

A no take alternative was not feasible due to the widespread distribution of potential habitat for the listed species in the 14-acre mining area.

Under the no action alternative, the Service would not issue an incidental take permit to the Kaiser Company, the Habitat Conservation Plan would not be implemented, and mining expansion would not occur at the Felton Sand Plant. The Plant could still operate for the next 10 years, but only within the confines of the existing mining operation areas. Reclamation of previously mined areas would occur pursuant to the California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act; however, this alternative would not include the permanent habitat protection and conservation within the facility provided through the Habitat Conservation Plan.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Act and Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6). The Service will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of law. If the Service determines that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the listed species. A final decision on permit issuance will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: November 27, 1998.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

*Acting Manager, California/Nevada
Operation Office, Region 1, Sacramento,
California.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

North American Wetlands Conservation Council; Meeting Announcement

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) will meet December 9, 1998 to review proposals for funding submitted pursuant to the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Upon completion of the Council's review, proposals will be submitted to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission with recommendations for

funding. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: December 9, 1998, Mexico—10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Finca Real, located at Victoria, Esquina Bustamante, Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico. The North American Wetlands Conservation 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, Coordinator, North American Wetlands Conservation Council, (703) 358-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 101-223, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the North American Wetlands Conservation Council is a Federal-State-private body which meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement and management projects for recommendation to and final approval by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Proposals from State, Federal, and private sponsors require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

Paul R. Schmidt,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Possible Disposal of Public Land in Doña Ana County, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an RMPA/EA and opportunity for public participation.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Las Cruces Field Office, is initiating the preparation of an RMPA which will include an EA for the possible disposal by direct sale at fair market value of 320 acres of BLM-administered public land in Dona Ana County in south-central New Mexico. The land is located in T. 25 S., R. 3 E., Section 13, S½. The RMPA will allow for direct sale of the land if that is the

alternative chosen by the BLM New Mexico State Director. The public is invited to participate in the scoping process to identify issues and planning criteria to be considered in the development of the RMPA/EA. The BLM will maintain a mailing list of parties and persons interested in being kept informed about the RMPA/EA.

DATES: Comments related to this action will be accepted through January 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Dwayne Sykes, Team Leader, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Sanders, Acting Assistant Field Manager, at (505) 525-4393 or Dwayne Sykes at (505) 525-4400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Our Lady's Youth Center of El Paso, Texas has proposed to acquire 320 acres of BLM-administered land within the Organ/Franklin Mountains Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The land would be used as part of the Lord's Ranch which the Center operates on adjacent private land. The Ranch is a retreat and working farm for disadvantaged youth.

All land within the ACEC was identified for retention in Federal ownership in the Mimbres RMP completed in 1993. In order to consider direct sale of the land, the RMP must be amended.

The RMPA/EA will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team of BLM resource specialists including realty, recreation, cultural, minerals, and hazardous materials specialists. Additional technical support will be provided by other specialists as needed.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

Margaret Wyatt,

Field Manager, Las Cruces.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability: Draft Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and President's Park and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Draft Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and President's Park and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy