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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We announce the availability of a final comprehensive conservation plan, environmental assessment, and finding of no significant impact (CCP/EA/FONSI) for San Diego National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge, or NWR), which is located in San Diego County, California. The CCP/EA/FONSI, prepared under the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, describes how the Service will manage the Refuge for the next 15 years. Compatibility determinations for public uses are also included in the final CCP.

**Introduction**

With this notice, we complete the CCP process for San Diego National Wildlife Refuge, which we began by publishing a notice of intent in the **Federal Register** on May 24, 2006 (71 FR 29973). For more about the initial process and the history of the Refuge, see that notice. We released the draft CCP and EA to the public, announcing and requesting comments in a notice of availability on June 19, 2014 (79 FR 35183). The 90-day comment period ended on September 17, 2014. A summary of public comments and our responses are included in the final CCP.

**Background**

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee), which amended the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, requires the Service to develop a CCP for each National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose of developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, and photography, environmental education, and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years

in accordance with the Improvement Act.

Each unit of the NWRS was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the NWRS, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us to evaluate management goals and objectives that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the NWRS.

**Additional Information**

The final CCP can be found at <https://ecos.fws.gov/ServCat/Reference/Profile/133810>. The final CCP includes detailed information about the planning process, Refuge, issues, and management alternative selected. The website also includes an EA, prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (43 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). The EA includes discussion of five management alternatives. The Service's selected alternative is reflected in the final CCP, and also in the FONSI.

A modified version of Alternative D was selected for implementation. Under the selected alternative, we will optimize species and habitat protection, with a focus on conserving listed and sensitive species and their habitats. Wildlife and habitat management activities will also include monitoring of listed and sensitive species, invasive species control, and habitat restoration. A step-down Feral Pig Monitoring and Eradication Plan and an Integrated Pest Management Plan, both provided for review and comment along with the draft CCP/EA, will also be implemented. Existing wildlife-dependent recreational uses will be expanded, per available funding and staffing. Following the completion of a hunt plan and processing of an opening package, hunting in accordance with California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations for big game, resident small game, and resident and migratory upland game birds will be permitted on about 160 acres in the southeastern portion of Refuge. A designated multiple use trail system would be established, and leashed dogs will be permitted on multiple use trails.

**National Environmental Policy Act Compliance**

We announce our decision and the availability of the FONSI for the Final CCP/EA for the San Diego National

Wildlife Refuge, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act requirements (40 CFR 1506.6(b)). We completed a thorough analysis of impacts on the human environment, which we included in the draft EA that accompanied the Draft CCP. This notice is in addition to our announcement of the completion of the CCP process on the Refuge website.

The final EA discusses the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the alternatives on biological resources, cultural resources, water quality, and other environmental resources. Measures to minimize adverse environmental effects are identified and discussed in the final CCP/EA.

**Martha Maciel,**

*Acting Regional Director, Sacramento, California.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Geological Survey**

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**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** United States Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Rescindment of a system of records notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of the Interior (DOI) is rescinding the system of records notice (SORN), INTERIOR/USGS-01, National Water Information System: NWIS. This notice was maintained by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and is no longer required as the NWIS records are neither stored nor retrieved by use of an individual's personal identifier. All records in NWIS are stored and retrieved by site identification data. As such, NWIS does not meet the statutory definition of a system of records under the Privacy Act.

**DATES:** These changes take effect on August 10, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by docket number [DOI-2020-0017] by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for sending comments.
- *Email:* [DOI\\_Privacy@ios.doi.gov](mailto:DOI_Privacy@ios.doi.gov). Include docket number [DOI-2020-0017] in the subject line of the message.

