

Actions Common to All Alternatives

All three alternatives share the following concepts and techniques for achieving the goals of the refuge:

- Cooperating with State and Federal agencies, non-government organizations, and Dominion Power Company to evaluate the effects of managed flows on the Roanoke River floodplain on the refuge's natural resources;
- Cooperating with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to administer a hunting program on the refuge;
- Cooperating with the Partnership for the Sounds and Roanoke River Partners to promote nature-based tourism;
- Monitoring populations of neotropical songbirds and the health of bottomland hardwood forest stands; and
- Encouraging scientific research on the refuge.

Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge, in northeastern North Carolina, consists of 20,978 acres, of which 13,824 acres are baldcypress-water tupelo swamp and 7,154 acres are bottomland hardwood forests. These forests support a variety of wildlife species, including neotropical migratory songbirds, waterfowl, colonial nesting birds, deer, turkey, and squirrels.

The refuge hosts 20,000 visitors annually who participate in hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

Authority: This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105-57.

Dated: January 19, 2005.

Cynthia K. Dohner,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service ("we") solicits review and comment from the public, and from local, State and Federal agencies on the following permit requests.

DATES: Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before April 29, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, 911 NE., 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181 (fax: 503-231-6243). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above (telephone: 503-231-2063). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE-101141

Applicant: Washington State University, Vancouver, Washington.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit, mark, and release) the Fender's blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides fenderi*) in conjunction with research in Polk and Lane Counties, Oregon, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-101373

Applicant: Jeanie Taylor, Seattle, Washington.

The applicant requests a permit to reduce/remove to possession (collect seeds) *Hackelia venusta* (showy stickseed) in conjunction with research in Chelan County, Washington, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

We solicit public review and comment on these recovery permit applications.

Dated: March 11, 2005.

Don Weathers,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of Applications for Incidental Take Permits for the Arnaudo Brothers, Wathen-Castanos, and River East Holding Sites in Merced County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is reopening the public comment period on the Draft Arnaudo Brothers, Wathen-Castanos and River East Holding Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for an incidental take permit for the endangered San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*, "kit fox") in Merced County, California.

DATES: To ensure consideration of comments, they must be received on or before April 29, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Please address written comments to Ms. Lori Rinek, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605, Sacramento, California 95825. You also may send comments by facsimile to (916) 414-6713.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lori Rinek, Chief, Conservation Planning and Recovery Division, at (916) 414-6600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

You may obtain copies of these documents for review by contacting the above office [see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**]. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address [see **ADDRESSES**] and at the following website: <http://www.harveyecology.com/>.

Background

The Arnaudo Brothers, Wathen-Castanos, and River East Holding Sites (Applicants) have applied to the Service for incidental take permits pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The Service is considering issuing 10-year permits to the Applicants that would authorize take of the endangered kit fox incidental to otherwise lawful activities associated with the residential and commercial development of four sites in Merced County, California. The projects would result in the incidental take of kit fox on the project sites

through permanent removal off 182 acres of habitat. Incidental take may also potentially occur during construction and ground disturbance activities, which may affect occupied dens and individuals foxes.

On February 7, 2005, we published a "Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt for Applications for Incidental Take Permits for the Arnaudo Brothers, Wathen-Castanos, and River East Holding Sites in Merced County, California" (70 FR 6452). In that notice, we requested public comment on the Draft HCP and Draft EA. The Draft EA is the Federal document that analyzes the impacts of the HCP. The analyses provided in the Draft EA is intended to inform the public of the proposed action, alternatives, and associated impacts; disclose the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the proposed action and each of the alternatives; and indicate any irreversible commitment of resources that would result from implementation of the proposed action.

The comment period for the February 7, 2005, notice closed on March 9, 2005. We are now reopening the comment period until April 29, 2005. Comments on the Draft HCP, and Draft EA need not be resubmitted, as they will be fully considered in the final decision documents.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Act as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Service regulations (40 CFR 1506.6) for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

Dated: March 24, 2005.

Ken McDermond,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Public Meeting: Resource Advisory Council to the Boise District, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the 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) Boise District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 19, 2005, beginning at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 4 p.m. at the BLM Boise District Office, Snake River Conference Room, located at 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID. Public comment periods will be held after topics on the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, BLM Boise District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384-3393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-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 southwestern Idaho. At this meeting, the following actions will occur/topics will be discussed:

- Hot Topics;
- Presentation and discussion on Idaho's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy;
- Three Field Office Managers and District Fire Manager provide updates on current issues and planned activities in their Field Offices and the District;
- Subcommittee Reports:
- Rangeland Standards and Guidelines;
 - Briefing on current conditions and actions being taken and planned in response to the drought,
 - Briefing on the outlook for Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket infestations this spring and summer, and what actions are being taken and are planned to help minimize and mitigate their impact to public lands,
 - Update on the status of the new grazing regulations
- Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) and Transportation Management;
- Briefing on what is being planned by Idaho BLM for OHV Public Outreach,
- Sage Grouse Habitat Management;
 - Update on status of Idaho's Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Strategy, and Map of Wind Energy Projects across Idaho, and;
- Resource Management Plans;
 - Presentation of draft alternatives for the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan. RAC review and feedback.

Agenda items may change due to changing circumstances. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time 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. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below. Expedited publication is requested to give the public adequate notice.

Dated: March 24, 2005.

James H. Johansen,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-055-5870-EU]

Notice of Realty Actions: Competitive Sale of Public Lands in Clark County, NV; Termination of Segregation and Classification of Two Parcels Designated for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to sell 72 parcels of federally owned land in Laughlin, Nevada, aggregating approximately 2,058.19 acres. All sales will be conducted in Laughlin on June 15, 2005, in accordance with competitive bidding procedures. The BLM also is terminating the Recreation and Public Purposes classifications of two parcels of land in Clark County, Nevada, that will be offered for sale on June 15, 2005.

DATES: Comments regarding the proposed sale must be received by BLM on or before May 16, 2005.

Sealed bids must be received by the BLM not later than 4:30 p.m., PDT, June 10, 2005.

All parcels of land proposed for sale are to be put up for purchase and sale, at public auction, beginning at 10 a.m., PDT, June 15, 2005. Registration for oral bidding will begin at 8 a.m., PDT, June 15, 2005. The public auction will begin at 10 a.m., PDT, June 15, 2005.

Other deadline dates for the receipt of payments, and arranging for certain payments to be made by electronic transfer, are specified in the proposed terms and conditions of sale, as stated herein.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the proposed sale, as well as sealed bids to