

permits, and would therefore reduce the potential for incidental take associated with urban development.

In August 2001, (66 FR 43267), two water agencies, Reclamation District No. 1000 (RD 1000), and Natomas Central Mutual Water Company (Natomas Mutual), decided to join the City of Sacramento and Sutter County as applicants for permits and participated in drafting the Plan. At this time, RD 1000 and Natomas Mutual have chosen not to submit an application for an incidental take permit. They may decide to apply at a later time and commit to the terms of the Plan, and through issuance of a permit by the Service, join as full permittees at a future date. It should be noted that because of RD 1000 and Natomas Mutual's previous participation as potential applicants, and the possibility that they may decide to apply for a permit at some future date, the description of and analysis of the two water agencies as permittees has remained in both the Plan and the EIR/EIS. Should the water agencies apply for a permit in the future, then additional notification and documentation may be needed pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

The Service invites the public to comment on the Plan and Draft EIR/EIS during a 60-day public comment period. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6). The Service will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to prepare a Final EIR/EIS. A decision on the permit applications will be made no sooner than 30 days after the publication of the Final EIR/EIS.

Dated: August 19, 2002.

**Steve Thompson,**

*Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Pinedale Anticline Working Group and Task Groups; Notice

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Pinedale Anticline Working Group and Task Groups—notice of establishment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is published in accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463). Following

consultation with the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior has established the Pinedale Anticline Working Group and Task Groups. The purpose of the Committee and Subcommittees will be to advise the Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office Manager, regarding recommendations on matters pertinent to the Bureau of Land Management's responsibilities related to the Pinedale Anticline Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

Members of the Working Group and Task Groups will be comprised of a representative from the State of Wyoming, a representative from the Town of Pinedale (Wyoming), a representative from the oil/gas operators, a representative from the Sublette County (Wyoming) Government, a representative from environmental groups, a representative from the affected landowners, a representative of the local livestock operators, and two members from the public-at-large.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Priscilla E. Mecham, Pinedale Field Office Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 432 East Mill Street, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941, Phone: (307) 367-5300. The certification of establishment is published below.

### Certification

I hereby certify that the establishment of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group and Task Groups is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities to manage the lands, resources, and facilities administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: August 15, 2002.

**Gale A. Norton,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Public Meeting: Northwest California Resource Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal

Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 23 and 24, 2002, at the Weaverville Victorian Inn, 1709 Main St., Weaverville, California. On Oct. 23, the meeting begins at 10 a.m. Council members will participate in a field tour to BLM-managed areas in Trinity County. On Oct. 24, the meeting begins at 8 a.m. in the Victorian Inn Conference Room. Time for public comments has been set for 1 p.m.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lynda J. Roush, Field Manager, BLM Arcata Field Office, 1895 Heindon Rd., Arcata, CA 95521, or telephone (707) 825-2300; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, telephone (530) 252-5332.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 12-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Northwest California. At this meeting, agenda topics include a proposal for development of a Weaverville Community Forest, an overview of fire and fuels projects, and review of a grant proposal for the Chappie-Shasta Off Highway Vehicle Area near Redding, California. Members will also hear reports from managers of the BLM's Arcata, Redding and Ukiah field offices.

All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have time allocated for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation and other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: August 19, 2002.

**Joseph J. Fontana,**

*Public Affairs Officer.*

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