

and entails baseline management as outlined in the 1987 Management Plan for Stillwater WMA and modified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service's) water rights acquisition program. Water rights acquired for refuge wetlands would continue to be delivered to the refuge according to the traditional agricultural seasonal pattern of delivery in the irrigation district. Habitat management would emphasize breeding habitat for waterfowl and other waterbirds and would also provide for the needs of migrating and wintering waterfowl; livestock grazing and muskrat trapping would be managed commensurate with wildlife objectives on a large part of the area; and hunting would remain the priority public use and would continue to be a coequal purpose with wildlife conservation.

Alternative B would result in the lands within Stillwater WMA reverting back to U.S. Bureau of Reclamation or public land status, thus reducing the amount of Federal land managed primarily for wildlife conservation in the Lahontan Valley. This alternative would focus on providing fall and winter habitat for waterfowl on Stillwater NWR and would emphasize fall deliveries of acquired water rights, but would also provide habitat for breeding waterbirds. Livestock grazing and muskrat trapping would only be used as habitat management tools. Opportunities for waterfowl hunting on Stillwater NWR would continue to be emphasized, although opportunities for wildlife viewing and environmental education would be expanded. Providing breeding habitat for waterbirds would be emphasized on Fallon NWR.

Under Alternative C, Stillwater NWR would be expanded to include most of Stillwater WMA and Fallon NWR, as well as additional riparian and dune habitat. A more thorough description of the boundary revision process for Alternative C is included in the Alternative E discussion (*i.e.*, the proposed boundary for Alternatives C and E are identical). This alternative would emphasize the approximation of natural biological diversity, including breeding habitat for waterbirds. The natural seasonal pattern of water inflow would be approximated, with adjustments to minimize nest flooding and to enhance fall and winter habitat for waterfowl. Livestock grazing would have limited application in the habitat management program, and muskrat trapping would primarily be undertaken to prevent damage to water control structures. Waterfowl hunting would continue to be an integral part of the public use program under Alternative C,

but environmental education and wildlife observation would receive considerably greater emphasis.

Alternative D would expand the boundary of Stillwater NWR to include all of Stillwater WMA (except the Indian Lakes area) and Fallon NWR, as well as additional riparian and dune habitat. This alternative would focus on restoring natural hydrologic patterns and other ecological processes. Protection and restoration of riparian habitat would receive enhanced emphasis, and livestock grazing and muskrat trapping would not be used in the habitat management program and would be prohibited. Public use management would focus on providing opportunities for wildlife observation and environmental education, and hunting opportunities would diminish.

Alternative E (the Service preferred Alternative) proposes that the revised boundary of Stillwater NWR exclude the western portions of the Stillwater WMA and the northern portions of Fallon NWR. In the Stillwater WMA this would be accomplished by recommending that Congress withdraw certain project lands giving FWS primary jurisdiction. To include the southern portion of Fallon NWR, The FWS would recommend that Congress revoke the E.O. that gave Bureau of Reclamation primary jurisdiction over portions of Fallon NWR and withdraw those lands giving FWS primary jurisdiction.

Major habitats added to Stillwater NWR would include the lower Carson River and its delta marsh, the sand dunes along the southern edge of the Carson Sink, and the stabilized dunes and salt desert shrub habitat between the Carson River and Stillwater Marsh. In addition to lands currently in Stillwater WMA and Fallon NWR, the boundary would expand to include six sections of land along the lower Carson River and 26 sections north of the existing Stillwater NWR. Although the size of Stillwater NWR would increase under this alternative, the acreage of Federal lands managed primarily for wildlife in the Lahontan Valley would decline by about 25,517 acres. The most important lands with respect to refuge purposes and wetlands protection would be retained. Under this proposal, the approved boundary of Stillwater NWR would be about 172,254 acres, of which about 137,504 acres would be Federal. The acreage of non-Federal inholdings within the boundaries of Federal wildlife areas in the Lahontan Valley would decline by about 40 percent.

This alternative would attempt to approximate natural biological diversity, including breeding habitat for

waterbirds, but would also emphasize adaptive management to refine broad management strategies to meet the needs of key wetland dependent wildlife guilds and to provide additional fall and winter habitat for migratory waterbirds. Livestock grazing would have limited application in the habitat management program, and muskrat trapping would primarily be undertaken to prevent damage to the water management infrastructure. Waterfowl hunting would continue to be an integral part of the visitor services program under Alternative E, but a more balanced approach to managing other wildlife dependent recreational activities including environmental education and interpretation, and wildlife observation and photography, would receive considerably greater emphasis.

Dated: May 23, 2002.

Steve Thompson,

Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and the State of South Dakota, which was executed on February 14, 2002.

DATES: This action is effective May 31, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: May 1, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Eighth Renewal of Agreement between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the State of Montana regarding the Class III Gaming on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

DATES: This action is effective May 31, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

Dated: May 2, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA–660–02–1610–DS]

Notice of Availability of Draft California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley, Draft Trails Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Draft California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley, Draft Trails Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

SUMMARY: In compliance with Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFF) Part 1610.2(f)(3) and Title 40 CFR part 1500, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby gives notice that the Draft CDCA Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley, Draft Trails Management Plan, and DEIS is available for public review and comment.

DATES: Comments will be accepted until 90-days have elapsed after publication of notice in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any of several methods. You may mail comments to: James G. Kenna, Field Manager; Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258.

You may also comment via the Internet to emisquez@ca.blm.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include in the subject line: “Draft CDCA Plan Amendment and EIS” and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact Elena Misquez at (760) 251–4810. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 690 W. Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, CA 92258.

Oral comments will be accepted and recorded at any of three public meetings to be held during the month of July, 2002. Notice published in local media will also be provided at least 15 days prior to the scheduled public meetings.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elena Misquez at (760) 251–4810 or emisquez@ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A copy of the Draft CDCA Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley, Draft Trails Management Plan, and DEIS is available for review via the internet at www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings. Electronic (on CD-ROM) and paper copies may also be obtained by contacting Elena Misquez at the aforementioned addresses and phone number.

This Draft CDCA Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley and draft Trails Management Plan is being developed in partnership with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) in support of their efforts to prepare a Coachella Valley Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Area Plan (CVMSHCP). The Trails Management Plan will be incorporated into the CVMSHCP. Upon completion of the environmental impact statement/environmental impact report for the CVMSHCP, BLM may adopt the CVMSHCP as an activity (implementation) level plan in accordance with Bureau Manual guidance and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). A separate record of decision will be prepared for the CDCA Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley in accordance with the planning regulations at Title 43 CFR 1610 and NEPA.

Dated: May 6, 2002.

James G. Kenna,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action; Notice of Availability of Draft Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action and notice of availability of the Draft Toquop Land Disposal Amendment to the Caliente Management Framework Plan (MFP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Toquop Energy Project.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, a DEIS has been prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Ely Field Office for the Toquop Energy Project. This document evaluates the environmental