

Forest Restoration Act. There will also be subcommittee updates on OHV, Planning and Sage Grouse and other matters as may reasonably come before the board.

The entire meeting is open to the public. For a copy of the information to be distributed to the Council members, please submit a written request to the Vale District Office 10 days prior to the meeting. Public comment is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Pacific time (p.t.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council may be obtained from Peggy Diegan, Management Assistant/ Webmaster, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918, (541) 473-3144, or e-mail Peggy_Diegan@or.blm.gov.

Dated: March 5, 2004.

David R. Henderson,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-027-1020-PN-020H; G-04-0117]

Notice To Cancel Date of a Public Meeting, Steens Mountain Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Cancel one day of public meeting for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The previously scheduled April 12 and 13, 2004, Steens Mountain Advisory Council Meeting (SMAC) to be held at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, has been changed to occur only on April 13, 2004. The April 12, 2004 public meeting date has been cancelled. The original **Federal Register** notice announcing the meeting was published Tuesday, December 2, 2003, page number 67468.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the SMAC may be obtained from Rhonda Karges, Management Support Specialist, Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon, 97738, (541) 573-4400 or Rhonda_Karges@or.blm.gov or from the following Web site: <http://www.or.blm.gov/Steens>.

Dated: March 5, 2004.

Karla Bird,

Andrews Resource Area Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980

Notice is hereby given that on February 27, 2004, a proposed consent decree ("decree") in *United States v. Dan and Harriet Alexander, et al.*, Civil Action No. C02-5269RJB, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.

In this action the United States sought recovery of response costs under section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9607, for costs incurred by the United States in connection with the Alexander Farms Superfund Site located in Grandview, Washington. Under the decree, defendants Dan and Harriet Alexander will reimburse the United States \$3.55 million in past costs and receive a covenant not to sue for costs through October 31, 2003. Through the end of October 2003, the United States has expended approximately \$4.0 million at the Site, inclusive of \$543,000 in DOJ costs and \$309,988 interest. The recovery of \$3.55 million represents approximately 96% of past costs, exclusive of interest.

The Department of Justice ("DOJ") will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Dan and Harriet Alexander, et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-2-07580.

The decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Western District of Washington, 601 Union Street, 50100 Two Union Square, Seattle, Washington 98101-3903, and at U.S. EPA Region X, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101. During the public comment period, the decree may also be examined on the following DOJ Web site <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington,

DC 20044-7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$10.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

Robert Maher,

Assistant Chief, Environmental, Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on February 23, 2004, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Buckeye Egg Farm, L.P. et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:03 CV 7681, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, which will resolve claims asserted against defendants Buckeye Egg Farm L.P. ("Buckeye"), its general partner Croton Farm, LLC ("Croton Farm"), and Anton Pohlmann, the sole member of Croton Farm and the 99% interest limited partner of Buckeye, in an Amended Complaint also filed on February 23, 2004. Buckeye is the nation's fourth largest egg producer.

In this action the United States seeks final penalties and injunctive relief against Defendants for their failure to comply with an EPA request for information and administrative order under sections 114 and 113 of the Clean Air Act, as well for violations of PSD regulations and the Ohio SIP at three Buckeye facilities in Croton, Marseilles, and Mount Victory, Ohio. The claims pertain to emissions from Buckeye's barns of particulate matter and ammonia. Preliminary air emission tests required by EPA indicate that air emissions of particulate matter (PM) from Buckeye's facilities are significant—over 550 tons/year (tpy) from the Croton facility, over 700 tpy from the Marseilles facility, and over 600 tpy from the Mt. Victory facility. Many scientific studies have linked particulate matter to aggravated asthma, coughing, difficult or painful breathing, chronic bronchitis and decreased lung function, among other ailments (see <http://www.epa.gov/air/urbanair/pm/index.html>.) Buckeye also reported ammonia emissions of over 800 tpy from its Croton facility, over 375 tpy

from the Marseilles facility, and nearly 275 tpy from the Mt. Victory facility. Ammonia is a lung irritant.

Under the proposed Consent Decree, Defendants will pay an \$880,598 civil penalty and will spend over \$1.6 million to install and test a system to capture particulate matter in each of its barns at the Marseilles and Mt. Victory facilities before it is vented to the outside. They will also use enzyme additive products on the manure accumulated in the layer barns to reduce ammonia emissions by at least 50 percent. Additional controls are required if dust or ammonia emissions are not satisfactorily reduced.

The Croton facility is required by the state of Ohio to install belt battery manure handling systems at its layer barns over the next five years. Because of this requirement, the Consent Decree requires alternative controls for the Croton facility. These include changes in bird variety and feed, which are expected to reduce both particulate matter and ammonia emissions. The Consent Decree requires extensive testing of these measures. If they are not successful, Buckeye will be required to install particulate impaction systems and other appropriate PM controls for the converted barns. The barns will also be treated with the enzyme product for ammonia control. The combination of particulate and ammonia controls at these facilities is also expected to reduce substantially fly infestations, which have been a subject of repeated state and private litigation against Buckeye.

While Buckeye recently sold its three facilities to Ohio Fresh Eggs LLC, the settlement requires Buckeye to bind the purchaser to implement the environmental improvements required under the Consent Decree. Buckeye remains liable for any violations.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044, and should refer to *United States v. Buckeye Egg Farm, L.P. et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90–5–2–1–07262.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Northern District of Ohio, 4 Seagate, Suite 308, Toledo, Ohio 43604, or at the Region 5 Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604–3590. During the public comment period the proposed Consent

Decree may also be examined on the following Web site, <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, PO Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611, or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514–0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514–1547. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$17.75 (71 pages at 25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

William D. Brighton,

*Environmental Enforcement Section,
Environmental and Natural Resources Division.*
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. 50.7 and section 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. 9622, notice is hereby given that on March 2, 2004, a proposed Consent Decree in the consolidated actions of *United States v. Marvin Mahan, et al.*, C.A. No. 00CV4953 (WHW) and *United States v. Transtech Industries, Inc.*, C.A. No. 01–5398 (WHW), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

In these consolidated actions in the United States, on behalf of the United States Department of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), seeks reimbursement of certain response costs incurred and to be incurred in connection with response actions at the Chemsol, Inc. Superfund Site, located in Piscataway, New Jersey (the “Site”). The Complaints allege that defendants Marvin Mahan, Tang Realty, Inc., and Transtech Industries, Inc., are liable under section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). Pursuant to the Consent Decree, the defendants will reimburse, on an ability to pay basis, the plaintiff United States for certain response costs incurred and to be incurred by the plaintiff in remediating the site.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General,

Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611, and should refer to *United States v. Marvin Mahan, et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90–11–3–06104/1&2.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, 970 Broad Street, Room 400, Newark, New Jersey 07102, and at the offices of EPA Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007. During the public comment period, the Consent Decree, may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611, or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514–0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514–1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$12.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost), payable to the U.S. Treasury.

Robert Gluck,

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environmental and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Proposed Settlement Agreement Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990

Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of Justice, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”) and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service (“DOI”) (hereinafter referred to together as the “Settling Agencies”) have reached a settlement with Sociedad Naviera Ultragas Ltda. (“Sociedad”) regarding claims for injuries to natural resources arising from an oil spill that occurred in Chelsea Creek, East Boston, Massachusetts.

The Settling Agencies are acting in their capacities as designated natural resource trustees under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, 33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.* to recover damages for natural resources, as authorized by 33 U.S.C. 2702(b)(2)(A). The oil spill occurred on June 8, 2000, when a tugboat collided with a vessel, spilling approximately 58,000 gallons of fuel oil into Chelsea Creek.