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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill McCoy, 812-749-3199.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Introduction**

With this notice, we continue the CCP process for Patoka River NWR, which was started with the notice of intent published in 68 FR 62472 (November 4, 2003). For more about the initial process and the history of this refuge, see that notice. Patoka River NWR, located in southwestern Indiana, includes wetlands and bottomland forest along the Patoka River that provide a variety of habitat for migrant and resident wildlife. The Refuge contains some of the best wood duck production habitat in the State and is used by endangered and threatened species, including the Bald Eagle. The Refuge also includes the Cane Ridge Unit, a 464-acre satellite 24 miles west of the main Refuge that contains nesting habitat for the endangered Interior Least Tern, and the 219-acre White River Bottoms Unit nine miles north of the Refuge.

#### **The CCP Process**

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), requires us to develop a comprehensive conservation plan for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, 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, plans identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

#### **CCP Alternatives and Our Preferred Alternative**

##### *Priority Issues*

During the public scoping process, we, other governmental partners, and

the public identified several priority issues, which include: Habitat management; water quality within the Patoka River and its tributaries; demand for additional visitor services; land acquisition within the approved Refuge boundary; and declining fish productivity within oxbow lakes. To address these issues, we developed and evaluated the following alternatives during the planning process.

##### *Alternative 1, Current Management*

Under Alternative 1, Current Management, the amount of bottomland forest and managed wetlands would increase and the amount of farmland would decrease; work would continue on improving the water quality within the Patoka River and its tributaries with the long term goal of removal of the streams from the list of impaired waters; there would be some improvements for welcoming and orienting refuge visitors; hunting and fishing opportunities would continue at present levels; wildlife observation opportunities would increase with new or improved facilities at three locations; there would be increased capacity to provide environmental education materials; land acquisition would continue both solely and in conjunction with partners; and there would be no active restoration of oxbow lakes or stream channels.

##### *Alternative 2, Passive Management and Reactive Visitor Services*

Under Alternative 2, bottomland farmland would be allowed to naturally succeed to bottomland forest; work would continue on improving the water quality within the Patoka River and its tributaries with the long term goal of removal of the streams from the list of impaired waters; there would be some improvements for welcoming and orienting refuge visitors; hunting, fishing, and wildlife observation opportunities would continue at present levels but there would be no new facilities for wildlife observation; environmental education would remain at present levels; land acquisition would continue both solely and in conjunction with partners; and there would be no active restoration of oxbow lakes or stream channels.

##### *Alternative 3 (Preferred Alternative)*

Under Alternative 3, the amount of bottomland forest and managed wetlands would increase and the amount of farmland would decrease but some would be retained as stopover habitat for migratory waterbirds; work would continue on improving the water quality within the Patoka River and its tributaries with the long term goal of

removal of the streams from the list of impaired waters; there would be some improvements for welcoming and orienting refuge visitors; hunting opportunities would continue at present levels but there would be additional facilities to enhance fishing opportunities; wildlife observation opportunities would increase with new or improved facilities at three locations with the possibility of additional improvements; there would be increased capacity to provide environmental education materials; land acquisition would continue both solely and in conjunction with partners; and information would be collected to help evaluate stream channel and oxbow lake restoration options.

#### **Public Meeting**

We will give the public an opportunity to provide comments at a public meeting. You may obtain the schedule from the addresses listed in this notice (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also submit comments anytime during the comment period.

#### **Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should know that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: June 4, 2007.

**Charles M. Wooley,**

*Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

[AA-6678-L; AK-962-1410-HY-P]

#### **Alaska Native Claims Selection**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for

conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Levelock Natives, Limited. The lands are in the vicinity of Levelock, Alaska, and are located in: Seward Meridian, Alaska, T. 10 S., R. 44 W., Sec. 27. Containing 640 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bristol Bay Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Levelock Natives, Limited. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Bristol Bay Times.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until November 16, 2007 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

**Dina L. Torres,**

*Land Law Examiner, Resolution Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[Docket No. CO-200-0777-XZ-241A]

#### Notice of Meeting, Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, 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) Front Range

Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held November 14, 2007 from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Holy Cross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway 50, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Smith, (719) 269-8500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15 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 the the Royal Gorge Field Office and San Luis Valley, Colorado. Planned agenda topics include: Manager updates on current land management issues including: Presentations and discussions on the Colorado BLM Noxious Weed Program, Greater Arkansas Cooperative Weed Management Program and the South Park Land Tenure Adjustment Plan Amendment. All meetings are open to the public. The public is encouraged to make oral comments to the Council at 9:30 a.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Summary minutes for the Council Meeting will be maintained in the Royal Gorge Field Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting. Meeting Minutes and agenda (10 days prior to each meeting) are also available at: [http://www.blm.gov/rac/co/fracc/co\\_fr.htm](http://www.blm.gov/rac/co/fracc/co_fr.htm).

Dated: October 10, 2007.

**Roy L. Masinton,**

*Royal Gorge Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-910-08-0777XX]

#### Notice of Public Meeting: Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, and Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Combined Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada Resource Advisory Councils meeting will be held as indicated below.

**DATES:** The three councils will meet on Thursday, November 15, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, November 16, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Gold Dust West Hotel-Casino, 2171 Highway 50 East, Carson City, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doran Sanchez, Chief, Office of Communications, BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV, 89502, telephone (775) 861-6586.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member Councils advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Nevada. On Thursday, November 15, agenda topics include an overview of BLM Nevada and fiscal year 2008 priorities for various programs including resources, land, planning, minerals, renewable energy, geothermal program, and law enforcement; an update on Round 9 funding through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act; and grazing permit renewals. A wildfire management panel discussion will include representatives from the offices of Senator Reid and Senator Ensign, the BLM State Director, the Humboldt-Toiyable National Forest Supervisor and the Nevada Division of Forestry.

On Friday, November 16, the three Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) will hold individual meetings to elect officers, establish agendas and meeting dates for 2008 and other business as necessary. The RACs will reconvene for a joint session with a report from each RAC.

An agenda is available at <http://www.blm.gov/nv/>. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the three RAC groups or the individual RACs. The public comment period for the Council meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 15. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, may contact Nancy Thompson at the BLM Nevada State Office, (775) 861-6586 or [nancy.thompson@nv.blm.gov](mailto:nancy.thompson@nv.blm.gov).