

practices, tribal members may need to access Service lands and use plants and animals for which the Service has management responsibility.

Section 9 recognizes tribal law enforcement responsibilities for managing Indian lands and tribal resources and encourages cooperative law enforcement between the Service and tribes.

Section 10 invites tribal governments to work with the Service to develop and present training for Service employees. It also makes available Service technical experts to help tribes develop technical expertise, supports tribal self-determination, encourages cross-training of Service and tribal personnel, and supports Native American professional development.

Section 11 establishes monitoring and implementation guidance for the policy.

Section 12 describes the policy's scope and limitations.

Background and Development of This Draft Policy

On June 28, 1994, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) adopted its Native American Policy (available at <http://www.fws.gov/policy/native-american-policy.pdf>) to guide the Service's government-to-government relations with federally recognized tribal governments in conserving fish and wildlife resources and to "help accomplish its mission and concurrently to participate in fulfilling the Federal Government's and Department of the Interior's trust responsibilities to assist Native Americans in protecting, conserving, and utilizing their reserved, treaty guaranteed, or statutorily identified trust assets."

In July 2013, the Service convened a Native American Policy Team to review and update the policy. The Native American Policy Team is comprised of Service representatives from its Regions and programs. In addition, the Service invited all federally recognized tribal governments across the United States to nominate representatives to serve on the team. A total of 16 self-nominated tribal representatives from all of the major Regions across the country joined the team to provide input and tribal perspective.

Tribal representatives from the following tribal governments and organizations participated in a series of meetings with Service representatives to review and update the policy: Cherokee Nation, Chugach Regional Resources Commission, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Eastern Band Cherokee Indians, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Gros Ventre and

Assiniboiné of Fort Belknap, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Native Village of Emmonak, Navajo Nation, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Penobscot Indian Nation, Quinault Indian Nation, San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians, Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, and Yurok Tribe. Varying perspectives were shared on a wide range of issues including sovereignty, co-management, law enforcement, and trust responsibilities, among others.

Substantial focus and attention was given to improving the implementation and accountability aspects of the policy.

Although Service and tribal team members took part in writing the draft, full agreement was not possible on every issue and some differences remain. In November 2014, the Yurok Tribe withdrew from the Service's Native American Policy Team. Other tribal representatives have continued to participate in an effort to work out differences and make further improvements to the policy.

In November 2014, the Service invited federally recognized tribal governments in each of its Regions and Alaska Native Corporations to consult on a government-to-government basis. The Service provided an early working draft of the updated policy for their review and input. A total of 23 of the tribal representatives submitted written comments to further develop and refine the draft updated policy.

From December 2014 to April 2015, the Service also held 24 consultation meetings and webinars within the Regions and nationally. Representatives from approximately 100 tribes attended these meetings. In March 2015, the Service revised the working draft of the updated policy and distributed it for internal Service review throughout all levels, Regions, and programs within the agency. We incorporated feedback from the internal Service review and additional comments received from tribal governments into this draft updated Native American Policy.

Open Comment Period

While this publication opens the 30-day public review period, we also invite and encourage tribes and Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) to continue to review and submit comments. The Service's invitation to federally recognized tribal governments to consult on a government-to-government basis regarding development of this updated Native American Policy continues until 30 days after this **Federal Register** notification. Comments from local, State, and Federal

government agencies; federally recognized tribal governments; inter-tribal organizations, non-federally recognized tribal governments; ANCSA corporations; and the general public are welcome.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: June 24, 2015.

James W. Kurth,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet in Phoenix, Arizona, as indicated below.

DATES: The Arizona RAC Business meeting will take place September 16, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the BLM Arizona State Office located at One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorothea Boothe, Arizona RAC Coordinator at the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4427, 602-417-9500. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during

normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Arizona. Planned agenda items include: A Welcome and Introduction of Council Members; BLM State Director's Update on BLM Programs and Issues; Mining 101 Overview; Updates on Reclaim Our Arizona Monuments (ROAM) and Solar Program Mitigation Strategy; RAC Committee Reports; RAC Questions on BLM District Manager Reports and other items of interest to the RAC. Members of the public are welcome to attend the RAC Business meeting. A public comment period is scheduled on the day of the Business meeting from 1:45 to 2:15 p.m. for any interested members of the public who wish to address the Council on BLM programs and business. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak and time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Written comments may also be submitted during the meeting for the RAC's consideration. The final meeting agenda will be available two weeks prior to the meeting and posted on the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/res/rac.html>. Additionally, directions to the meeting site and parking information may be found on the BLM Web site at: http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/res/pub_room/location.html. Individuals who need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the RAC Coordinator listed above no later than two weeks before the start of the meeting.

Under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the RAC has been designated as the Recreation RAC and has the authority to review all BLM and Forest Service recreation fee proposals in Arizona. The Recreation RAC will not review recreation fee program proposals at this meeting.

Raymond Suazo,
Arizona State Director.

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Notice of Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. **DATES:** The Advisory Board will meet on Wednesday September 2, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time and Thursday September 3, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Time. This will be a one and a half day meeting.

ADDRESSES: This Advisory Board meeting will take place in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the Sheraton Oklahoma City Downtown Hotel, 1 North Broadway Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, <http://www.sheratonokc.com>, phone: 405-235-2780. Written comments pertaining to the September 2-3, 2015, Advisory Board meeting can be mailed to National Wild Horse and Burro Program, WO-260, Attention: Ramona DeLorme, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, NV. 89502-7147, or sent electronically to whbadvisoryboard@blm.gov. Please include "Advisory Board Comment" in the subject line of the email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ramona DeLorme, Wild Horse and Burro Administrative Assistant, at 775-861-6583. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, the BLM Director, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief of the Forest Service on matters pertaining to the management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board operates under the authority of 43 CFR 1784. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:

I. Advisory Board Public Meeting

Wednesday, September 2, 2015 (1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)

1:00 p.m.—Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review
1:50 p.m.—Approval of April 2015 Minutes
2:10 p.m.—BLM Response to Advisory Board Recommendations
2:30 p.m.—Wild Horse and Burro Program Update
5:00 p.m.—Adjourn

Thursday, September 3, 2015 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

8:00 a.m.—Program Update continued
10:30 a.m.—Public Comment Period Begins
12:00 p.m.—Public Comment Period Ends
12:05 p.m.—Lunch
1:15 p.m.—Working Group Reports
2:45 p.m.—Advisory Board Discussion and Recommendations to the BLM
5:00 p.m.—Adjourn

The meeting will be live-streamed. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability needing an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, such as an interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify Ms. DeLorme two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

The Federal Advisory Committee Management Regulations at 41 CFR 101-6.1015(b), requires BLM to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of a public meeting 15 days prior to the meeting date.

II. Public Comment Procedures

On Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. members of the public will have the opportunity to make comments to the Board on the Wild Horse and Burro Program. Persons wishing to make comments during the meeting should register in person with the BLM by 10:15 a.m. on September 3, 2015, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of commenters, the Advisory Board may limit the length of comments. At previous meetings, comments have been limited to three minutes in length; however, this time may vary. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their statement to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above, email comments to whbadvisoryboard@blm.gov, or bring a written copy to the meeting. There may