

Further, specific criminal and civil penalties for violating this law are included, as well as enforcement strategies. This Act sets prohibitions on items labeled or advertised as containing rhino or tiger products, even if the presence of rhino and tiger ingredients cannot be verified scientifically. These new prohibitions will reduce the promotion of these ingredients in consumer products, thereby decreasing consumer demand and potentially benefitting the species in the wild.

(b) The amended Act also requires that the Secretary of the Interior develop and carry out an educational outreach program in the United States for the conservation of rhinoceros and tiger species. The contents of the Educational Outreach Program Action Plan will include:

(1) Guidelines for the National Educational Outreach Program;

(2) Active pursuit of opinions from organizations and people actively involved in the traditional medicines trade;

(3) Aggressive advertising of the laws protecting rhinoceros and tiger species, focusing on the laws prohibiting trade in products containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, their parts or products;

(4) Widespread distribution of information regarding the negative effects of the toxics and heavy metals found in some packaged traditional medicines; and

(5) Information on the status of rhinoceros and tiger species populations and the reasons for protecting the species.

Through this **Federal Register** notice and the two scheduled public meetings, we are seeking public input into the development and execution of the Educational Outreach Program Action Plan. Our practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the public record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. In limited circumstances, we would withhold from release a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this clearly at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We generally make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of

organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

We hope to work closely with the nonprofit conservation community and traditional medicine communities as well as the public in creating a strong outreach plan and carrying out the contents of that plan. We recognize that a number of groups are already actively involved in educating the public about rhinoceros and tiger products and the conservation of these species, and we wish to integrate our efforts with theirs. Partnerships hold the key to successfully informing the public about the conservation needs of rhinoceros and tiger species. We are looking to identify partner organizations that we can work with in carrying out the long-term objectives and actions of a national outreach plan. The purpose of the two scheduled public meetings is to solicit additional public input into the completion of a final Educational Outreach Program Action Plan, as well as to serve as a starting point for future interactions with communities that have historically used products containing rhino horn and tiger part derivatives. After receiving public input, we will develop a long-term national educational outreach plan and program that will rely strongly on public involvement in its future implementation.

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Dated: April 7, 2000.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Environmental Statements; Notice of Intent: Walker River Basin, NV; Water and/or Water Rights From Willing Sellers

Amendment to the February 1, 2000 Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for obtaining water and/or water rights from willing sellers in the Walker River Basin for the purposes of protecting the Walker Lake ecosystem from degradation resulting from increasing total dissolved solids (TDS) in the lake; possible use in a settlement of the United States' water rights claims in the

Walker River Basin should a settlement be negotiated; and to assist in recovery of the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout in the Walker River Basin.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

ACTION: Amendment to the February 1, 2000 notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for obtaining water and/or water rights from willing sellers in the Walker River Basin, notice of scoping period. The initial public scoping period will be extended to July 31, 2000. The public review and comment period on the draft EIS will be increased to 75 days.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City Field Office, in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Phoenix Area Office, The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), Lahontan Basin Area Office and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, will extend the initial public scoping period until July 31, 2000 and increase the time allowed for public review and comment on the draft EIS to 75 days. This extended initial public scoping period is necessary for the following reasons: (1) To allow potential cooperating agencies to make decisions in regards to their status in this project and participate early in the NEPA process, (2) the complex issues, to be investigated in this EIS, require additional time for consideration and refinement, and (3) additional time is needed to develop alternatives for consideration in the EIS. The increased time allowed for public review and comment on the draft EIS is necessary to allow local governments adequate time for review of the document and consideration of these matters at regularly scheduled meeting of the County Board of Commissioners.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The initial public scoping period is extended until July 31, 2000.

A Draft EIS (DEIS) is expected to be completed by November 24, 2000 and made available for public review and comment. The public review and comment period on the DEIS will be 75 days from the date the Notice of Availability (NOA) is published in the **Federal Register** which is anticipated to occur on November 24, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, write to the Field Manager of the Carson City Field Office at the address listed in the agency section of this notice, call or email Walt Devaurs (BLM Team Leader) at (775) 885-6150, wdevaurs@nv.blm.gov or

Mike McQueen (BLM NEPA Coordinator) at (775) 885-6120, mmcqueen@nv.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed EIS schedule is as follows:

Begin Initial Public Comment Period.	Feb. 1, 2000.
End Initial Public Scoping Period.	July 31, 2000.
Issue Draft EIS (75 day public review).	Nov. 24, 2000.
End Draft EIS Public Review.	Feb. 7, 2000.
Issue Final EIS (30 day public review).	June 1, 2001.
Issue Record of Decision.	Aug. 5, 2001.
End 30-day Appeal Period/Implementation.	Sept. 5, 2001.

Dated: April 14, 2000.

Mike McQueen,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-500 0777-XQ]

Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) will be held on May 11, 2000 in Canon City, Colorado.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m. at the Holy Cross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway 50, Canon City, Colorado. Topics will include a discussion on the Mining Regulations and update on the Recreation Guidelines for Colorado.

All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council at 9:30 a.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. The Center Manager may limit the length of oral presentations depending on the number of people wishing to speak.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2000, from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Front Range

Center, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Smith at (719) 269-8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Summary minutes for the Council meeting will be maintained in the Front Range Center and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: April 11, 2000.

Stuart L. Freer,

Associate Front Range Center Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Upper Columbia—Salmon Clearwater District, Idaho.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the meeting of the Upper Columbia—Salmon Clearwater District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at the District Office, 1808 N. Third St., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. A telephone patch will be available at the Salmon-Challis National Forest Headquarters office located on U.S. 93, one mile south of Salmon, Idaho.

Agenda items include an update from the Recreation Sub-Group on its findings concerning the potential use of funds collected through the Salmon-Challis National Forest's Salmon River fee demonstration project and identification of future issues for RAC consideration. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. (PDT). The public may address the Council during the public comment period from 10:20 a.m.—10:50 a.m. (PDT). Those wishing to address the Council should contact Ted Graf, RAC Coordinator, at (208) 769-5004 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council, or written statements may be submitted for the Council's

consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral statements, a per-person time limit may be established by the Designated Federal Official.

The Council's responsibilities include providing recommendations concerning long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Graf (208)769-5004.

Dated: April 13, 2000.

Ted Graf,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-910-0777-26-241A]

State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting and tour of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting will be held on May 11, 2000, at the Sierra Suites Hotel, 391 E. Fry Blvd., located in Sierra Vista, Arizona. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4:00 p.m. The agenda items to be covered include the review of the March 31, 2000, meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on legislation, regulations, and statewide planning efforts; Update on Wild Horse and Burro Strategic Plan Comments; Video Presentation of Secretary Babbitt's Address on National Landscape Conservation System; Presentation on Wilderness Access/Valid Existing Rights and Recent IBLA Decisions; Update Proposed Field Office Rangeland Resource Teams; Reports from BLM Field Office Managers; Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation and Public Relations, Wild Horse and Burro Working Groups; Reports from RAC members; and Discussion of future meetings. A public comment period will be provided at 11:00 a.m. on May 11, 2000, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council. On May 12, the RAC will tour the BLM San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. The tour will highlight some of the issues facing the San Pedro River and the riparian corridor, including