

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Meeting Notice for the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice for the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council (JDSRAC) will meet as indicated below:

DATES: The JDSRAC meeting will begin 8 a.m. PST on April 30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The JDSRAC will meet at the Oxford Suites Pendleton, 2400 SW. Court Place, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting agenda includes Subcommittee Reports, a Blue Mountain Plan Revision Update, an Energy Overview, a presentation on Implications to Land Management from Sagegrouse Decisions, and other matters as may reasonably come before the Council. The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting and may make oral comments to the Council at 1 p.m. on April 30, 2010. Those who verbally address the JDSRAC are asked to provide a *written* statement of their comments or presentation. Unless otherwise approved by the JDSRAC Chair, the public comment period will last no longer than 15 minutes, and each speaker may address the JDSRAC for a maximum of five minutes. If reasonable accommodation is required, please contact the BLM's Prineville District at (541) 416-6889 as soon as possible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina Lilienthal, Public Affairs Specialist, 3050 NE. Third, Prineville, OR 97754, (541) 416-6889 or e-mail: christina_lilienthal@blm.gov.

Dated: April 5, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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Paiute Cutthroat Trout Restoration Project, Alpine County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability: final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Paiute Cutthroat Trout Restoration Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for public review. We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), along with the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (Cooperating Agency) and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG, California Environmental Quality Act lead agency) (collectively, agencies), are proposing to restore Paiute cutthroat trout to the species historical range within the Silver King Creek watershed, Alpine County, California. To accomplish this, the agencies must first eradicate the non-native and hybrid trout which currently occupy the habitat. We are publishing this notice to inform the public of the proposed action and to make available for review the Final EIS/EIR, which includes responses to public comments received on the March 2009, Draft EIS/EIR.

DATES: A Record of Decision will be signed no sooner than 30 days after the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency notice. We must receive comments by 5 p.m. on May 10, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Robert D. Williams, State Supervisor, by U.S. mail at Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Suite 234, Reno, NV 89502; by telephone at (775) 861-6300 or by fax at (775) 861-6301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chad Mellison, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the address or telephone or fax numbers above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Availability of Documents**

You may download copies of the EIS from the Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office Web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/nevada>. Alternatively, you may contact us by telephone or visit during regular business hours (**see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

In addition, copies of all documents are available at the Markleeville Library and Archives, 270 Laramie Street, P.O.

Box 187, Markleeville, CA, 96120; (530) 694-2120.

Background

The Paiute cutthroat trout was listed as endangered by the Service under the Endangered Species Preservation Act of 1966 on March 11, 1967 (Service 1967) and reclassified to threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 on July 16, 1975 (Service 1975). Silver King Creek, from Llewellyn Falls downstream to Silver King Canyon, and its associated tributaries in Alpine County, California, comprise the native historical range of the Paiute cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii seleniris*) (Service 2004).

The fish now present in the Silver King Creek watershed between Llewellyn Falls and Silver King Canyon are a genetic mixture of introduced rainbow trout (*O. mykiss*), Lahontan cutthroat trout (*O. c. henshawi*), golden trout (*O. aquabonita* ssp.), and Paiute cutthroat trout. Hybridization with nonnative trout species is the primary threat to Paiute cutthroat trout within its historical range (Service 2004). Fishery restoration efforts involving Paiute cutthroat trout span from 1950 to the present and include prior removals of nonnative and hybridized fish, as well as establishing and maintaining introduced populations of nonhybridized Paiute cutthroat trout. Populations of Paiute cutthroat trout have been established in several California streams outside the Silver King Creek watershed, including the North Fork of Cottonwood Creek and Cabin Creek in the Inyo National Forest (Mono County), Sharktooth Creek (Fresno County), and Stairway Creek (Madera County) both on the Sierra National Forest.

Paiute cutthroat trout are currently found in Silver King Creek upstream of Llewellyn Falls, where a previously-introduced population was restored by CDFG in the early 1990's and in other tributaries where populations have been established within the watershed (e.g., Four Mile Creek, Fly Valley Creek, Coyote Creek and Corral Valley Creek).

The project would implement the first and second recovery actions listed in the Paiute Cutthroat Trout Revised Recovery Plan (Service 2004) which lists actions to restore, recover, and ultimately delist the species. The objective of the proposed project is to return Paiute cutthroat trout back to its historical range and establish them as the only salmonid fish species in Silver King Creek to prevent hybridization with other trout. This is an important and necessary step in preventing Paiute cutthroat trout from going extinct and