

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force will meet from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2003; and from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The ANS Task Force meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel New Orleans, 1500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA. Phone 504-522-4500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703-358-2308 or by e-mail at: sharon_gross@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

Topics to be covered during the ANS Task Force meeting include: a field trip to view local invasive species problems; an update of activities from each of the Task Force's regional panels; status and updates from several other Task Force committees including the Outreach and Education Committee and the Prevention Committee; status of State and Interstate ANS Management Plans; an update on ballast water management activities; an update on the activities of the National Invasive Species Council; a discussion of rapid response planning efforts; a discussion on the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act; approval of the Chinese Mitten Crab Management Plan; and other topics.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: April 4, 2003.

Jack Arnold,

Acting Co-chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Acting Assistant Director—Fisheries and Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-010-1990-EX]

Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Betze Project Dewatering, Eureka and Elko Counties, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of availability (NOA) of record of decision.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 202 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) has been prepared, under third party contract, by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Elko Field Office. The SEIS was prepared to analyze the impacts of Barrick Goldstrike Inc.'s dewatering program for the Betze Project and determine suitable mitigation measures. The Final SEIS was released to the public on January 31, 2003. The Record of Decision was signed by the Elko Field Manager on March 4, 2003, approving the SEIS and the proposed mitigation measures.

Copies of the ROD can be obtained from the Elko Field Office at 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada, or by calling (775) 753-0200 and requesting a copy of the document. It may also be downloaded from the Elko Field office Internet site at www.nv.blm.gov/elko. Additionally, a copy of the ROD will be mailed to individuals, agencies, or companies that commented during the scoping process, or on the Draft and Final SEIS.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Parties adversely affected by the Record of Decision have 30 days, from the date of publication of this notice, to file a Notice of Appeal in the office which issues this decision (43 CFR 4.411 and 4.413). The decision to approve the mining operation is in full force and effect, effective on the date of signing of the Record of Decision. A petition for a stay of the decision must be filed in accordance with the above cited regulations.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Record of Decision can be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801. A Notice of Appeal should be addressed to Bureau of Land Management, Elko

Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801, and a copy to: Office of the Regional Solicitor, Salt Lake City Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84138.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kirk Laird, SEIS Coordinator, at Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801 or telephone (775) 753-0200.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-610-03-1610-DU]

Notice of Intent To Designate Routes of Travel and Prepare an Associated Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment in a Portion of the Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert (NEMO) Planning Area of the California Desert Conservation Area Plan (CDCA) Managed by the Bureau of Land Management

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to designate Routes of Travel and prepare associated Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment (EA).

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the BLM intends to amend the routes of travel designations in the NEMO area of the CDCA Plan area. The planning area is located in Inyo, San Bernardino, and a small portion of Mono Counties, California. This planning activity encompasses approximately 2.75 million acres of public land. The plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), BLM planning regulations, and other BLM management policies. The BLM California State Director recently approved the Record of Decision for Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert (NEMO) Management Plan. NEMO designated Routes of Travel within the Shadow, Ivanpah, and Piute-Fenner Valley Desert Tortoise Conservation Areas and conformed Congressional wilderness areas to the CDCA Plan. Route designations will be amended on the remaining BLM lands within the planning area (approximately 2.75 million acres) in the California Desert Conservation Area with the appropriate