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Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of a Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) ; Albuquerque Field Office, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Albuquerque Field Office has completed a Proposed RMPA/FEIS. This document contains a 20-year strategy for managing the El Malpais National Conservation Area (NCA) and contiguous lands. The document also addresses activity level plans for these lands and as required by P.L. 100-225 makes a recommendation of the suitability/nonsuitability of the Chain of Craters Wilderness Study Area for inclusion in the wilderness system. The document also recommends to Congress the inclusion of certain additional contiguous acres in the Cebolla Wilderness and the addition of other acres to the NCA.

Copies are available for review at public libraries in Albuquerque and nearby cities or towns. Additional copies are available at the following BLM Offices: Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montanno Road NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107; New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505. The document will also be available on the internet at www.nm.blm.gov.

DATES: Protests related to decisions at the Resource Management Plan level must be filed in writing to: Director (WO-210), Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms. Brenda Williams, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240. Protests must be postmarked no later than October 30, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent Hamilton, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, 435 Montano Road NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107-4935, Telephone (505) 761-8746.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed RMPA /FEIS is a plan for managing NCA and contiguous public lands and resources. The plan addresses the following public land issues that amend the Rio Puerco RMP: Recreation (Visual Resource Management), Access and Transportation, Wilderness Suitability, and Boundary and Land Tenure Adjustments. Issues addressed at the activity plan level are: Recreation, Facility Development, Access and Transportation, Wilderness Management, Wilderness Suitability, American Indian Uses and Traditional Cultural Practices, Cultural Resources, Wildlife Habitat, Vegetation, and Boundary & Land Ownership Adjustments.

Under the Proposed Plan BLM would provide:

- A combination of developed and dispersed recreational opportunities.
- Approximately 105,000 acres closed to vehicle and mechanical access.
- Approximately 273 miles of designated vehicle routes.
- Approximately 101,000 acres of designated wilderness with approximately 4,000 additional acres recommended for designation.
- Emphasis to cultural resource conservation for future use and recommend additional acreage for inclusion in the NCA to provide for cultural resource management.
- Management of wildlife habitat for habitat improvement.
- Vegetative management practices to emphasize health of the land and improvement of ecological conditions.
- Recommendations to Congress for boundary changes that will provide for more effective resource management.

Public input has occurred throughout the planning process and public comments and BLM's responses to these comments are included as an important part of this proposed plan.

Dated: September 18, 2000.

Edwin J. Singleton,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-067-1990; CA-40204]

Correction to Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement on the Proposed Expansion of the Existing Mesquite Gold Mine

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice corrections.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management published a notice in the **Federal Register** on August 29, 2000, regarding the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed expansion of the existing Mesquite Gold Mine in Imperial County, Ca. The notice contains information that has changed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Marty, Bureau of Land Management, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA; telephone (760) 337-4422.

Corrections

(a) In the **Federal Register** of August 29, 2000, in DOCID fr29au00-85, on page 52436, under the **DATES** caption, change the comment period ending date to November 7, 2000.

(b) On the same page as above, under the **ADDRESSES** caption, change the extension for the Imperial County Planning and Building Department to 4313.

(c) On the same page as above, under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** caption, change the Imperial County Planning and Building Department contact name to Richard Cabanilla, and change the telephone extension to 4313.

Dated: September 15, 2000.

Greg Thomsen,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects from Mills County, IA in the Possession of the Office of the State Archaeologist, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 43 CFR 10.9, of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects in the possession of the Office of State Archaeologist, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 43 CFR 10.2 (c). The determinations within this notice are the sole responsibility of the

museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of these Native American human remains and associated funerary objects. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations within this notice.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by the Office of the State Archaeologist, University of Iowa, professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota.

In 1984, human remains representing one individual were recovered from site 13ML176, Mills County, IA, by the Office of State Archaeologist, University of Iowa, during the salvage excavation of an earthlodge. No known individuals were identified. There are no associated funerary objects.

This earthlodge was occupied by people of the Nebraska phase (A.D. 1050–1250) of the Central Plains tradition based on the material culture, art style, architecture, and geographical location of the site. Archeological evidence, especially continuities and similarities in material culture, and Pawnee tribal history indicate that the historic Pawnee and Arikara tribes may have their origins among the late prehistoric Nebraska phase people of the Missouri River area of southwestern Iowa and eastern Nebraska. The Arikara today are members of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota.

Based on the above-mentioned information, officials of the Office of State Archaeologist, University of Iowa, have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry. Also, officials of the Office of State Archaeologist, University of Iowa, have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota. This notice has been sent to officials of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact Shirley Schermer, Burials Program Director, Office of the State Archaeologist, 700 Clinton Street Building, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242, telephone

(319) 384–0740, before October 23, 2000. Repatriation of the human remains to the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: September 5, 2000.

John Robbins,

Assistant Director, Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnerships.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Coachella Canal Lining Project, Imperial and Riverside Counties, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior

ACTION: Notice of Availability, Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report—Coachella Canal Lining Project (INT–DES 00–40).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) have prepared a joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR) for the “Coachella Canal Lining Project.” The document is a revised and updated version of a DEIS/DEIR filed by Reclamation and the CVWD and issued for public comment on January 11, 1994.

DATES: A 60-day public review period shall begin with the publication date of this notice. Note that there will be no extension of the comment period for this DEIS/DEIR. In addition to mailing submissions, comments will also be received by Reclamation and CVWD at a public hearing scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on October 25, 2000, at the Coachella Valley Water District Office, Highway 111 and Avenue 52, Coachella, California. This facility is disability accessible. Please contact the persons identified below within two weeks prior to the hearing date to arrange for accommodations to meet other special needs, such as interpreters for the hearing-impaired.

ADDRESSES: To request copies of the DEIS/DEIR or to obtain further information about the Coachella Canal Lining Project, please contact Mr. Don Young, Reclamation, Yuma Area Office, P.O. Box D, 7301 Calle Agua Salada,

Yuma, Arizona, 85366; telephone: (520) 343–8159; or Mr. Steve Robbins, Coachella Valley Water District, P.O. Box 1058, Highway 111 and Avenue 52, Coachella, California, 92236; telephone: (760) 398–2651. Written comments on the DEIS/DEIR should be sent to Mr. Don Young at the above address.

Note that Reclamation’s standard practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that his or her name or identity be withheld from public disclosure. Requests for non-disclosure must be made in writing when comments are submitted. Reclamation shall accommodate such requests to the extent allowable by law. All comments submitted by organizations and businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses shall be available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Copies of the DEIS/DEIR are now available for public review at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Yuma Area Office, Central Files, Room 145, 7301 Calle Agua Salada, Yuma, Arizona; telephone: (520) 343–8147
- Coachella Valley Water District, Highway 111 and Avenue 52, Coachella, California, telephone: (760) 398–2651
- Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Regional Office, 400 Railroad Avenue, Boulder City, Nevada, telephone: (702) 293–8000
- Bureau of Reclamation, Reclamation Service Center Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver, Colorado, telephone: (303) 236–6963
- Bureau of Reclamation, Program Analysis Office, Room 7456, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC, telephone: (202) 208–4662
- California Department of Water Resources, 6900 Devils Canyon Road, San Bernardino, California; telephone: (909) 886–5028
- Yuma County Library, 350 South Third Avenue, Yuma, Arizona, telephone: (520) 782–1871
- Coachella Branch Library, 1538 7th Street, Coachella, California; telephone: (760) 398–5148
- Brawley Public Library, 400 Main Street, Brawley, California; telephone: (760) 344–1891
- El Centro Public Library, 539 W. State Street, El Centro, California; telephone: (760) 337–4565