

acknowledgment staff before using genealogical, database, or other computer software programs in order to maximize compatibility with systems in use within the Office of Federal Acknowledgment. Petitioners and other parties may submit petition materials in an electronic format, such as images of documents, and consult with the acknowledgment staff to prepare for the inclusion of their petition in the FAIR system. Consultation before preparation of petition materials will facilitate compatibility and thereby speed the review of petitions.

The acknowledgment staff is available to provide technical assistance to petitioners and third parties, but can understand the organization and composition of a petitioning group and its governing body only if the group's governing documents and membership roll are provided. Therefore, these documents should be submitted as soon as possible, preferably with the letter of intent, in order for the acknowledgment staff to provide effective and timely technical assistance. These items are required elements of a documented petition under § 83.7(d) and (e). As part of their comments on a proposed finding, petitioners should submit an updated membership roll, certified by their governing body. The petitioner should include an explanation of any changes in its membership criteria and/or enrollment procedures and any substantial changes in its membership since the proposed finding. Petitioners are reminded that, under § 83.11(b), if they are acknowledged, this list will become the group's base membership roll.

In order to promote timeliness and transparency in the acknowledgment process, especially during the period between a determination that a documented petition is ready for active consideration and publication of a proposed finding, petitioners are encouraged to provide a copy of the non-privacy materials in their submissions to the Department directly to the State Attorney General's Office and any recognized tribe that is an interested party in their petition, and third parties are encouraged to provide a copy of their submissions to the Department directly to the petitioner, the State Attorney General's Office, and any recognized tribe that is an interested party. This request does not change the regulatory requirement, in § 83.10(i), that third parties who submit arguments and evidence to the Assistant Secretary on the proposed finding must provide a copy of their submissions to the petitioner. This guidance does not create any rights in petitioners or third

parties to obtain information or respond to it. Such voluntary, reciprocal exchanges with other parties may improve the ability of those parties to submit timely comments. If the Department is able to include an evaluation of such submissions in a proposed finding, then all parties will be able to reply to that evaluation during the comment period. These reciprocal exchanges also would improve the ability of all parties to comment after a proposed finding on any materials submitted too late to be considered for the proposed finding. If such exchanges eliminate a need for parties to submit FOIA requests, they should reduce the collateral duties of the acknowledgment staff and thus speed the Department's processing of acknowledgment petitions.

The regulations provide, in § 83.10(i), that the comment period that follows a proposed finding "may be extended for up to an additional 180 days at the Assistant Secretary's discretion upon a finding of good cause." The Department has interpreted the regulations as providing for more than one extension. It has been the policy of the Department that the finding of "good cause" for any extension will depend on the specificity of the description of work that will be done if additional time is permitted, the explanation for why the research and analysis were not completed during the initial comment period or prior extension, and the amount of additional time requested. Any requests for extensions should be made appropriately in advance of the expiration of the initial or extended comment period, and petitioners and third parties should not assume that such extensions will be granted either in whole or in part. While extensions of the comment period will be granted on a showing of good cause, if, because of such an extension, a petition is not ready for evaluation for a final determination when the acknowledgment staff is available to be assigned to it, the Department will proceed to evaluate another petition. The Department cannot allow delay on one petition to cause delay on other petitions.

The Department advises petitioners, third parties, and their representatives not to contact the Associate Deputy Secretary or any other Department official who may have been delegated authority to decide matters concerning the acknowledgment petition during the last 60 days of the regulatory time period provided for the issuance of a proposed finding or final determination. During the active consideration of a petition, the petitioner and third parties

may contact the supervisor of the acknowledgment staff (see the contact information above) regarding the status of the petition.

Under § 83.5 of the regulations, the Associate Deputy Secretary, or the Assistant Secretary, as appropriate, shall supplement or update the acknowledgment guidelines as necessary. The advice in this notice supersedes the existing guidelines for preparation of documented petitions where they may be in conflict.

These revised procedures and guidance are effective on March 31, 2005.

Dated: March 10, 2005.

