

Dated: June 27, 2001.

David E. Jacobs,

Director, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Establishment of the Vieques National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Navy transferred, without reimbursement, approximately 3,100 acres on the Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico to the Secretary of the Interior. This land was a portion of the facility known as the Naval Ammunition Support Detachment property and is now administered as a national wildlife refuge by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

DATES: This action was effective on May 1, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph J. Schwagerl, Acting Refuge Manager for the Caribbean Islands Refuges Complex with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Boqueron, Puerto Rico, 787-851-7258.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 1508 of Title XV of Public Law 106-398, the U.S. Navy transferred approximately 3,100 acres (1254.52 hectares) on the Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico to the Department of the Interior to be administered as a wildlife refuge under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee).

The Vieques National Wildlife Refuge contains several ecologically distinct habitats including beaches, coastal lagoons, mangroves wetlands, and upland forested areas. The marine environment surrounding the refuge contains coral reefs and sea grass beds. The refuge and its surrounding waters are home to at least four plants and 10 animals on the Federal endangered species list including the West Indian manatee, the brown pelican, and four species of sea turtles.

A Cooperative Management Agreement made among the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Puerto Rico Conservation Trust provides the general management principles for the protection of the refuge lands and other lands on the Islands of Vieques. A

Conceptual Management Plan will serve as an interim management plan for the refuge until we develop a Comprehensive Conservation Plan.

Dated: June 27, 2001.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-090-1990EX-01]

Notice of Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has extended the public comment period on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Reclamation of the Zortman and Landusky Mines in Phillips County, Montana. The comment period will end on August 9, 2001. The extension was granted in response to several requests for additional time to review the Draft Supplemental EIS.

DATES: The comment period on the Draft Supplemental EIS will end on August 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address all written comments to Zortman/Landusky Mine Reclamation Plan SEIS, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown Field Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457-1160. Comments may also be sent electronically to:

ZLReclamation_EIS@blm.gov. Please include your name and complete mailing address on all comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Haight, 406-538-1930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This EIS is a draft supplement to the March 1996 Final EIS Zortman and Landusky Mines Reclamation Plan Modifications and Mine Life Extensions. With the bankruptcy of the mines' operator, Zortman Mining, Inc., the BLM and DEQ are overseeing reclamation at the mines. The Draft Supplemental EIS has been prepared to analyze additional reclamation alternatives developed by the agencies that may constitute a substantial change from those presented in the 1996 Final EIS. The Draft Supplemental EIS presents 12 reclamation plans, six for reclamation of the Zortman Mine and six for reclamation of the Landusky Mine. The

reclamation plans were developed based upon public scoping comments and through consultation with the Fort Belknap government and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Draft Supplemental EIS discloses the environmental consequences of each alternative. Alternative Z6 is identified in the Draft Supplemental EIS as the DEQ and BLM preferred reclamation alternative for the Zortman Mine, and Alternative L4 is identified as the preferred reclamation alternative for the Landusky Mine. The identification of the preferred alternatives does not constitute an agency decision but is intended to help focus public comment on the alternatives more likely to be selected.

Authority: Sec. 102, Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 853 (42 U.S.C. 4332).

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Bruce W. Reed,

Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management.

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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

1. Description of the proposed planning action: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to work with the Foundation for Voluntary Land Exchanges (Foundation) to develop a land ownership adjustment plan (plan) and environmental impact statement for approximately 675,000 acres in the Coast Range area of the Umpqua River Basin in western Oregon. The plan will identify the following: non-federal lands or interests in land within the planning area (with concurrence of willing non-federal landowners) that are recommended for acquisition through exchange by the United States; federal lands or interests in land within the planning area that are recommended for disposal in exchange for acquired lands of equal value; and specific land exchanges. This effort is intended to consolidate land ownership to reduce costs of administration and achieve management efficiency. In addition, this consolidation should improve federal and non-federal land management and planning, enhance protection and restoration of listed species' habitats, wetlands, riparian areas, and other environmentally sensitive areas, and improve public access and recreational

use, while allowing for sustainable timber production. Although the selected alternative will be consistent with the intent of the Northwest Forest Plan, some of the current allocations or management direction may be modified. The selected alternative will amend the BLM's Coos Bay, Eugene, and Roseburg districts' Resource Management Plans, and the Siuslaw National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, unless the no-action alternative is adopted.

