

plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Each unit of the NWRS was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the NWRS mission, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the NWRS.

Our CCP process provides participation opportunities for Tribal, State, and local governments; agencies; organizations; and the public. At this time, we encourage input in the form of issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of Parker River and Thacher Island NWRs.

We will conduct the environmental review of this project and develop an EA in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; and our policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations.

#### *Parker River and Thacher Island National Wildlife Refuges*

Parker River NWR was established in 1942 to provide feeding, resting, and nesting habitat for migratory birds. The refuge occupies 4,653 acres on Plum Island, a 9-mile-long barrier island off the northeastern coast of Massachusetts, and is a vital stopover site along the Atlantic Flyway for waterfowl, shorebirds, and songbirds. The primary purpose of Parker River NWR is to preserve and manage habitat for a

diversity of species, particularly migratory birds and wintering American black ducks. A focus of management is to serve as a land management, research, and demonstration area for salt marsh systems. Adjacent to the refuge, and at the extreme southern tip of Plum Island, is the 77-acre Sandy Point State Reservation. This park's only overland access is through the refuge.

Parker River NWR staff also administer Thacher Island NWR, an unstaffed satellite refuge off the coast of Rockport, Massachusetts. Thacher Island NWR encompasses the northern 22 acres of the 50-acre island, and was established in 1972 to provide feeding, resting, and nesting habitat for migratory birds. The refuge is managed to protect migratory birds, endangered species and other wildlife and their habitats.

#### **Scoping: Preliminary Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities**

We have identified preliminary issues, concerns, and opportunities that we may address in the CCP. We have briefly summarized these issues below. During public scoping, we may identify additional issues.

Concerns about the management of several key habitats on the refuges include the protection of the beach/dune for Federally endangered piping plovers and roseate terns, and marsh habitat for saltmarsh sparrows, bitterns and rails, all of which are species of conservation concern. Manmade impoundments provide freshwater wetlands for priority bird species, but these modified habitats are threatened by sea level rise. The feasibility of their long-term maintenance, in comparison to restoring native habitats, will be evaluated. A recent sea level rise study predicts that Plum Island's natural and cultural resources are imminently threatened. Management of native grasslands and maritime shrub, which currently require prescribed fire and mechanical treatments for restoration and maintenance, will also be evaluated. Water quantity and quality issues on the refuge and in the surrounding watershed are additional habitat issues.

Concerns about the management of the barrier island system as a unit involves issues of public access, visitor use, and vehicle "carrying capacity" in relation to the adjacent State reservation's differing management and enforcement of recreation. Parking lot and seasonal beach closures to protect key refuge and adjacent State reservation resources result in traffic and visitor use challenges. Also complicating management is the ability

of the refuge to provide quality compatible use, as general beach use often precludes wildlife-dependent priority public uses.

Many partnerships are in place and other key opportunities exist with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, as well as with refuge neighbor Massachusetts Audubon Society, which provides programming and tours on the refuge. These relationships, however, also raise issues related to refuge visibility and visitor and community awareness of refuge ownership and management.

#### **Public Meetings**

We will give the public an opportunity to provide input throughout the planning process at public meetings and other scheduled events. You can obtain schedules and meeting information from the planning team leader or project leader (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also send comments anytime during the planning process by mail, e-mail, or fax (see **ADDRESSES**). There will be additional opportunities to provide public input once we have prepared a draft CCP.

#### **Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: April 8, 2011.

**Wendi Weber,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

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#### **Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Montana**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plats of survey.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in

the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, on May 20, 2011.

**DATES:** Protests of the survey must be filed before May 20, 2011 to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Protests of the survey should be sent to the Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Toth, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, telephone (406) 896-5121 or (406) 896-5009. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Region, Billings, Montana, and was necessary to determine individual and tribal trust lands.

The lands we surveyed are:

**Principal Meridian, Montana**

T. 27 N., R. 51 E.

The plat, in one sheet, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, a portion of the subdivision of sections 17 and 20, the adjusted original meanders of the former left bank of the Missouri River, downstream through sections 17, 18, and 20, and a division of accretion line, the subdivision of section 17, and the survey of the meanders of the present left bank of the Missouri River and informative traverse, downstream, through sections 17 and 20, the left bank and medial line of a relict channel of the Missouri River, in front of section 17, the informative traverse of a former left bank of the Missouri River, certain division of accretion and partition lines, and an attached island, now designated as Tract 46 in Township 27 North, Range 51 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted April 8, 2011.

We will place a copy of the plat, in one sheet, and related field notes we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information. If the BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, in one sheet, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest. We will not officially file this

plat, in one sheet, until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions or appeals.

**Authority:** 43 U.S.C. Chap. 3.

Dated: April 14, 2011.

**James D. Clafin**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting, Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The Northwest Colorado RAC has scheduled its remaining 2011 meetings for June 9, August 18, and December 1.

**ADDRESSES:** The June 9 meeting will be held in Kremmling, Colorado, at the Arlington Inn and Suites, 215 W. Central Ave. The August 18 meeting will be in Craig, Colorado, at the Hampton Inn and Suites, 377 Cedar Court. The December 1 meeting will be in Gateway, Colorado, at the Gateway Canyons Resort, 43200 Colorado Highway 141. Each meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 3 p.m., with public comment periods regarding matters on the agenda at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Boyd, Public Affairs Specialist, Colorado River Valley Field Office, 2300 River Frontage Road, Silt, CO. (970) 876-9008. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Northwest Colorado RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of public land issues in Colorado.

Topics of discussion during Northwest Colorado RAC meetings may include the BLM National Sage Grouse Conservation Strategy, working group reports, recreation, fire management, land use planning, invasive species management, energy and minerals management, travel management, wilderness, wild horse herd management, land exchange proposals, cultural resource management, and other issues as appropriate. These meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RACs. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time, as identified above, allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

Subcommittees under this RAC meet regarding the McInnis Canyon National Conservation Area, Resource Management Plan revisions for the Colorado River Valley, Kremmling, and Grand Junction field offices, and the White River Field Office Resource Management Plan Oil and Gas Amendment. Subcommittees report to the NW RAC at each council meeting. Subcommittee meetings are open to the public. More information is available at [http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM\\_Resources/racs/nwrac.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Resources/racs/nwrac.html).

Dated: April 15, 2011.

**Helen M. Hankins,**

*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before April 1, 2011. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60, written comments are being accepted concerning the significance of the nominated properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation.