

and riparian habitats and five internal management units would be constructed with new interior dikes. As in Alternative C, 38 acres of forested, surge plain habitat would be restored to increase the acreage of this important habitat along the Nisqually River. The environmental education program would be improved and expanded (15,000 students per year), although not to the extent of Alternative B, to provide sufficient staff time to operate a waterfowl hunt program. The greatest changes would occur in the wildlife observation trail system of any alternative, reducing the 5.5-mile loop to a 3.5-mile round trip trail no longer in a loop configuration; a new trail would be developed on Tribal and Refuge properties east of the river. A smaller portion of Refuge lands (191 acres) would be opened to hunting 7 days per week, with no changes to hunting on WDFW lands; however, a portion of the main trail would be seasonally closed. Bank fishing on McAllister Creek would no longer be offered due to dike removal, but new fishing opportunities could be provided in the future, if appropriate lands were acquired along McAllister Creek south of I-5, as well as those described under Alternative C.

Actions Common to All Action Alternatives

In addition, the following components are proposed to be implemented under alternatives B, C, and D. Walk-in waterfowl hunting opportunities would be considered if sufficient lands were acquired south of I-5, which would provide adequate wildlife sanctuary and minimal conflict with other priority uses. A speed limit of 5 mph for all water craft would be established in all Refuge waters to provide wildlife and habitat protection and reduce conflicts with other visitors. Service policies prohibiting consumptive uses in the Research Natural Area (RNA) in the northeast part of the Refuge would be enforced, including fishing, shell fishing, and waterfowl hunting. The RNA would be closed to all boating from October 1 to March 31 to provide a seasonal sanctuary for migratory birds and other wildlife.

Public comments are requested, considered, and incorporated throughout the planning process in numerous ways. Public outreach has included open houses, public meetings, technical workgroups, planning update mailings, and **Federal Register** notices. Two previous notices were published in the **Federal Register** concerning this Draft EIS/CCP (October 9, 1997 and February 9, 2000). After the review and

comment period ends for this Draft EIS/CCP, comments will be analyzed and considered by the Service. A Final EIS will then be prepared and published which will include substantive comments received and provide the Service's responses. Changes made to the selected alternative will also be identified in the Final EIS. A Record of Decision and final CCP will then be published.

All comments received from individuals on environmental impact statements become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6(f)) and other Service and Departmental policies and procedures.

Dated: November 13, 2002.

Rowan W. Gould,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Technology Transfer Act of 1986

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is planning to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with LockClickPrint, Inc., of Los Lunas, New Mexico. The purpose of the CRADA is to develop and test the marketability of high-quality, museum art products based on satellite, aerial photography, and mapping source data from the USGS. Any other organization interested in pursuing a partnership for similar kinds of activities should contact the USGS.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be addressed to the Branch of Business Development, U.S. Geological Survey, 500 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; Telephone (703) 648-4621, facsimile (703) 648-4706; Internet "bduff@usgs.gov".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth L. Duff, address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: October 28, 2002.

Robert A. Lidwin,

Chief of Staff, Geography.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 106-503, the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) will hold its third meeting. The meeting location is the U.S. Geological Survey, John W. Powell National Center, Room 3B457, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192. The Committee is comprised of members from academia, industry, and State government. The Committee shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

The Committee will review a draft of the 5-year plan of the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. This will include a critique of the goals and objectives of the Program over the next 5 years in earthquake hazards assessments, in research on earthquake processes and effects, and in earthquake monitoring and notification.

Meetings of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee are open to the public.

DATES: January 8, 2003, commencing at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 4:30 p.m. on January 9, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John R. Filson, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-6785.

Dated: December 3, 2002.

P. Patrick Leahy,

Associate Director for Geology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Temporary Closure of Public Lands; Lane County, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.