James E. Cason,

Associate Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-068-03-1610-DR-241E]

Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) management policies, the BLM announces the availability of the RAMP Record of Decision for the Imperial Sand Dunes located mainly in the Western Colorado Desert Planning Area and partly in the Northern and Eastern Colorado Desert Planning area. The California State Director will sign the Record of Decision for the Imperial Sand Dunes RAMP which becomes effective immediately.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Imperial Sand Dunes RAMP/Record Of Decision are available upon request from the Field Manager, El Centro Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243 or via the Internet at <http://www.ca.blm.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynnette Elser, Resource Staff Chief, El Centro Field Office, El Centro, CA 92243, phone: 760-337-4400, e-mail: lelser@ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Imperial Sand Dunes RAMP was developed with broad public participation through a multi-year collaborative planning process. This RAMP addresses management on approximately 158,072 acres of public land in the planning areas. The Imperial Sand Dunes RAMP is designed to achieve or maintain desired future conditions developed through the planning process. It includes a series of management actions to meet the desired resource conditions for native plant populations, wildlife habitats, cultural and visual resources, and recreation.

The approved Imperial Sand Dunes RAMP is essentially the same as Alternative 2 in the Proposed Imperial Sand Dunes RAMP and Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRAMP/FEIS), published in May 2003. BLM received eleven protest(s) to the Proposed RAMP/FEIS. No inconsistencies with State or local plans, policies, or programs were identified during the Governor's consistency review of the Proposed RAMP/FEIS. As a result, only minor editorial modifications were made in preparing the final RAMP/ROD. These modifications corrected errors that were noted during review of the Proposed RAMP/FEIS and provide further clarification for some of the decisions. An errata sheet is included with the RAMP/Record of Decision that identifies the location of the corrections to the Proposed RAMP/FEIS.

Dated: February 7, 2005.

Larry Caffey,
Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-310-0777-XG]

Notice of Public Meeting: Northwest California Resource Advisory Council and Northeast 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 and Northeast

California Resource Advisory Council will meet in joint session, and then convene in individual business breakout sessions.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday and Thursday, May 11-12, 2005, in the Conference Center of the Red Lion Hotel, 1830 Hilltop Dr., Redding, Calif. On May 11, the councils will convene in joint session at 10 a.m. On May 12, the groups will convene individual business sessions beginning at 8 a.m. Time for public comment has been set aside for 1 p.m. both days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Burns, Manager, BLM Ukiah Field Office, (707) 468-4000; Tim Burke, Manager, Alturas Field Office, (530) 233-4666; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, (530) 252-5332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Resource Advisory Councils advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Northern California and parts of Northwest Nevada. At the joint session, agenda topics will include use of recreation user fees, orientation matters, a review of council charters and a forum with BLM California State Director Mike Pool. At its business meeting May 12, the Northwest Council will discuss BLM wilderness management, status of the Salmon Creek Resources proposed land exchange, the process for establishment of a National Conservation Area in the Sacramento River Bend area, designations under the BLM's National Landscape Conservation System, and a status report on the Ukiah Field Office Resource Management Plan. Also on May 12, the Northeast RAC will discuss land acquisitions, WSA in-holdings, rail banking, status of the sagebrush steppe ecosystem management project and the status of Resource Management Plan development for the Alturas, Eagle Lake and Surprise 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. Members of the public are welcome on field tours, but they must provide their own transportation and lunch. 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: March 23, 2005.

Joseph J. Fontana,
Public Affairs Officer.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-856 (Review)]

Ammonium Nitrate From Russia

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of a five-year review concerning the suspended investigation on ammonium nitrate from Russia.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it has instituted a review pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)) (the Act) to determine whether termination of the suspended investigation on ammonium nitrate from Russia would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, interested parties are requested to respond to this notice by submitting the information specified below to the Commission;¹ to be assured of consideration, the deadline for responses is May 23, 2005. Comments on the adequacy of responses may be filed with the Commission by June 14, 2005. For further information concerning the conduct of this review and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207).

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 31, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Messer (202-205-3193), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000.

¹ No response to this request for information is required if a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) number is not displayed; the OMB number is 3117-0016/USITC No. 05-5-117, expiration date June 30, 2005. Public reporting burden for the request is estimated to average 10 hours per response. Please send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436.