

and development of educational programs.

Alternative C, the Proposed Action, would include those features described in Alternative B, as well as including a plan to improve the water quality entering the Refuge, and reducing peak flows in the upper James River watershed during spring runoff and summer rainfall events. This watershed management component would include working with private landowners through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife program and other federal, state, and private conservation programs. The focus would be to protect and restore wetlands and grasslands, and reduce the impact on water quality from cropland and livestock operations. Improving the health of the upper James River watershed would not only benefit wildlife habitat in the watershed and at the Refuge, it would also benefit the Jamestown Reservoir and all downstream users.

The Service is furnishing this notice to advise other agencies and the public of the availability of the final Plan, to provide information on the desired conditions for the refuges, and to detail how the Service 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: February 26, 2008.

Gary G. Mowad,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal—State Class III Gaming Amendment.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes an approval of Amendment II of the Amended and Restated Class III Gaming Compact between the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the State of Oregon.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 4, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal—State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This Amendment revises the video lottery terminal definition, removes some check cashing restrictions, and addresses the proposed new Oregon State Police billing plan.

Dated: February 25, 2008.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Intent To Prepare the Caliente Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Bakersfield Field Office, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Bakersfield Field Office intends to revise the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for public lands and mineral estate within the Bakersfield Field Office, and prepare an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The RMP revision will update the existing Caliente Resource Management Plan. This notice initiates the public scoping process and provides information regarding public scoping meetings.

DATES: The public scoping process is initiated upon the date of publication of this notice. Formal scoping will end 60 days after publication of this notice; however, collaboration with the public will continue throughout the planning process. The BLM will hold public scoping meetings to identify relevant issues, and will announce these meetings at least 15 days in advance of the meetings through local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bakersfield.html>. Formal opportunities for public participation will also be

provided upon publication of the Draft RMP/EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Web Site: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bakersfield.html>.
- E-mail: cacalrmp@ca.blm.gov.
- Fax: (661) 391-6041.
- Mail: Caliente RMP, Bureau of Land Management, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Bakersfield Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Steve Larson: Telephone (661) 391-6022; e-mail cacalrmp@ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM office in Bakersfield, California, intends to revise an RMP and prepare an associated EIS for the BLM managed public lands and interests within the Bakersfield Field Office—exclusive of the California Coastal National Monument and the Carrizo Plain National Monument. This document also announces public scoping meetings.

The planning area is located in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare, and Ventura Counties in California. This planning area encompasses approximately 400,000 acres of public land and an additional 450,000 acres of federal mineral estate. The plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and EIS alternatives. These issues also guide the planning process. You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit formal scoping comments within 30 days after the last public meeting. Before including your address, phone number, email 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. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, are available for public inspection in their entirety. The minutes and list of attendees for each scoping meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participant who wishes to clarify the views he or she expressed.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM, other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date regarding the existing issues and concerns with current land management. The major issues that will be addressed in this planning effort include: Oil & gas leasing and development; management of threatened & endangered plant and animal species; land tenure adjustment; and recreation management.

After public scoping comments are gathered, issues that are identified will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the plan as to why issues are placed in categories two or three. In addition to these major issues, a number of management questions and concerns will be addressed in the plan. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping phase.

Preliminary planning criteria have been identified as:

1. The plan will establish new guidance and identify existing guidance upon which the BLM will rely in managing public lands within the Bakersfield Field Office.
2. The plan will be completed in compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and all other applicable laws.
3. The planning process will include an environmental impact statement that will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) standards.
4. The RMP/EIS will incorporate by reference the *Standards for Rangeland*

Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management.

5. The RMP/EIS will incorporate by reference all prior wilderness designations and wilderness study area findings that affect public lands in the planning area.

6. The plan will provide determinations as required by special program and resource specific guidance detailed in Appendix C of the BLM's Planning Handbook.

7. Decisions in the plan will strive to be compatible with the existing plans and policies of adjacent local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies as long as the decisions are in conformance with Bureau policies on management of public lands.

8. The scope of analysis will be consistent with the level of analysis in approved plans and in accordance with Bureau-wide standards and program guidance.

9. Resource allocations must be reasonable and achievable within available technological and budgetary constraints.

10. The lifestyles and concerns of area residents will be recognized in the plan.

11. All lands within the California Coastal National Monument and the Carrizo Plain National Monument—both of which will be covered under separate resource management plans—will be dropped from the revised Caliente Resource Management Plan.

12. Decisions and management actions within the existing plan will be evaluated; those that are determined to still be valid will be carried forward into this revised RMP.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: Outdoor recreation, archaeology, wildlife biology, botany, rangeland management, oil & gas, geology, realty, and fire management.

Dated: January 29, 2008.

Timothy Z. Smith,

Bakersfield Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Supplementary Rules on Public Lands Managed by the Lake Havasu Field Office, Arizona and California With Request for Comment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed Supplementary Rules for the Lake Havasu Field Office.

SUMMARY: The BLM Lake Havasu Field Office is proposing supplementary rules to implement decisions of the Lake Havasu Field Office Resource Management Plan (2007), to protect valuable and fragile natural and cultural resources, and to provide for public safety and enjoyment.

DATES: We invite public comments until May 5, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver all comments concerning the proposed supplementary rules to the Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406. E-mailed comments may be sent to Lake_Havasu@blm.gov; or you may access the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Henderson, Assistant Field Manager, or Michael Dodson, Field Staff Law Enforcement Ranger, Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406; telephone 928-505-1200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Public Comment Procedure
- II. Background
- III. Discussion of Supplementary Rules
- IV. Procedural Matters

I. Public Comment Procedure

Written comments on the proposed supplementary rules should be specific, confined to issues pertinent to the proposed supplementary rules, and should explain the reason for any recommended change. Where possible, comments should reference the specific section or paragraph of the rule that the comment is addressing. BLM need not consider: (a) comments that BLM receives after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**), unless they are postmarked or electronically dated before the deadline, or (b) comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also access and comment on the proposed supplementary rules at the