 1981 in the only art competition of its kind sponsored by the U.S. Government. To select each year's design, a panel of noted art, waterfowl, and philatelic authorities are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Winners receive no compensation for the work, except a pane of their stamps, but winners may sell prints of their designs,

which are sought by hunters, conservationists, and art collectors.

The public may view the 2001 Federal Duck Stamp Contest entries on Monday, November 5, 2001, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Department of the Interior Auditorium ("C" Street entrance), 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. This year's judging will be held November 6–7, 2001, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 6, and continuing at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 7, if needed. In the event of a smaller than usual number of entries, all of the judging will take place on Tuesday, November 6.

Dated: January 30, 2001.

Marshall Jones,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

(NV–030–1430–ES; N–65834)

Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; Churchill County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following federal land in Churchill County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease/conveyance to the Churchill County under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*):

Mt. Diablo Meridian

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(containing 10 acres, more or less)

Churchill County proposes to use the land for an animal protection facility. The land is located near the intersection of Berney and Pasture Roads, near the Fallon Naval Air Station. The land is not needed for federal purposes. Lease/conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. Issuance of a 5-year lease with a purchase option is proposed. The lease/patent when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the R&PP Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All mineral deposits in the land so patented, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations to be established by the Secretary of the Interior.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days after publication of this notice, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification to the Acting Assistant Manager, Non-Renewable Resources, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for an animal protection facility. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for an animal protection facility. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The land will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes final.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Carson City Field Office during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from

organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2001.

Richard Conrad,

Assistant Manager, Non-Renewable Resources, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ–010–1210–ET; AZA–31344]

Cancellation of Proposed Withdrawal; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice terminates the segregative effect of a proposed withdrawal of 299,952.41 acres of lands requested by the Bureau of Land Management at the Paria Plateau. On November 9, 2000, the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument was established by Presidential Proclamation No. 7374, so the withdrawal is not needed. This notice opens the lands, that are not located within the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, to surface entry and mining.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 19, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laurie Ford, BLM Arizona Strip Field Office, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790, 435–688–3200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published in the **Federal Register**, FR 00–20678, August 15, 2000, which temporarily segregated the lands described therein from location and entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights. The new Vermilion Cliffs National Monument includes most of the lands proposed for withdrawal, so the Bureau of Land Management has determined that the proposed withdrawal is not needed and has cancelled its application.

At 9 a.m. on March 19, 2001, the lands that were described in the Notice of Proposed Withdrawal in the **Federal Register**, FR 00–20678, August 15, 2000, that are not located within the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, will be opened to operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provision of