

focuses on specific passages within the ACS.

**DATES:** Written comments on the DSEIS must be postmarked or otherwise delivered by 4:15 p.m. 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the NOA and filing of the DSEIS in the **Federal Register**. 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. No public meetings have been scheduled.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: ACS EIS, P.O. Box 221090, Salt Lake City, UT 84122-1090; FAX: (801) 517-1014 (please address fax to "ACS EIS"); E-mail: [acs\\_comments@fs.fed.us](mailto:acs_comments@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joyce Casey; phone (503) 326-2430; E-mail: [jcasey01@fs.fed.us](mailto:jcasey01@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Two alternatives are considered in this DSEIS. No action would not change existing language within the ACS. The proposed action (preferred alternative) would make limited changes to clarify how the agencies are to design projects to follow the ACS.

The proposed action would approve limited changes to language within the ACS. The ACS is an integral part of the Northwest Forest Plan. The ACS is intended to maintain and restore the ecological health of watersheds and aquatic ecosystems within the Northwest Forest Plan area. The ACS includes language that has been interpreted to establish an expectation that all projects must achieve all ACS objectives. These interpretations hinder Federal land managers' ability to plan and implement projects needed to achieve Northwest Forest Plan goals. The proposed action would amend the Northwest Forest Plan to clarify that:

- The proper scales for Federal land managers to evaluate progress toward achievement of the ACS objectives are the watershed and broader scales;
- No single project should be expected to achieve all ACS objectives;
- Decision makers must design projects to follow the ACS. Project records must contain evidence that projects comply with relevant Standards and Guidelines in sections C and D of

attachment A in the Northwest Forest Plan record of decision. Project records must also demonstrate how the decision maker used relevant information from applicable watershed analysis to provide context for the design and assessment of the project.

- References to ACS objectives in the Standards and Guidelines in Sections C and D do not require that decision makers find that site-specific projects, in themselves, will fully attain ACS objectives.

The proposed action (preferred alternative) would retain all existing components of the ACS, including Riparian Reserves, Key Watersheds, watershed analysis, and watershed restoration. It would reinforce concepts about appropriate scales of analysis and the role of standards and guidelines. It would remove the expectation that all projects must achieve all ACS objectives, and would reinforce the role of watershed analysis in providing context for actions that may affect aquatic or riparian habitat.

Dated: April 9, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Special Trustee Advisory Board, Notice of Initiation of the Nomination/Selection Process

**AGENCY:** Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST), Interior.

**ACTION:** Call for nominations for membership to the Special Trustee for American Indians Advisory Board.

**SUMMARY:** Pub. L. 108-7, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes, became law on February 20, 2003. Section 133 of the General Provisions for the Department of the Interior directed the Special Trustee for American Indians, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and the Tribes, to appoint new members of the Special Trustee's Advisory Board within 90 days of enactment of Pub. L. 108-7. This notice initiates the process to select the new membership of that Board. Nominations for interested individuals meeting the specific criteria described in this notice for becoming a member of the Advisory Board should be submitted with the requested information within 30 days of publication of this Notice.

**DATES:** All nominations must be postmarked by 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations and supporting documentation should be sent to: The Office of Special Trustee for American Indians; 1849 C Street, NW., Ste 5140; Washington, DC 20240, Attn: Richard Fitzgerald.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Fitzgerald (202) 208-4866. You can obtain information and a copy of the Notice for the Nomination/Selection process by contacting the following offices: OST 1849 C Street, NW., Ste 5140; Washington, DC 20240 or OST at 505 Marquette St, NW., Ste 800; Albuquerque, NM 87102; (505) 816-1313.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pub. L. 108-7, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes became law on February 20, 2003. Section 133 of the General Provisions for the Department of the Interior directed the Special Trustee for American Indians, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and the Tribes, to appoint new members to the Special Trustee Advisory Board. The Office of the Special Trustee is now initiating the process to select the membership of that Board. Section 306 of the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-412; 25 U.S.C. 4046) requires the Special Trustee to establish an advisory board to provide advice on all matters within the jurisdiction of the Special Trustee. The advisory board must consist of nine members which must meet the following criteria: five members representing trust fund account holders, including both tribal and Individual Indian Money accounts; two members having practical experience in trust fund and financial management; one member having practical experience in fiduciary investment management; and one member from academia having knowledge of general management of large organizations. Advisory board members serve a two year term; travel and per diem expenses are provided. Final selections will be made by and serve at the discretion of the Special Trustee for American Indians. Individuals who wish to serve as members of the advisory board must complete and submit the following information to this office within 30 days of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**:

