

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Draft CCP/EA evaluates three alternatives for addressing key management issues at the refuges. Alternative A is the current management, or what is currently offered at the refuge. Alternative B is the Proposed Action and Alternative C is another alternative considered. Public comment is being solicited on all alternatives. Based on the analysis documented in this Draft CCP/EA, the Region 5 Regional Director of the Service will select a preferred alternative to be fully developed into a CCP for the refuges. A CCP is required by 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 *et. seq.*). The purpose in developing CCPs 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 science, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, the CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. This CCP will be reviewed and updated at least every 15 years in accordance with 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 *et. seq.*), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The Complex is a group of eight coastal and inland refuges. This Draft CCP/EA addresses the three northernmost refuges in the Complex. Both Oxbow and Assabet River NWR were established for their "*particular value in carrying out the national migratory bird management program*" under the Transfer of Certain Real Property for Wildlife Conservation Purposes Act of May 1948. Oxbow NWR was established in 1973 and consists of 1,667 acres of upland and wetland habitats along the Nashua River in Middlesex County. Assabet River NWR was established in 2000 and consists of 2,230 acres in Middlesex and Worcester Counties. Great Meadows NWR was established under the Migratory Bird Conservation Act in 1944 "*for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds.*" It protects 3,629 acres of wetland and upland

habitats along the Concord and Sudbury Rivers in Middlesex County. Key issues for each refuge are described below.

**Hunting:** Under Alternative A, small game, upland and woodcock hunting would remain open on portions of Oxbow NWR. Under Alternative B, the Service would open additional areas to small game, upland and woodcock hunting and open big game and migratory bird hunting on the refuge. Alternative C also offers these hunting opportunities, but limits areas where hunting would be allowed.

Under Alternative A, Assabet River NWR would remain closed to public access. Under Alternative B, the refuge would be open for big game and upland hunting. Migratory bird hunting would be considered after further data is collected. Alternative C is similar to B, except big game hunting is limited to archery and black powder deer hunting only.

Great Meadows NWR, which is currently closed to all hunting (Alternative A), would be open to archery deer hunting and migratory bird hunting in limited areas under Alternative B. Alternative C proposes that additional areas be open for hunting than identified in Alternative B. Hunting would not be allowed at the Concord impoundments under any alternative.

**Fishing:** Fishing opportunities would continue under Alternative A at both Great Meadows and Oxbow NWRs. Under Alternative B, fishing opportunities would continue unchanged at Great Meadows. Alternative B proposes that Oxbow NWR provide additional bank fishing areas and that Assabet River NWR be open for fishing on Puffer Pond. Alternative C is similar to Alternative B for all refuges.

**Non-wildlife dependent recreation:** Dog walking, currently (Alternative A) occurring on Great Meadows and Oxbow NWRs, would be prohibited under Alternatives B and C. Jogging at Great Meadows and Oxbow NWRs will continue to be allowed. The Service plans to analyze the potential impacts of jogging on Service trust resources and priority public uses and will consider modifying or eliminating the use in the future, based on this additional analysis. Other non-wildlife dependent uses requested during the scoping process, including snowmobiling, dog sledding, horseback riding, dirt biking and model airplane flying, are alternatives addressed but not considered in further detail.

These uses, including dog walking and jogging, are not considered for Assabet River NWR.

**User Fees:** The refuges currently do not charge fees for access or use. Under Alternative B and C, user fees will be collected to help the Service recover costs, improve visitor facilities, promote activities for visitors and address the maintenance backlog of visitor service projects.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-910-03-0777-30]

#### Notice of Public Meeting, Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting for the Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (Nevada).

**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) Nevada Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting includes a public comment meeting on August 18, 2003, 7 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 3560 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada. The purpose of the public meeting is for the RAC to receive public comment about the Sustaining Working Landscapes policy. The business meeting will be held August 19, 2003, at the BLM Elko Field Office beginning at 9 a.m. The public comment period will begin at approximately 1 p.m. and the meeting will adjourn approximately 5 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Brown, Public Affairs Officer, Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801. Telephone: (775) 753-0386. E-mail: [mbrown@nv.blm.gov](mailto:mbrown@nv.blm.gov).

**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 Nevada. At the business meeting, topics to be discussed include: Sustaining Working Landscapes, Ely Field Office Resource Management Plan,

Vegetation Draft Guidelines, Mining Update, California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, Field Managers' and District Rangers' Reports, Other topics the Council may raise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing 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, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Mike Brown, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801, telephone (775) 753-0386.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-1047  
(Preliminary)]

### Ironing Tables and Certain Parts Thereof From China

**AGENCY:** International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of antidumping investigation and scheduling of a preliminary phase investigation.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of an investigation and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-1047 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from ironing tables and certain parts thereof, provided for in subheadings 9403.20.00 and 9403.90.80 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach a preliminary determination in

antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by August 14, 2003. The Commission's views are due at Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by August 21, 2003.

For further information concerning the conduct of this investigation and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 207).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 30, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gail Burns (202-205-2501), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background.**—This investigation is being instituted in response to a petition filed on June 30, 2003, by Home Products International, Inc., Chicago, IL.

**Participation in the investigation and public service list.**—Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigation as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in sections 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Industrial users and (if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level) representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to this investigation upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

**Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.**—Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in this investigation available to authorized applicants representing

interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigation under the APO issued in the investigation, provided that the application is made not later than seven days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

**Conference.**—The Commission's Director of Operations has scheduled a conference in connection with this investigation for 9:30 a.m. on July 21, 2003, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Gail Burns (202-205-2501) not later than July 17, 2003, to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of antidumping duties in this investigation and parties in opposition to the imposition of such duties will each be collectively allocated one hour within which to make an oral presentation at the conference. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the conference.

**Written submissions.**—As provided in sections 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before July 24, 2003, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigation. Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the conference no later than three days before the conference. If briefs or written testimony contain BPI, they must conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means, except to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the Commission's rules, as amended, 67 FR 68036 (November 8, 2002).

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

**Authority:** This investigation is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.12 of the Commission's rules.