

to participate and contribute to full implementation of the plan;

- sustain a current synthesis of regional, national, and international results in the areas of research and management activities;
- create a directory of relevant contacts, activities, and information in support of the plan at the local, state, and regional levels; and
- develop educational outreach components in support of the plan.

The following three elements are discussed in detail in the Management Plan to meet the objectives for this component: (1) A system for information management and dissemination, (2) an advisory committee to guide development of the information system, and (3) a core group of scientists to provide syntheses of current research and management information. The implementation section of the plan has identified possible funding source(s), lead organization(s), and estimated cost to implement each task element identified and discussed in the plan.

This document was prepared by the Green Crab Control Working Group of the ANS Task Force, as authorized by section 4722(c) of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 7, 2003.

Everett Wilson,

Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Acting Assistant Director—Fisheries and Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-910-1410-PG]

Notice of Public Meeting, Alaska Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 10, 2003, 1-4 p.m., at the Wiseman Community Center, near milepost 188 of the Dalton Highway. The council will

conduct a brief meeting in conjunction with a field tour of the Dalton Highway, visit with area residents, and hear public comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Teresa McPherson, Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue #13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Telephone (907) 271-3322 or e-mail Teresa_McPherson@ak.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 13-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Alaska. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:

- Management of the Dalton Highway Utility Corridor
- Status of planning in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR-A)
- Other topics the Council may raise

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allotted for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact BLM.

Dated: May 28, 2003.

Henri R. Bisson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Mohave County, Arizona have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to Mohave County Board of Supervisors under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The Mohave County Board of Supervisors proposes to use the land for a Library Station.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona

Township 21 N., R. 18 W., Sec 8,
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Containing 2.5 acres, more or less.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Lease or conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations.

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

4. Those rights for road purposes granted to the Mohave County Board of Supervisors by permit number AZA-17931.

5. Those rights for the purposes granted to the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce permit number AZA-24652.

6. Subject to other valid existing rights.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purpose Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification of the land to the Kingman Field Manager, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janna Paronto, Realty Specialist, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401, Telephone (928) 692-4449.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

John R. Christensen,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability of Proposed Amendment; West Mojave Planning Area; California Desert Conservation Area Plan; Off-Road Vehicle Designations

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed amendment; West Mojave Planning Area; California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan; off-road vehicle designations.

SUMMARY: The California Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is considering off-road vehicle designations for the West Mojave Desert Planning Area in accordance with the criteria and procedures of 43 Code of Federal Regulations subpart 8342. These designations, when approved by BLM, will amend the existing designations established under the CDCA plan in the West Mojave Area. This planning area encompasses approximately 3.3 million acres of public land managed by the BLM's California Desert District, located in Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties in southern California.

DATES: BLM Planning Regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2) state that any person who participated in the planning process, and has an interest that may be adversely affected, may protest. The protest must be received no later than the last day of the 30-day protest period established by the BLM California Desert District. More specific instructions and requirements for protests are contained in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM may be found at 43 CFR 1610.5. Any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest, which is or may be affected by the approval of the proposed Resource Management Plan, may protest such approval. A protest may raise only those issues that were submitted for the record during the planning process. New issues raised in the protest period should be directed to the West Mojave Project Office for consideration in plan

implementation, as potential plan amendments, or as otherwise appropriate. Protests must be in writing and to be considered "timely," the protest must be received no later than the last day of the 30-day protest period. Also, although not a requirement, it is recommended that the protest be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. E-mail protests will not be accepted. Faxed protests will be considered as potential valid protests provided (1) that the signed faxed letter is received by the Washington Office protest coordinator by the closing date of the protest period and (2) that the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Please direct faxed protests to "BLM Protest Coordinator" at 202-452-5112. Please direct the follow-up letter to the appropriate address provided below. The protest must contain:

- i. The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest;
- ii. A statement of the issue or issues being protested;
- iii. A statement of the part or parts of the plan or amendment being protested. To the extent possible, this should be done by reference to specific pages, paragraphs, sections, tables, maps, etc., included in the proposed amendment;
- iv. A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record; and
- v. A concise statement explaining why the State Director's decision is believed to be wrong. This is a critical part of the protest. Take care to document all relevant facts. As much as possible, reference or cite the planning documents, environmental analysis documents, available planning records (*i.e.*, meeting minutes or summaries, correspondence, etc.).

A protest which merely expresses disagreement with proposed decision without supporting data will not provide additional basis for the Director's review of the decision. Please note that comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, are available for public review and/or release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Individual respondents may request confidentiality.

Respondents who wish to withhold name and/or street address from public review or from disclosure under FOIA, must state this prominently at the beginning of the 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 or organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. The Director will promptly render a decision on the protest. The decision will be in writing and will be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the Director shall be the final decision of the Department of the Interior. File written protest by Surface mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Director (210), Attn: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20035 or Overnight mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Director (210), Attn: Brenda Williams, 1620 L Street, NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact William Haigh, Project Manager, at (760) 252-6080 (Phone), e-mail at whaigh@ca.blm.gov.

Howard Stark,

Acting Deputy State Director for Natural Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the Garnet Resource Management Plan (RMP) and an Associated Environmental Assessment (EA)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an amendment to the Garnet Resource Management Plan and an associated EA. This process will incorporate management direction for the Canada lynx, listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which is based on the best scientific information available. If approved, the amendment would preserve the overall multiple-use direction of the RMP, while establishing management direction for Canada lynx conservation and recovery including: reducing or eliminating potential