

Dated: February 24, 2000.

William B. Zimmerman,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) Meeting Announcement

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Council will meet at 9 a.m., March 9, 2000, to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: March 9, 2000, 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room S-128, U.S. Capitol Building, 119 D Street, NE, Washington, DC. The Council Coordinator is located at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 110, Arlington, Virginia, 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Smith, Council Coordinator, (703) 358-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds.

Dated: February 25, 2000.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Conservation Strategy for the Grizzly Bear in the Yellowstone Ecosystem

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announces the availability for public review of the Draft Conservation Strategy for the grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) in the Yellowstone Ecosystem. The Conservation Strategy is the management plan for the grizzly in the Yellowstone ecosystem that will be used when the population is recovered and delisted. Completion of the Conservation Strategy is a task in the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan. We solicit review and comment from the public on this draft information.

DATES: Comments on the draft supplemental information must be received on or before May 31, 2000 to ensure that they will be received in time for our consideration prior to finalization of the document.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the Draft Conservation Strategy may obtain a copy by contacting the Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, University Hall, Room 309, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana 59812. The document also is available for viewing and downloading at: <<http://www.r6.fws.gov/endspp/grizzly/>>. Written comments and materials regarding this information should be sent to the Recovery Coordinator at the address given above, or can be mailed electronically to <FW6_grizzly@fws.gov>. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Christopher Servheen, Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator (see **ADDRESSES** above), at telephone (406) 243-4903.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the our endangered species program. Recovery plans guide the recovery efforts for listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

Under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act) as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we approved the revised Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan on September 10, 1993.

The grizzly bear was listed under the Act as a threatened species in the 48 conterminous States on July 28, 1995 (40 FR 31734). Threats to grizzly bear populations come primarily from habitat modification caused by human activities and from direct bear/human conflicts resulting from recreational and resource use activities, highway and railroad corridors, illegal mortality, etc. The grizzly bear population in each of the ecosystems included in the Plan can be delisted independently once recovery criteria stated in the Plan are met.

The Plan provides that prior to delisting of the grizzly bear population in each ecosystem a conservation strategy will be developed and implemented that outlines all habitat and regulatory mechanisms that will be in force after recovery of that population.

The Yellowstone Ecosystem Draft Conservation Strategy is now available for review and comment.

Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the supplemental information described above. All comments received by the date specified in the **DATES** section above will be considered prior to finalization of the strategy.

Authority: The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: February 15, 2000.

Terry T. Terrell,

Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado

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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 tour and meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC). A pre-tour briefing will be conducted on March 30, 2000 from 8-10 a.m. at the BLM Safford Field Office located at 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona. BLM staff will provide a review of the Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Administration (S&Gs) and the implementation process. After this two-hour briefing, BLM staff and RAC will

tour a BLM grazing allotment called Johnny Creek near Safford. The tour objectives are to provide the RAC with field training on resource evaluation and on-the-ground S&G application. The business meeting will be held on March 31 at the Ramada Inn located at 420 E. Highway 70 in Safford, Arizona. It will begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4 p.m. The agenda items to be covered include the review of the January 21, 2000, meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on legislation, regulations and statewide planning efforts; Emerging Recreation Issues on Public Land; Wild Horse and Burro National Strategy Update; Growing Smarter in Arizona Initiative Presentation; Discussion on New Monument Designation Process; 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 11:30 a.m. on March 31, 2000, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203, (602) 417-9215.

Denise P. Meridith,
Arizona State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

AGENCY National Park Service; Interior.

ACTION Notice of Boundary Revision, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Indiana.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a revision of the boundaries of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Indiana, to include within the boundaries fifteen (15) parcels of land.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, 1100 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter, Indiana 46304, or by telephone 219-938-7561.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby provided that the boundaries of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore are revised. This revision is effective upon publication of this notice, to include

certain parcels of real property situated in the Counties of LaPorte and Porter, State of Indiana. These parcels have been donated to the United States and they are contiguous to the National Lakeshore boundaries. These parcels contain 0.36 of an acre more or less in LaPorte County, and 31.67 acres more or less in Porter County.

The parcels are identified as follows:

LaPorte County:

Tract 98-108 on Segment Map 98 Drawing No. 626/35,098.

Porter County:

Tract 09-113 on Segment Map 09 Drawing No. 626/35,009.

Tracts 22-106 and 22-107 on Segment Map 22 Drawing No. 626/35,022.

Tract 35-118 on Segment Map 35 Drawing No. 626/35,035.

Tract 41-103 on Segment Map 41 Drawing No. 626/35,041.

Tract 72-110 on Segment Map 72 Drawing No. 626/35,072.

Tracts 99-134, 99-135, 99-136, and 99-137, on Segment Map 99 Drawing No. 626/35,099.

Tracts 101-11, 101-12, 101-13, and 101-14, on Segment Map 101 Drawing No. 626/35,101.

All of the above-cited Segment Maps are dated January 3, 2000. These maps and related detailed information are on file at the National Park Service, Midwest Region, 1709 Jackson Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102-2571.

Dated: January 20, 2000.

William W. Schenk,
Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: March 3, 2000 at 11 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436; Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meeting: none
2. Minutes
3. Ratification List
4. Inv. Nos. 701-TA-393 and 731-TA-829-830, 833-834, 836, and 838 (Final) (Certain Cold-Rolled Steel Products from Argentina, Brazil, Japan, Russia, South Africa, and Thailand)—briefing and vote. (The Commission will transmit its determination to the Secretary of Commerce on March 13, 2000.)
5. Outstanding action jackets:
 - (1.) Document No. (E)GC-00-001: Administrative matters.

In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above not

disposed of at the scheduled meeting may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

Issued: February 25, 2000.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: March 3, 2000 at 11 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20436; Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Closed to the public.

AGENDA ITEM TO BE CLOSED:

#5: Outstanding action jackets:

- (1.) Document No. (E)GC-00-001: Administrative matters.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) and Commission rule 19 C.F.R. § 201.36(b), the Commission has unanimously determined to close a portion of the meeting of Friday, March 3, 2000, to public observation, in order to avoid disclosure of information of a personal nature which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The General Counsel has certified that a portion of the meeting is being properly closed to the public by the Commission. Persons permitted to attend this closed portion of the meeting include Commissioners, their staff, and other Commission personnel who need to be available for the discussion or to conduct the meeting.

Issued: February 28, 2000.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended

Consistent with Departmental policy, 28 C.F.R. 50.7, notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2000, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Ashland, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:00 CV 252 (AVC), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. This proposed