

Act of 1997, Executive Order 12996, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

Background

Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1939 by Executive Order to protect wildlife and forage resources of the Sonoran Desert. In 1990 approximately 93 percent of the Refuge land area was designated Federal Wilderness by the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1990.

The Refuge occupies approximately 860,010 acres of Sonoran Desert, including mountains, broad desert, and bajadas. The Refuge and adjacent Federal lands; including the Organ Pipe National Monument, managed by the U.S. National Park Service, and the USAF Barry M. Goldwater Range military training area; comprise the United States' range of the Endangered Sonoran pronghorn. The desert bighorn sheep is another species of conservation interest occurring on the Refuge.

The draft CCP and EIS propose and evaluate five management alternatives for the Refuge. All management alternatives implement recovery actions for the Endangered Sonoran pronghorn. The alternatives differ primarily in the level of active management intervention proposed to support the desert bighorn sheep. The first alternative is "no action" or continuance of current Refuge management. Under this alternative, the Refuge would continue to offer a limited desert bighorn sheep hunt each year in cooperation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Refuge staff would continue to maintain and supply supplemental water to existing developed waters in desert bighorn sheep habitat. The second alternative focuses on limiting management interventions within Refuge wilderness. Under this alternative, developed wildlife waters in sheep habitat within the Refuge wilderness would not be maintained or supplied with supplemental water. The desert bighorn sheep hunt would also be discontinued. The third alternative includes limited management intervention in wilderness. Under this alternative, the Refuge would supply supplemental water to developed waters in sheep habitat within Refuge wilderness only during periods of severe drought. The desert bighorn sheep would be continued, but no hunting would be allowed during years of severe drought. The fourth alternative, identified as the Service's proposed alternative, would allow continued maintenance and water supply to existing developed waters in sheep habitat within Refuge wilderness

and would include projects to increase the water collection efficiency of such waters. The Refuge desert bighorn sheep hunt program would continue unchanged under this alternative. The fifth alternative would include the maximum management intervention within Refuge wilderness. Under this alternative all existing developed waters in Refuge wilderness would be maintained and supplied with water, and new developed waters would be created. The desert bighorn sheep hunt program would continue unchanged under this alternative.

Public Meetings

The Service will hold public meetings to present the draft CCP, answer questions, and receive formal public comments in Yuma, Tucson, Sells, and Ajo, Arizona, during the public comment period. The exact location, time, and date of these meetings will be determined based on logistic issues. Notice of the meetings will be posted in local newspapers and other media outlets and given through mailings to individuals and organizations that have expressed interest in this planning effort.

Dated: March 4, 2005.

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Acting, Regional Director, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting Notice Changes for the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vale District

SUMMARY: The John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council (JDSRAC) meeting scheduled for March 23 and 24, 2005, in Baker City, Oregon, has been cancelled.

The John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council meeting scheduled for June 15 has been rescheduled to June 20. The meeting time and location remains the same: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Quality Inn, 700 Port Drive, Clarkston, WA. The meeting may include such topics as OHV, Noxious Weeds, Planning, Sage Grouse, and other matters as may reasonably come before the council. A field trip to Hells Canyon is scheduled for June 21 to discuss noxious weeds and other matters as identified.

The meeting is open to the public. Public comment is scheduled for 11

a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (Pacific time) June 20. For a copy of the information to be distributed to the Council members, please submit a written request to the Vale District Office 10 days prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council may be obtained from Debbie Lyons, Public Affairs Officer, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918, (541) 473-6218 or e-mail Debra_Lyons@or.blm.gov.

Dated: March 10, 2005.

David R. Henderson,

District Manager.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Public Land Sale, OR 53188

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

ACTION: Amended notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: This Notice amends the Notice of Realty Action (NORA) published October 14, 2004, (69FR61038) for the competitive sale of a 520 acre parcel of public land in Klamath County, Oregon.

DATES: Sealed bids for the competitive sale will be opened on the first Tuesday of each month beginning on April 5, 2005.

ADDRESSES: BLM, Klamath Falls Field Office, 2795 Anderson Avenue, Building 25, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Younger, Realty Specialist, at (541) 883-6916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NORA published on October 14, 2004 provided for the competitive sale of a 520 acre parcel of public land (Parcel I) in Klamath County, Oregon. This parcel was not sold in the competitive sale held on December 15, 2004. This Notice amends the NORA published in October 2004 and identifies additional sale dates for this parcel of public land.

In accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR Part 2711.3-1(e), the following described public land in Klamath County, Oregon, remains available for competitive sale until sold pursuant to Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of