

The Department selected a competitive auction as the method to sell the Mortgage Loans in accordance with the requirements of the Mortgage Sale Regulations (e.g., 24 CFR 290.30). This method of sale optimizes the Department's return on the sale of these Mortgage Loans, affords the greatest opportunity for all qualified bidders to bid on the Mortgage Loans, and provides the quickest and most efficient vehicle for the Department to dispose of the Mortgage Loans.

#### Freedom of Information Requests

The Department has approved a policy for responding to Freedom of Information Act requests for information on the Department's multifamily mortgage loan sales. The purpose of this policy is to clarify for the public and potential purchasers the types of sales information that will be disclosed in connection with the Department's multifamily mortgage sales program. The policy strikes a balance between the Department's policy of disclosing as much information as possible to the public and its interest in minimizing the harm premature release of this information will have upon bidders, and the harm that release of sensitive and confidential financial information would have on the effectiveness of HUD's loan sale programs, and thus, on the American taxpayer.

Given the foregoing, the Department's policy with respect to Freedom of Information Act requests is summarized as follows:

(i) The Department has determined that after the Award Date it will disclose the aggregate number of bidders and the aggregate proceeds the Department expects from the Sale, as well as the bid information materials that the Department provided to the bidders (provided they are not subject to a privacy or confidentiality exemption).

(ii) After all sales are closed the Department will release: (a) a list of all who received bid materials, (b) a list of all bidders, (c) a list of all winning bidders, and (d) the aggregate amount paid for each successful bid on multiple mortgage loans (whether bid as a pool or otherwise).

(iii) No earlier than one year after all of the sales are closed, the Department will disclose individual winning mortgage loan bid prices.

#### Scope of Notice

This notice applies to the Sale of Health Care Mortgage Notes, and does not establish the Department's policy for the sale of any other mortgage loans.

Dated: July 1, 1997.

**Stephanie A. Smith,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner,*  
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#### INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

##### Sunshine Act Meeting; Inter-American Foundation Board Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** July 17, 1997; 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** 901 N. Stuart Street, Tenth Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

**STATUS:** Open Session.

##### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 28, 1996, Meeting of the Board of Directors
2. President's Report
3. Audit Committee Report
4. Report on the Foundation's Strategic Plan
5. Report on the Grassroots Development Framework.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Adolfo A. Franco, Secretary to the Board of Directors, (703) 841-3894.

Dated: July 2, 1997.

**Adolfo A. Franco,**

*Sunshine Act Officer,*  
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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Bureau of Land Management

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##### Notice of Intent (NOI) to do an Environmental Assessment and Proposed King Range Plan Amendment for the King Range National Conservation Area

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to write an Environmental Assessment which proposes to amend the existing King Range Management Program. The plan amendment will address the closure of 3.5 miles of the King Range beach from Telegraph Creek (Sec. 4, T.5S., R.1E.) to Gitchell Creek (Sec. 29, T.4S., R.1E.) to Off-Highway-Vehicle (OHV) use. The purpose of the closure is to protect natural and cultural resource values and prevent conflicts between vehicular and

non-vehicular recreation uses. Presently, the entire coastline from the Mouth of the Mattole River to Black Sands Beach is managed as an unroaded area, with the exception of private land inholder access at Spanish Flat and the Black Sands Beach vehicle corridor. It is BLM's intent that the entire west slope of the King Range be managed for non-motorized, primitive recreation activities.

**COMMENT PERIOD:** The BLM is requesting comments concerning this Notice of Intent. The comment period will be open until August 21, 1997. Public comments must be in writing and mailed to the below address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Environmental Assessment is being prepared in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-5) to amend the King Range Management Program.

The Environmental Assessment will focus on the issues and concerns associated with OHV use within the beach corridor and the efforts of BLM to provide opportunities for both motorized and non-motorized user groups.

From the beginning of the King Range National Conservation Area (KRNCA) planning process in the early 1970s, conflicts occurred regarding off-highway vehicle (OHV) use of the beach corridor. During the initial scoping process, hikers and some conservation groups strongly favored closure to vehicle travel of the entire beach while OHV groups felt closures were unwarranted and discriminatory. The BLM's response in the 1974 management program was to zone the beach into mechanical and non-mechanical use areas.

Based on the above 1974 planning guidance, the 1988 Final EIS for Wilderness Recommendations for the King Range Wilderness Study Area, and the 1992 KRNCA Visitor Services Plan, BLM OHV management efforts in the Black Sands Beach to Gitchell Creek beach corridor have continually focused on trying to provide opportunities for both motorized and non-motorized use groups. However, efforts to minimize conflicts by providing public information, and zoning use areas for motorized & non-motorized activities have only met with limited success. Actions have also met with limited success in reducing illegal OHV access beyond Gitchell Creek into the closed area because of the difficulties of monitoring and enforcing a closure in a backcountry location lacking natural barriers to vehicle access. Non-motorized recreation use has also