- A. Nominee's Full Name:
- B. Business Address:
- C. Business Phone:
- D. Home Address:

E. Home Phone;  
 F. Occupation/Title;  
 G. Qualifications (education including degrees, major field of study and/or training for I(2-4) or whether you are an individual or tribal account holder for I(1)):

H. Career Highlights (significant related experience; civic and professional activities, elected offices, prior advisory committee experience, or career achievements related to the interest to be represented):

I. Indicate Specific Area of Interest to be Represented from the following:

1. A representative from the trust fund account holders, including both tribal and Individual Indian Money accounts;

2. A representative having practical experience in trust fund and financial management;

3. A representative having practical experience in fiduciary investment management; or

4. A representative from academia having knowledge of general management of large organizations.

J. Attach a minimum of two Letters of Reference from interests or organizations represented.

K. Nominated by: Include Nominator's name, address and telephone number(s).

L. Date of nomination:

Groups may nominate more than one person. If nominating more than one nominee, please indicate your preferred order of appointment selection.

Dated: April 1, 2003.

**Richard V. Fitzgerald,**  
*Trust Policy Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Decision and Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Boundary Revision, Churchill and Washoe Counties, NV

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Decision and Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Boundary Revision.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of decision and availability of the Record of

Decision (ROD) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Boundary Revision (Final CCP EIS), Churchill and Washoe Counties, Nevada. Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 40 CFR 1505.2) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Comprehensive Conservation Plan policy, the Service issues this ROD upon consideration of the Final CCP EIS prepared for the proposed action to develop and implement a comprehensive conservation plan for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The Final CCP EIS was released to the public on May 29, 2002. A Notice of Availability of the Final CCP EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on May 31, 2002 (67 FR 38142). The ROD, which documents the selection of the Preferred Alternative as presented in the Final CCP EIS, was signed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service California/Nevada Office Manager Steve Thompson, on April 2003. The determination was based on a thorough analysis of the environmental, social, and economic considerations presented in the Final CCP EIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Project Leader, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 1000 Auction Road, Fallon, Nevada 89406, (775) 423-5128. A copy of the ROD or Final CCP EIS may be obtained from the above address or by download from: <http://pacific.fws.gov/planning/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Boundary Revision.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) began developing a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex (NWRC) in early 1997. The Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Stillwater NWRC Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Boundary Revision (Final CCP EIS) identifies and evaluates five alternatives for managing the Stillwater NWRC for the next 15 years. Each alternative consists of two main parts: (1) A boundary revision for Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), and (2) the framework of a CCP, including refuge goals, objectives, and strategies, for achieving the purposes for which each refuge was established and for

contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The Stillwater NWRC currently includes Stillwater NWR, Stillwater Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Fallon NWR, and Anaho Island NWR, which are located in west-central Nevada.

The Record of Decision (ROD) is a statement of the decision made, including how the decision responds to primary issues, other alternatives considered, public involvement in the decision making process, and the basis for the decision.

#### Decision

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will implement Alternative E for the Stillwater NWRC, which was identified in the Final CCP EIS as the alternative that provides the best balance between satisfying the National Wildlife Refuge System and Service missions and purposes of Stillwater NWR and Anaho Island NWR and providing opportunities for compatible refuge uses. Alternative E also recognizes the need to protect cultural resources. Some guidelines and actions in Alternative E remain consistent with those presented in Alternative C of the Draft CCP EIS. Others were modified in the Final CCP EIS to respond to public comments and concerns. Alternative E, which is supported by the majority of the commenting public and endorsed by the Nevada Division of Wildlife and the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, represents the CCP which will guide Stillwater NWR and Anaho Island NWR management for the next 15 years.

Alternative E focuses on approximating natural habitat conditions as the primary means to conserve and manage the refuges' wildlife, restore their natural biological diversity, and fulfill international treaty obligations with respect to fish and wildlife, with the understanding that events occurring over the past 100 years have substantially altered habitat conditions. The needs of particular species, including species highlighted in regional conservation plans, may be used to adjust management practices where this is deemed necessary and within the general framework established by Alternative E. The following is a brief summary of key components.

Contingent on approval of the Stillwater NWRC Land Protection Plan proposed in the Final CCP EIS, Alternative E would expand the approved boundary of Stillwater NWR to include a majority of the lands that are now inside the Stillwater WMA and portions of Fallon NWR, as well as six