

Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee *et seq.*), requires the Service to develop a CCP for each National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP 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 management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction for conserving wildlife and their habitats, the CCP identifies wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update these CCPs 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, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370d).

Dated: August 16, 2005.

Robyn Thorson,

Regional Director, Region 3, Fish and Wildlife Service, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent to Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is preparing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) document for Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). This notice advises the public that the Service intends to gather information necessary to prepare a CCP and an EA pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act. The public is invited to participate in the planning process. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the Service's CCP policy to:

1. Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions; and

2. Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental documents.

The Service will solicit information from the public via open houses, meetings, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, refuge Web site postings, and announcements will provide information regarding opportunities for public involvement in the planning process. The first public meetings are scheduled for the week of November 7, 2005.

DATES: Please provide written comments to the address below by December 1, 2005.

Send Comments To: Thomas Bonetti, Refuge Planner, Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts, 01035. Additional information is available on the refuge Web site at: <http://primehook.fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Bonetti, Refuge Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts, 01035, 413–253–8307; or e-mail northeastplanning@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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–668ee), the Service is to manage all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System in accordance with an approved CCP. The plan guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process will consider many elements, including wildlife and habitat management, public recreational activities such as hunting and fishing, and cultural resource protection. Public input into the planning process is essential.

The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with information regarding the future desired conditions for the refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies. The Service will prepare an EA in accordance with procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370d). Concurrent with the CCP process, the Service will conduct a wilderness review and incorporate a summary of the review into the CCP, as well as include compatibility determinations for all applicable refuge uses.

In 1963, Prime Hook NWR was established under the authority of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act for use

as an inviolate sanctuary, or any other management purpose, expressly for migratory birds. Many farms and residences were once present on what is now the refuge. Prime Hook NWR was established primarily to preserve coastal wetlands as wintering and breeding habitat for migratory waterfowl. It is located on the west shore of Delaware Bay, 22 miles southeast of Dover, Delaware. Refuge habitat types are varied and are currently managed to maintain a diversity of wildlife species. Prime Hook NWR consists of over 9,700 acres, of which 7,400 acres are fresh marsh, tidal marsh, and open water. Other habitats include 1,000 acres of timber and brush and 1,300 acres of grasslands and croplands. Data collection has been initiated to create computerized mapping, including vegetation, topography, habitat types and existing land uses.

Comments received will be used to help identify key issues and to develop refuge goals, habitat management and visitor services strategies. Additional opportunities for public participation will occur throughout the planning process, which is expected to be completed in 2008. The outcome of this planning process will be a CCP to guide refuge management for the next 15 years.

Dated: September 21, 2005.

Richard O. Bennett,

Acting Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Monument Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2006

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior; and United States Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of meetings for FY06.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and United States Forest Service (USFS) announce the schedule for meetings of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as MAC), for fiscal year 2006.

All meetings begin at 9 a.m. and will be held in the Palm Desert City Council Conference Room, located at 73–510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert California; and will begin at 9 a.m.

Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- Saturday, December 3, 2006.
- Saturday, March 4, 2006.
- Saturday, June 3, 2006.
- Saturday, September 9, 2006.
- Saturday, December 2, 2006.

Meeting agendas will be developed and available to the public prior to meeting dates through the Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office Web Page linking to the Santa Rosa San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Home Page at http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/santarosa/santa_rosa_national_monument.html.

The focus of all MAC meetings will be on implementation issues of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Management Plan. Each meeting, beginning at approximately 11 a.m., will contain a half-hour Public Comment period. During this time members of the public are encouraged to provide their comments and/or input to the MAC for further consideration and discussion. A sign-up sheet for speakers will be available at the entrance of the Palm Desert City Council Conference Room, on the day of the meeting. Speakers making comments to the Advisory Committee are requested to provide a written copy of their statement for the record.

The MAC is a committee of citizens appointed to provide advice and recommendation to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, with respect to implementation of the National Monument Management Plan. The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 106–351), authorized establishment of the MAC with representative members from State and local jurisdictions, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, a natural science expert, a member from a local conservation organization, a representative of the local developers or building industry organization, the Winter Park Authority, and a representative from the Pinyon Community Council.

All of the meetings are open to the public, attendance limited only by the space available. Individuals attending who need special assistance, such as sign language interpretations, or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the contact person listed below two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting.

Meeting Dates and Times: December 3, 2005; March 4, 2006; June 3, 2006; September 9, 2006; December 2, 2006. All MAC meetings begin at 9 a.m., and

the Public Comment period begins at approximately 11 a.m.

ADDRESSES: All MAC meetings are held in the Palm Desert City Council Conference Room, 73–510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California 92260.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Written comments should be sent to the Santa Rosa San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Writer-Editor, in-care-of the Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258; by telephone 760 251–4800, fax (760) 251–4899; or e-mail ca_srsj_nm@ca.blm.gov.

Additional information regarding the National Monument and the MAC is posted on the National Monument Web pages located at: http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/santarosa/santa_rosa_national_monument.html.

Documents pertinent to this notice, including comments with the names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office located at 690 W. Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, California, during regular business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act (Pub. L. 106–351) was signed into law on October 24, 2000, by President William Clinton. The National Monument was established in order to preserve the nationally significant biological, cultural, recreational, geological, educational and scientific values found in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains. This legislation established the first National Monument to be jointly managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). This National Monument Act only affects Federal lands, and Federal interests located within the established National Monument boundaries.

The 272,000-acre National Monument encompasses 86,400 acres of Bureau of Land Management lands; 64,400 acres of Forest Service lands; 23,000 acres of Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians lands; 8,500 acres of California Department of Parks and Recreation lands; 35,800 acres of other State of California agencies lands; and 53,900 acres of privately owned lands.

The BLM and the Forest Service's joint management is done in consultation with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, other Federal and State agencies; and local governments.

All MAC, work group, and any subcommittee meetings, including field

examinations, are open to the public, including representatives of the media. Any organization, association, or individual may file a statement with, or appear before the committee and/or its work groups, and any subcommittees regarding topics on a meeting's agenda.

Dated: October 7, 2005.

Elena Misquez,

Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast, Acting Field Office Manager.

Dated: October 6, 2005.

Danella George,

Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains, National Monument Manager.

Dated: October 5, 2005.

Laurie Rosenthal,

District Ranger, San Jacinto Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of November Resource Advisory Council Meeting To Be Held in Twin Falls District, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intent to hold a Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting in the Twin Falls District of Idaho on Tuesday, November 29, 2005. The meeting will be held in the Cedar Conference Room at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Boulevard North, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council consists of the standard fifteen members residing throughout south central Idaho. Meeting agenda items will include multiple sub-group reports concerning energy, Blaine County Airport Relocation, and ongoing litigation. A significant portion of the session will also include familiarization for new incoming members. Other potential topics may also arise and a public comment period will be held following lunch.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sky Buffat, Twin Falls District, Idaho, 2536 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301, (208) 735–2068.

Dated: October 11, 2005.

Howard Hedrick,

Twin Falls District Manager.

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