

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[ID-200-1120-DD-241A]****Notice of Public Meeting, Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Idaho****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004 (FLREA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Twin Falls District and Elko District Resource Advisory Councils (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: June 19 and 20, 2008. The first day of the two-day meeting will consist of an information gathering tour of the proposed China Mountain Wind Project. The tour will begin with a one-hour presentation at 10 a.m. (MST) at Cactus Pete's Resort Casino in Jackpot, Nevada. Following the tour, there will be a brief business meeting for the Twin Falls District RAC at Cactus Pete's Resort Casino. On June 20, there will be a joint business meeting for the Twin Falls and Elko District RACs for one hour beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 9 a.m. (MST). Each RAC will then meet separately to conduct individual District business. The Twin Falls District RAC's meeting will end no later than 4 p.m. The public comment period for the Twin Falls District RAC meeting will be from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. The meeting will also be held at Cactus Pete's Resort Casino in Jackpot, Nevada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Tiel-Nelson, Twin Falls District, Idaho, 2536 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, (208) 736-2352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member RAC 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 Idaho. The Twin Falls District RAC business meeting agenda will include the following topics: Discussion of China Mountain Wind Energy Project tour, Jarbidge Resource Management Plan update, and Twin Falls District energy projects. Additional topics may be added and will be included in local media announcements. More information is available at http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/res/resource_advisory.3.html.

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All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC in advance of or at the meeting. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for receiving public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: May 12, 2008.

Bill Baker,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Scoping for Preparing an Environmental Impact Analysis of a Proposed Pilot Project at Everglades National Park**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Scoping for preparing an environmental impact analysis of a proposed pilot project at Everglades National Park.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), that public scoping is being initiated for an environmental impact analysis process to evaluate the use of swales placed downstream of existing culverts for improving water flows under Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) into Northeast Shark Slough, Everglades National Park (Park). The purpose of this scoping effort is to identify environmental issues and potential alternatives to be addressed in the environmental impact analysis. The NEPA analysis will begin with the preparation of the Environmental Assessment (EA). As the project moves forward and if the National Park Service (NPS) determines that this project is likely to result in significant impacts to the human environment, the EA will be converted to an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989, 16 U.S.C. 410r-5 *et seq.*, (Expansion Act) expanded the

boundaries of the Park to include approximately 109,000 acres (Expansion Area) south of the Tamiami Trail in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The Expansion Act directs the NPS to preserve the Park's outstanding natural features, and enhance and restore its ecological values and natural hydrologic conditions. The Expansion Act also authorized the Modified Water Deliveries (MWD) Project, whose purpose is to improve water deliveries within the Park and restore the natural hydrologic conditions to the extent practicable.

One of the objectives of the MWD Project is to improve the conveyance of water to the Expansion Area, which will require modifications to Tamiami Trail and associated culverts under the roadway. In this regard, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is preparing the 2008 Limited Reevaluation Report to assess potential roadway modifications, including alternatives such as constructing bridges, adding culverts, and installing swales downstream of existing culverts.

Recent modeling done by the USACE suggests that constructing bridges and adding culverts may improve water flow to the Expansion Area. However, the efficacy of placing swales downstream of existing culverts as a measure to improve hydrologic conveyance remains questionable. In addition, the potential environmental impacts caused by swale construction must be addressed. Therefore, the Park believes it is appropriate to assess the potential effects of swale construction in a comprehensive manner by means of a pilot project.

The purpose of the pilot project is to test whether constructing spreader swales downstream of two existing culverts will improve water flow into the Northeast Shark Slough. Test results should enable a realistic assessment of the degree of improved hydrologic conveyance provided by the swales when compared to the conveyance capacity of the existing culverts. In addition, test results are expected to assist in determining the relative ecological benefits of swales and the environmental impacts associated with their construction and use.

DATES: Written comments regarding the proposed project must be postmarked no later than 30 days from the publication of this notice. As part of this scoping effort, a public workshop will be held in Miami-Dade County to solicit public input about the proposed project. Notification of the workshop will be announced in the newspaper Miami Herald and through the NPS Planning