• *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Teri Barnett, Departmental Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Room 7112, Washington, DC 20240.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number [DOI-2020-0017]. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

You should be aware your entire comment including your personally identifiable information, such as your address, phone number, email address, or any other personal information in your comment, may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee we will be able to do so.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cozenja Berry, Associate Privacy Officer, Office of Enterprise Information, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Room 4A209, Mail Stop 159, Reston, VA 20192, [privacy@usgs.gov](mailto:privacy@usgs.gov) or (703) 648-7062.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, DOI is rescinding the INTERIOR/USGS-01, National Water Information System: NWIS, SORN as this system of records no longer meets the statutory definition under the Privacy Act. This rescindment complies with the Privacy Act of 1974, and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-108, *Federal Agency Responsibilities for Review, Reporting, and Publication under the Privacy Act*.

An assessment of NWIS records by the USGS Associate Privacy Officer revealed that the records contained therein are not stored, maintained or retrieved by use of an individual's personal identifier. The USGS Water Mission Area utilizes NWIS to preserve a repository of hydrologic data that is collected as part of cooperative hydrologic studies nation-wide. The records include contact information for individuals or groups that own or have physical control of access sites (site owners) where USGS collects groundwater data. Site owner contact information stored in NWIS includes name, address, phone number, and when provided an email address. The records in NWIS are saved and retrieved by use of the site identification data; records cannot be retrieved by use of the

site owner's personal information. Indexing in NWIS is by the site name and number, with the site name being the name given to the body of water and the number a unique identifier assigned to that specific location (example Mississippi River near Bemidji, MN, 05200430). To narrow searches, other site identification data or attributes may be used to retrieve records (state/territory, regional water center, geographic coordinates, water body type, altitude, drainage zone, depth, or aquifer code/name). Controls are in place to ensure contact information is only accessible to authorized USGS personnel; it is not published or released to the public. Rescindment of this notice has no adverse impact on individual privacy of the site owners. The affected records will continue to be maintained under their disposition schedules as approved by the National Archives and Records Administration. This rescindment will promote the overall streamlining and management of DOI Privacy Act systems of records. Members of the public can access hydrological historical data via the NWIS web page (<https://help.waterdata.usgs.gov/>) or may request NWIS records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (<https://www.usgs.gov/about/organization/science-support/foia>). This notice hereby rescinds INTERIOR/USGS-01, National Water Information System: NWIS.

**SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:**

INTERIOR/USGS-01, National Water Information System: NWIS.

**HISTORY:**

73 FR 54425 (September 19, 2008); modification published at 74 FR 23430 (May 19, 2009).

**Teri Barnett,**

*Departmental Privacy Officer, Department of the Interior.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Nevada Gold Mines LLC's Goldrush Mine Project, Lander and Eureka Counties, Nevada**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will consider authorizing the proposed Nevada Gold Mines LLC (NGM) Goldrush Mine Project in Lander and Eureka Counties, Nevada.

**DATES:** The BLM requests comments concerning the scope of the analysis and identification of relevant information, studies, and analyses. All comments must be received by September 9, 2021. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is scheduled for publication in December 2021, and the Final EIS is scheduled for publication in April 2022, with a Record of Decision in May 2022. The BLM will announce dates of scoping meetings at least 15 days in advance of the meeting on the BLM National ePlanning website, <https://go.usa.gov/xsVs8>. Scoping meetings will be held online.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Goldrush Mine EIS c/o BLM Mount Lewis Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820. Comments may also be sent via email to [sdistel@blm.gov](mailto:sdistel@blm.gov). Submit comments online at the website <https://go.usa.gov/xsVs8>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action**

The BLM's purpose for the action is to respond to NGM's proposal as described in the proposed Plan of Operations and to analyze the environmental effects associated with the proponent's Proposed Action and alternatives to the Proposed Action. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) mandates that the BLM evaluate the effects of the Proposed Action and develop alternatives when necessary to lessen any effects to environmental resources. The BLM's need for the action is established by its responsibilities under Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the BLM Surface Management Regulations at 43 CFR 3809 to respond to a proposed Plan of Operations and ensure that operations prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of