

providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with the refuges' establishing purposes and the mission of the Refuge System.

This final CCP identifies goals, objectives, and strategies for the management of Medicine Lake NWR Complex that emphasize restoration and maintenance of native habitats in vigorous condition for migratory birds. The CCP places high importance on the control of invasive plant species with partners and integrated pest management. It seeks to provide habitats in order to contribute to conservation, enhancement, and production of migratory bird species while protecting federally listed species.

The availability of the draft CCP and Environmental Assessment (EA) was announced in the **Federal Register** on August 7, 2007, and made available for a 30-day public review and comment period. The draft CCP/EA evaluated three alternatives for managing Medicine Lake NWR and the Northeast Montana WMD, and two alternatives for managing Lamesteer NWR for the next 15 years.

The preferred alternative would conserve the natural resources of Northeast Montana by restoring or protecting the native and mixed-grass prairie grasslands and maintaining high-quality nesting habitats within the refuge complex. The refuge would reduce populations of selected species of invasive plants, and control of crested wheatgrass would be the management priority. The approved refuge administrative boundary would be expanded through willing sellers or buyers by about 722 hectares (1,784 acres) based on three priority areas. This alternative would focus funding for visitor-use resources on developing access and improving opportunities for wildlife-dependent recreational uses (hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, interpretation, and environmental education) while also encouraging a greater understanding and appreciation for the mixed grass prairie ecosystem.

We selected this alternative because it best meets the purposes and goals of the Medicine Lake NWR and the Northeast Montana WMD, as well as the mission and goals of the Refuge System. The preferred alternative also will benefit federally listed species, shore birds, migrating and nesting waterfowl, neotropical migrants, including birds of management concern and resident wildlife. Environmental education and partnerships will result in improved wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities. Cultural and historical

resources as well as federally listed species will be protected.

The preferred alternative for Lamesteer NWR would take the refuge out of the Refuge System and relinquish the easement to the current landowner. The Service's easement requirements would no longer exist, and we would divest our interest in the refuge. This would be carried out within 15 years.

Through the CCP process, we evaluated the level of national trust resource values represented by Lamesteer NWR to determine if those values and associated risks were sufficient to justify continuation of the easement. Trust resources are resources that through law or administrative act are held in trust for the people by the government. We determined that Lamesteer NWR possesses no trust resource values and minimal habitat value for wildlife. We have no management authority on the uplands surrounding the easement, and public access is by permission of the landowner. Further, the dam structure is in need of substantial repairs to meet the State of Montana and regional dam safety standards. We determined that Lamesteer NWR does not meet the goals of the Refuge System or the legislative purpose of the refuge.

We are furnishing this notice to advise other agencies and the public of the availability of the final CCP, provide information about the desired conditions for the Medicine Lake NWR Complex, and offer details on how we will implement management strategies. Based on the review and evaluation of the information contained in the EA, the Regional Director has determined that implementation of the Final Plan does not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Dated: October 2, 2007.

Gary Mowad,

Acting Deputy Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service announces a public meeting of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2008, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, March 11, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Eastern Time). Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting must notify Douglas Hobbs by close of business on Friday, February 29, 2008, per instructions under the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of the Interior, Room 5160, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20240; telephone (703) 358-2336.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Hobbs, Council Coordinator, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mailstop 3103-AEA, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone (703) 358-2336, fax (703) 358-2548, or via e-mail at doug_hobbs@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council will hold a meeting on Monday, March 10, 2008, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, March 11, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Eastern Time).

The Council was formed in January 1993 to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, on nationally significant recreational fishing, boating, and aquatic resource conservation issues. The Council represents the interests of the public and private sectors of the sport fishing, boating, and conservation communities and is organized to enhance partnerships among industry, constituency groups, and government. The 18-member Council, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, includes the Director of the Service and the president of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, who both serve in ex officio capacities. Other Council members are Directors from State agencies

responsible for managing recreational fish and wildlife resources and individuals who represent the interests of saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing, recreational boating, the recreational fishing and boating industries, recreational fisheries resource conservation, Native American tribes, aquatic resource outreach and education, and tourism. Background information on the Council is available at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.

The Council will convene to consider:

(1) The Council's continuing role in providing input to the Fish and Wildlife Service on the Service's strategic plan for its Fisheries Program; (2) the Council's work in addressing the issue of boating and fishing access; (3) the Council's role as a facilitator of discussions with Federal and State agencies and other sport fishing and boating interests concerning a variety of national boating and fisheries management issues; (4) the Council's work to assess the Clean Vessel Act Grant Program; (5) the potential Council role in providing information to Service and Department on the upcoming reauthorization of the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund; (6) the Council's role in providing the Secretary with information about the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the National Outreach and Communications Program, authorized by the 1998 Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act, that is now being implemented by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, a private, nonprofit organization; and (7) other Council business. The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.

Procedures for Public Input: Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the Council to consider during the public meeting. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda are invited to submit written statements to the Council.

Individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at the public Council meeting will be limited to two minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of one-half hour for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Douglas Hobbs, Council Coordinator, in writing (preferably via e-mail), by Friday, February 22, 2008, at the contact information noted above, to be placed on the public speaker list for this meeting. Written statements should be received by Friday, February 29, 2008,

so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the Council Coordinator in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register by close of business Friday, February 29, 2008, in order to attend. Because entry to Federal buildings is restricted, all visitors are required to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Douglas Hobbs, and he will provide you with instructions for admittance. Mr. Hobbs' e-mail address is doug_hobbs@fws.gov and his phone number is (703) 358-2236.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator at 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS-3103-AEA, Arlington, VA 22203, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

Dated: February 6, 2008

Kenneth Stansell,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 106-148, the NCGMP Advisory Committee will meet in Room BA102A of the John Wesley Powell Building of the U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia. The Advisory Committee, composed of scientists from Federal Agencies, State Agencies, academic institutions, and private companies, will advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey on planning and implementation of the geologic mapping program. Topics to be reviewed and discussed by the Advisory Committee include the:

- Progress of the NCGMP towards fulfilling the purposes of the National Geological Mapping act of 1992

- Field oriented geoscience experience for college and university students.

- Paucity of Black, Hispanic, and Native American college and university students with geoscience majors.

DATES: March 6-7, 2008 commencing at 8:30 a.m. on March 6, and adjourning by 5 p.m. on March 7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laurel M. Bybell, U.S. Geological Survey, 908 National Center, Reston, Virginia 20192 (703) 648-5281.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the National Cooperative Geological Mapping Program Advisory Committee are open to the Public.

Dated: February 7, 2008.

Peter T. Lyttle,

Acting Associate Director for Geology, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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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 hold a meeting as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting scheduled for January 31, 2008, was cancelled due to adverse weather and hazardous driving conditions. The business scheduled for that meeting will be conducted on March 12, 2008, beginning at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Boise District Office located at 3948 S. Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho. Public comment periods will be held during the course of the meeting.

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