

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Notice of Meetings

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces meetings of scientific peer review groups. The subcommittees listed below are part of the Agency's Health Services research Initial Review Group Committee.

The subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6). Grant applications are to be reviewed and discussed at these meetings. These discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

1. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Research Training.

Date: January 25–26, 2001 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

2. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Quality and Effectiveness Research.

Date: February 22–23, 2001 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

3. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Technology and Decision Sciences.

Date: March 1–2, 2001 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

4. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health System Research.

Date: March 5–6, 2001 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or minutes of the meetings should contact Ms. Jenny Griffith, Committee Management Officer, Office of Research Review, Education and Policy, AHRQ, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 400,

Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1847.

Agenda items for these meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: December 15, 2000.

John M. Eisenberg,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of a Letter of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to a specific oil and gas industry exploration activity has been issued to the following companies:

Company, Activity, Site, and Date Issued

Phillips Alaska, Inc., Exploration, Nanuq #3, November 16, 2000
BP Exploration (Alaska), Exploration, NPR-A, November 22, 2000
Phillips Alaska, Inc., Exploration, Hunter #1, November 29, 2000
Phillips Alaska, Inc., Exploration, Outlook #1, November 29, 2000
Phillips Alaska, Inc., Exploration, Oxbow #1, November 29, 2000
Phillips Alaska, Inc., Exploration, Rendezvous, November 29, 2000
Phillips Alaska, Inc., Exploration, Spark, November 29, 2000
Phillips Alaska, Inc., Exploration, Sunrise, November 29, 2000

CONTACT: Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities (65 FR 16828; March 30, 2000)."

Dated: December 11, 2000.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-014-01-1120-JG, HAG-01-0057]

Seasonal Closure of the CCC Road; (Numbered 41-14E-11) Klamath County, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the seasonal closure of the CCC Road at the Barnes Valley creek crossing in Klamath County, Oregon.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that during the winter and spring high water periods, the CCC road (Numbered 41-14E-11) on the east side of Gerber Reservoir in Klamath County, Oregon will be closed to through traffic at the CCC road's junction with the north and south rims of the Barnes Valley Creek canyon. The road will be closed by the Authorized Officer when water levels in Barnes Valley Creek make the CCC road's low water crossing at Barnes Valley Creek unsafe to use by the public. Gates have been installed at the CCC road junction with the north and south rims of the Barnes Valley Creek canyon. The closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this closure order: Bureau employees; state, local, and Federal law enforcement and fire protection personnel. Access by additional parties may be allowed, but must be approved in advance in writing by the Authorized Officer.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, which include a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, as well as the penalties provided under Oregon State law.

The road temporarily closed to through traffic under this order will be posted with signs at points of public road access.

The purpose of this emergency temporary closure is to protect persons from potential harm due to high water flows and flood conditions in Barnes Valley Creek. The road will be opened by the Authorized Officer when water levels in Barnes Valley Creek make the CCC road safe to use by the public.

DATES: This closure is effective from December 13, 2000 and will remain in effect until rescinded by the Authorized Officer.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the closure order and maps showing the location of the closed road are available from the Klamath Falls Resource Area Office, 2795 Anderson Avenue, Building 25, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa A. Raml, Field Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area at (541) 883-6916.

Dated: December 13, 2000.

Teresa A. Raml,

Field Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-070-1020-PG]

Upper Snake River District and Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council Vacancies—Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the Bureau of Land Management will accept nominations for two Resource Advisory Council (RAC) positions, one each on the Upper Snake River District (USRD) and the Lower Snake River District (LSRD) RACs. Applications will be accepted from the publication of this notice through January 31, 2001.

One Category Three vacancy is being advertised for the USRD RAC to complete the current 2000-2001 term, along with a Category One vacancy for the LSRD RAC, also to complete the current 2000-2001 term. These terms end in September 2001, and successful nominees who wish to remain on the RAC for a full three year term should apply for renomination in the spring of 2001.

The Category One vacancy is open to holders of Federal grazing permits or leases within the LSRD or who represent interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle use, commercial recreation, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. The Category Three vacancy is open to holders of state, county, or local elected office; employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural

resources; academicians involved in natural sciences; representatives of Native American Tribes, and the public-at-large.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Those interested in receiving an application may call BLM Field Offices in Southern Idaho (Boise, Idaho Falls, Burley, Pocatello, Shoshone, or Twin Falls). Applications are also available by calling Kim Buxton at (208) 373-4015 or via email at kim_buxton@blm.gov. You may also obtain the application on Idaho BLM's web site at www.id.blm.gov. All applications should be submitted to Kim Buxton, BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709, by January 31, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Buxton, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Idaho State Office. Telephone, (208) 373-4015.

Dated: December 19, 2000.

James E. May,

Upper Snake River District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-00-1020-24]

Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting Location and Time

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting location and time for the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (Nevada).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC), Nevada, will be held as indicated below. Topics for discussion will include a review of the BLM National Off-Highway Vehicle Strategy and local applications to BLM lands in Nevada; an update on wild horse gathers in northern Nevada; review of priority list of land acquisitions proposed as part of the Southern Nevada Public Lands Act; review of management of the Knott Creek Grazing Allotment; preliminary planning for the Winnemucca Resource Management Plan and proposed plan amendments for the Carson City Field

Office; and other topics the council may raise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written and/or oral comments to the council at 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 25th. The detailed agenda will be available on the internet by January 16, 2001, at www.nv.blm.gov/rac; hard copies can also be mailed or sent via FAX. Individuals who need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations should contact Mark Struble, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701, telephone (775) 885-6107 no later than January 16, 2001.

Date & Time: The RAC will meet on Thursday, January 25, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, January 26, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the first floor conference room of the BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nevada. Public comment on individual topics will be received at the discretion of the council chairperson, as meeting moderator, with a general public comment period on Thursday, January 25, 2001, at 3 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Struble, Public Affairs Officer, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. Telephone (775) 885-6107.

Dated: December 12, 2000.

John O. Singlaub,

Manager, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-72053]

Utah; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (P.L. 97-451), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease UTU-72053 for lands in Carbon County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from July 1, 2000, the date of termination, have been paid.

The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee has been paid and the lessee has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in