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Wayne Eddins,

Departmental Reports Management Officer,  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

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

ACTION: Request for public comments on an environmental assessment for Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*) marsh damage reduction on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is requesting public comments on an Environmental Assessment (EA) for nutria (*Myocastor coypus*) marsh damage reduction on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The EA addresses research to determine the most effective methods for nutria control and implementation of a comprehensive control program throughout the range of nutria in Maryland.

The EA contains an analysis of the potential environmental impacts of four alternatives for managing Maryland's nutria population. Included is an assessment of potential impacts on federally threatened and endangered species, in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

DATES: All comments must be received on or before August 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the EA are available for review at the Dorchester County Library, 303 Gay Street, Cambridge, Maryland; the Talbot County Free Library, 100 W. Dover Street, Easton, Maryland; the Wicomico County Free Library, 122 S. Division

Street, Salisbury, Maryland; and the visitor's center at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, 2145 Key Wallace Drive, Cambridge, Maryland. The EA may be obtained on the web at <http://www.fws.gov/r5cbfo/nutria.htm>; by written request to Maryland Nutria Partnership, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chesapeake Bay Field Office, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; or by calling Mark Sherfy, at 410-573-4556. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to [nutria@fws.gov](mailto:nutria@fws.gov), or by writing to the Maryland Nutria Partnership at the above address.

**Author**

The primary author of this notice is Mark Sherfy, Chesapeake Bay Field Office, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401, phone: 410-573-4556.

Authority: The authority for this action is the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Dated: June 13, 2001.

Mamie A. Parker,

Acting Regional Director, Region 5, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Notice of Intent To Conduct Public Scoping and Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement Regarding the Lincoln County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, this notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding the proposed Lincoln County, Nevada, Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and issuance of an incidental take permit (Permit) to take endangered and threatened species in accordance with

section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The possible Permit applicants include, but are not limited to: Lincoln County Commissioners, City of Caliente, City of Mesquite, Nevada Fish and Wildlife, Coyote Springs Investments, and Union Pacific Railroad (Applicants). The application is related to potential development activities in southern Lincoln County. The Applicants intend to request a Permit for federally listed threatened or endangered species and/or Evaluation List species. Evaluation List species include species that have been petitioned for listing, state listed species, species that have been nominated for inclusion by technical specialists, and other species of concern that co-occur with federally listed species. The Evaluation List is being refined as a part of the scoping process. In accordance with the Act, the Applicants will prepare a Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan) for, among other things, minimizing and mitigating any such take that could occur incidental to the proposed Permit activities.

The Service is furnishing this notice to: (1) Advise other Federal and State agencies, affected Tribes, and the public of our intentions; (2) announce the initiation of a 60-day public scoping period, and (3) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be included in the EIS.

DATES: Written comments from all interested parties must be received on or before September 4, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for information should be sent to Robert D. Williams, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Suite 234, Reno, Nevada 89502, telephone 775-861-6300, facsimile 775-861-6301. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project area generally includes the area in southern Lincoln County, Nevada, north of the Clark County line, west of the Utah/Nevada state line, south of the southern Township 3 South line, east of the eastern Range 63 East

line (Mt. Diablo Meridian) and a small portion of lands in Clark County, Nevada, within the Coyote Springs Valley in the vicinity of Highways 168 and 93.

Some of the Applicants' future activities have the potential to impact species subject to protection under the Act. Section 10(a)(1)(B) permits non-Federal landowners to take endangered and threatened species, provided the take is incidental to otherwise lawful activities and will not appreciably reduce the likelihood for the survival and recovery of the species in the wild, among other permit issuance criteria. An applicant for a Permit under section 10 of the Act must prepare and submit to the Service for approval a Plan containing, among other things, a strategy for minimizing and mitigating all take associated with the proposed activities to the maximum extent practicable. The applicant must also ensure that adequate funding for implementation of the Plan will be provided.

The Applicants have initiated discussions with the Service regarding the possibility of a Permit and associated MSHCP for their activities on lands to be covered by a Permit. General activities proposed for Permit coverage include residential, commercial and industrial development, construction, and maintenance activities.

The Service will conduct an environmental review of the Plan and prepare an EIS. The environmental review will analyze the Applicants' proposed plan as well as a full range of reasonable alternatives and the associated impacts of each. The Service is currently in the process of developing alternatives for analysis.

Comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties to ensure that the full range of issues related to the permit request are addressed and that all significant issues are identified. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the Service (see **ADDRESSES**).

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508), and with other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, policies, and procedures of the Service for compliance with those regulations. It is estimated that the draft EIS will be available for public review in early or mid-2002.

Dated: June 21, 2001.

**Mary Ellen Mueller**,  
*Deputy Manager, California/Nevada  
Operations Office, Sacramento, California.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

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#### Extension of Date for Call for Advisory Committee Nominations

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service have extended the date to receive nominations to serve on the new Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Advisory Committee through Friday, July 20, 2001. A previous notice, published in the May 31, 2001, **Federal Register**, announced the agencies' intent to establish the Committee under the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000, Public Law 106-351 (U.S.C. 431 note) and called for nominations no later than July 2, 2001. This extension, calling for nominations no later than July 20, 2001, is granted in response to public requests for additional time.

**ADDRESSES:** Send nominations to: Mr. James G. Kenna, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, California 92258, 760-251-4800 or Mr. Fran Colwell, Forest Service, 1824 S. Commercenter Circle, San Bernardino, California 92408, 909-884-6634, x 3144.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James G. Kenna, Bureau of Land Management, 760-251-4800 or Mr. Fran Colwell, Forest Service, 909-884-6634, x 3144.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the committee. Individuals may nominate themselves for Committee membership. Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the individuals listed in **ADDRESSES** above. To make a nomination, submit a completed nomination form, letters of reference from the represented interests or organization, and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications to the offices listed above. You may make nominations for the following categories of interest, as

specified in the Act: (1) A representative with expertise in natural science and research selected from a regional college or university; (2) a representative of the California Department of Fish and Game or the California Department of Parks and Recreation; (3) a representative of the County of Riverside, California; (4) a representative from each of the following cities: Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, La Quinta, Palm Desert, and Indian Wells; (5) a representative of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; (6) a representative of the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy; (7) a representative of a local conservation organization; (8) a representative of a local developer or builder organization; (9) a representative of the Winter Park Authority; and (10) a representative of the Pinyon Community Council. Nominations to the Committee should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership on the Advisory Committee.

Committee members will be appointed to serve 3-year terms, except that, of the members first appointed, one-third of the members shall be appointed for a term of 1 year and one-third of the members shall be appointed for a term of 2 years. All members will serve without pay but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expense at current rates for government employees under 5. U.S.C. 5703.

Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of the Interior with the concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Dated: June 20, 2001.

**Tim Salt**,  
*California Desert District Manager, Bureau  
of Land Management.*

Dated: June 21, 2001.

**Gene Zimmerman**,  
*Forest Supervisor, San Bernardino National  
Forest.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Gas Fired Electric Power Plant and Ancillary Facilities in Clark and Lincoln Counties, Nevada, and Notice of Public Meetings

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