2. Identification of the geographic area: The planning area covers approximately 675,000 acres in the Coast Range portion of the lower Umpqua River Basin in western Oregon. The area is primarily (98 percent) within Douglas County, Oregon (approximately 3,000 acres are in Coos County and 12,400 acres in Lane County). Approximately 225,000 acres are BLM-administered lands, 59,000 acres are National Forest lands, 34,300 acres are state lands, 8,300 acres are county or city, and 348,400 acres are privately owned.

3. General types of issues anticipated: In general, the issues anticipated include the following: improved efficiency of land and resource management; management of vegetation communities; minimizing effects on listed and proposed species and their habitats; watershed protection and function; timber sustainability on federal lands; timber supply to small businesses; revenues to state and local governments; consideration of continued public access and recreation; and protection of wetlands, riparian reserves, water quality, and cultural and historic resources.

4. Disciplines to be represented to prepare the plan will include, but not be limited to: wildlife biology, fish biology, forest ecology, silviculture, archaeology, economics, geology, soils, hydrology, lands and minerals, recreation, and land use planning.

5. Kind and extent of public participation: This project will be conducted with an open, public process. Public meetings/open houses will be held in July, during the comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and at other times based on need. In addition, meetings will be initiated with city, county, state, and tribal governments, other federal agencies, the Southwest Oregon and Oregon Coast Provincial Advisory committees, and with other groups or agencies upon request. A website for the project, found at <http://www.or.blm.gov/umpqua>, will include flyers, mailers, and other documents, project updates, contacts, time lines, background, and other pertinent

information. The BLM project manager, Patrick Geehan, and the Foundation managers, Marc Kelley and Robert Gill, will be available to discuss public concerns and suggestions. Access to designers of the Multi-Resource Land Allocation Model (Model) and EIS interdisciplinary team members will be through the project managers. Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing by August 8, 2001. Anonymous comments will be accepted and analyzed; however, the author(s) will not be ensured protest rights during the protest period. Written comments concerning this proposal may be sent to ULEP, c/o BLM, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to ULEP@or.blm.gov.

6. Times, dates, locations of public meetings: Preliminary scoping meetings are scheduled as follows: July 16, 2001: Reedsport, Oregon, 3:00–5:00 p.m. and 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Reedsport High School, Pacific Auditorium, 2260 Longwood Drive. July 17: Roseburg, Oregon, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Douglas County Courthouse, 1036 SE Douglas Ave, #216. July 18: Drain, Oregon, 6:00–9:00 p.m. at the Drain Branch Library, 205 West A Ave. July 19: Eugene, Oregon, 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the Eugene City Council Chambers, 777 Pearl Street #105. Public meetings also will be held in Reedsport, Roseburg, Drain, and Eugene during the comment period on the Draft EIS, anticipated to be May through July 2002.

7. Name, title, address, and telephone number of BLM official: For further information contact either the BLM project manager or the Foundation operations manager. The BLM project manager for the Umpqua Land Exchange Project is Patrick Geehan, BLM, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208, phone 503–952–6445. The Foundation Project Coordinator is Robert Gill, Foundation for Voluntary Land Exchange, 4033 SW Canyon Road, Portland, OR 97221, phone 503–274–2855.

8. Location and availability of documents relevant to the planning process: Final published documents relevant to the planning process will be available at the BLM Oregon State Office in Portland, Oregon, at the address stated above. These documents will also be available in PDF format on the project website: <http://www.or.blm.gov/umpqua>.

9. Privacy Act disclaimer for individuals who may wish to have their address withheld: Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Oregon State Office in

Portland, Oregon during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments may not have standing to protest the proposed decision under 43 CFR 1610.5–2.

Dated: June 28, 2001.

Patrick H. Geehan,
Project Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting will be held on July 23–24, in Payson, Arizona. The business meeting will be held from 1:00–4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23, and 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24. The first session will be held at Mario's Restaurant, located at 600 E. Highway 260, and the second session will be held across the street at the Inn of Payson, 801 N. B-Line Highway. The agenda items to be covered include the review of the May 16, 2001 meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on legislation, regulations and statewide planning efforts; Summary of the Administration's Energy Policy, Update on the Draft Las Cienegas Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement; Presentation by a Mining Representative on the Impacts of the 3809 Surface Management Regulations for Locatable Mineral Operations; RAC Discussion on the