

(*Ambystoma tigrinum stebbinsi*). The species occurs on lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service, Coronado National Forest; U.S. Department of the Army, Fort Huachuca; and private lands in the San Rafael Valley and adjacent portions of the Huachuca and Patagonia mountains in southeastern Santa Cruz and southwestern Cochise counties, Arizona. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft Plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft Recovery Plan must be received on or before August 15, 2000 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft Recovery Plan may obtain a copy by contacting Jim Rorabaugh, Arizona Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2321 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, Arizona 85021-4951 (602/640-2720 x238). Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to the Field Supervisor at this same address. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Rorabaugh (see **ADDRESSES**).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant species to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these

comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The Draft Sonora Tiger Salamander Recovery Plan describes the status, current management, recovery objectives and criteria, and specific actions needed to reclassify the Sonora tiger salamander from endangered to threatened, and to ultimately delist it. The draft Plan was developed by Dr. James Collins and Jonathan Snyder, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, in coordination with the Service and a team of stakeholders (the Participation Team), which included ranchers, landowners and managers, agency representatives, and herpetologists. The salamander currently only breeds in livestock watering tanks in the San Rafael Valley of southeastern Arizona. Its natural breeding habitats are no longer present or are now unsuitable. The salamander is threatened by loss of natural habitats; predation by nonnative fish, bullfrogs, and crayfish; genetic swamping by non-native barred tiger salamanders; disease; low genetic diversity; and collection for bait or translocation by anglers. Actions needed to recover the salamander include maintenance and enhancement of habitats, control of non-native organisms, control of collection and transport of tiger salamanders, actions to reduce spread of disease, monitoring, research, public education and information, and adaptive management. The draft Recovery Plan includes a draft Participation Plan, prepared by the Participation Team, which details how the plan should be implemented to minimize social and economic impacts while still providing for the prompt recovery of the salamander. The Service will work with the Participation Team to address comments received during the comment period. The draft Plan will be revised and finalized based on those comments.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the Draft Sonora Tiger Salamander Recovery Plan. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

Authority: The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: May 29, 2000.

Nancy M. Kaufman,
Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1010-DC-032F]

Environmental Statements; Notice of Intent; Walker River Basin, NV; Water and/or Water Rights From Willing Sellers

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

ACTION: Second Amendment to the February 1, 2000 notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for obtaining water and/or water rights from willing sellers in the Walker River Basin.

Second Amendment to the February 1, 2000 notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for obtaining Water and/or water rights from willing sellers in the Walker River Basin for the purposes of protecting the Walker Lake ecosystem from degradation resulting from increasing total dissolved solids (TDS) in the lake; possible use in a settlement of the United States' water rights claims in the Walker River Basin should a settlement be negotiated; and to assist in recovery of the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout in the Walker River Basin.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City Field Office, in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Phoenix Area Office, The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), Lahontan Basin Area Office and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, will hold four public workshops for the purposes of refining issues identified in the on-going scoping process and developing reasonable alternative for consideration and analysis in the Walker River Basin Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

These workshops are a follow-up to public scoping meetings held in February, 2000 regarding BLM's proposal to obtain water and/or water rights from willing sellers to protect the Walker Lake ecosystem from degradation resulting from increasing concentrations of total dissolved solids (TDS) in the lake, for possible use in a settlement of the United States' water rights claims in the Walker River Basin should a settlement be negotiated, and to assist in the recovery of the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout.

EFFECTIVE DATES: A series of four public workshops will be held between July 5 and July 13, 2000. The workshops will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. at each of the following locations:

July 5, 2000 Yerington H.S. Multi-Purpose Room, 114 Pearl St., Yerington, Nevada
 July 6, 2000 Mineral County Library, 110 1st St., Hawthorne, Nevada
 July 12, 2000 Memorial Hall, School Street, Bridgeport, California
 July 13, 2000 Carson City Field Office (BLM), 5665 Morgan Mill Rd, Carson City, Nevada

These workshops will be conducted by Desert Research Institute as the principal contractor for preparing the Walker River Basin EIS, and personnel from the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Fish and Wildlife Service will participate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, write to the Field Manager of the Carson City Field Office at the address listed in the agency section of this notice, call or email Walt Devaurs (BLM Team Leader) at (775) 885-6150, wdevaurs@nv.blm.gov; or Mike McQueen (BLM NEPA Coordinator) at (775) 885-6120, mmcqueen@nv.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed EIS schedule is as follows:
 Begin Initial Public Comment Period February 1, 2000
 Hold Four Public Workshops July 5–13, 2000
 End of Extended Public Scoping Period July 31, 2000
 Issue Draft EIS (75-day public review) November 24, 2000
 End Draft EIS Public Review February 7, 2000
 Issue Final EIS (30-day public review) June 1, 2001
 Issue Record of Decision August 5, 2001
 End 30-Day Appeal Period/Implementation September 5, 2001

Dated: June 12, 2000.

John O. Singlaub,
Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-600-00-1010-PG-241A]

Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The next meeting of the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory

Council (RAC) will be held on Friday, July 21, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the U.S. Forest Service Office building located at 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

DATES: The meeting date is Friday, July 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The RAC meeting will be held at the U. S. Forest Service Office building located at 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Barclay, Public Affairs Specialist, Craig BLM Office, 455 Emerson Street, Craig, CO 81625—Phone (970) 826-5096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will begin at 9 a. m. on July 21, 2000. The purpose of the meeting is to consider several resource management topics. These topics are review of Recreation Guidelines as prepared by BLM staff, update of County Wilderness Forum process, review of BLM plan to develop strategy to manage ORV's, progress report of Wildlife Committee, RAC association with the U.S. Forest Service, and BLM Management Report on wilderness review for Vermillion Cliffs. The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Interested members of the public may make oral statements at the meeting at 10:15 a.m. or submit written statements following the meeting. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested individuals an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of RAC meetings are maintained in the BLM Northwest Center Office located at 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO., 81506, phone (970) 244-3000 and the Craig BLM Office located at 455 Emerson Street, Craig, CO., 81625, phone (970) 826-5000. They are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: June 12, 2000.

Richard M. Arcand,
Assistant Manager, Northwest Center Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-76557]

Utah; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

June 12, 2000.

In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty

Management Act (Public Law 97-451), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease UTU-76557 for lands in Grand County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from January 1, 2000, the date of termination, have been paid.

The lessees have agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee has been paid and the lessees have reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease UTU-76557, effective January 1, 2000, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Irene J. Anderson,
Acting Chief, Branch of Minerals Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-056-1430-ES; N-66384]

Notice of Realty Action: Direct Sale

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Direct sale of reversionary interest—Recreation or Public Purposes Patent, Number 27-72-0082

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, was patented to Clark County on June 7, 1972 under the Recreation or Public Purpose Act for a public park. Clark County requests the purchase of the reversionary interest. The land has been examined and found suitable for sale at fair market value under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 CFR 2711.3-3).

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

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Containing 78.75 acres, more or less, located near the Wetlands Park. The land is not required for any federal purpose. The