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- Department of the Interior, Natural Resources Library, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240.
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 110 S. Church, Suite 3450, Tucson, AZ 85701.
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2321 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, AZ 85021.
- Salt River Project, 1521 Project Drive, Tempe, AZ 85281.
- Flagstaff Public Library, 300 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86001.
- Government Document Service, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287.
- Phoenix Public Library (Burton Barr Central), 1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004.
- Cottonwood Public Library, 100 S. 6th St., Cottonwood, AZ 86326.
- Camp Verde Public Library, 130 Black Bridge Loop Rd., Camp Verde, AZ 86322.
- Fountain Hills Library, 12901 N. La Montana Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.

If you wish to comment by e-mail, please include your name and return address in the body of your message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly by calling our Arizona Ecological Services Field Office at 602/242-0210. Please note that at the end of the public comment period, we will close the e-mail address *Horeshoe-BartlettHCP@fws.gov*.

### Background

SRP operates Horseshoe and Bartlett in conjunction with four reservoirs on the Salt River and one reservoir on East Clear Creek as integral features of the Salt River Federal Reclamation Project, authorized by the Reclamation Act of 1902, and pursuant to a 1917 contract with the United States. Since completion in the 1930s and 1940s, Horseshoe and Bartlett have provided water for irrigation, municipal, and other uses. Currently, SRP reservoirs supply much of the water for the population of more than 2.6 million people in the cities of Phoenix, Mesa, Chandler, Tempe, Glendale, Gilbert, Scottsdale, Tolleson, and Avondale. Water deliveries are also made pursuant to specific water rights in Horseshoe and Bartlett held by the City of Phoenix, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and the Fort McDowell

Yavapai Nation. In addition, water is provided to irrigate agricultural lands within SRP and for satisfaction of the independent water rights of Buckeye Irrigation Company, Gila River Indian Community, Roosevelt Irrigation District, Roosevelt Water Conservation District, and others. Horseshoe, Bartlett, and the other SRP reservoirs also provide a variety of recreational uses in central Arizona.

Due to dry conditions in central Arizona for the past 12 years, water levels in Horseshoe and Bartlett have been below normal. As a result, riparian trees and shrubs have grown in the Horseshoe storage space and have been colonized by a population of flycatchers, which are listed as endangered under the Act. Thus, periodic refilling of the reservoir may adversely affect the habitat and nesting of the flycatcher as well as the cuckoo, which uses similar habitat. Also, nonnative fish produced in Horseshoe and Bartlett can adversely impact covered fish, frog, and gartersnake species through predation, competition, and alteration of habitat in the Verde River and portions of its tributaries.

### Proposed Action

The proposed action is the issuance of an ITP for the covered species for SRP's continued operation of Horseshoe and Bartlett, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. The requested duration of the permit is 50 years. The areas covered by the proposed permit would include Horseshoe up to an elevation of 2,026 feet, Bartlett up to an elevation of 1,748 feet, the Salt River from Granite Reef Dam to the Verde River, most of the Verde River upstream from the Salt River, and portions of the Verde River tributaries. The action area for the proposed permit also includes mitigation lands acquired as part of the HCP.

To meet the requirements of a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit, SRP has developed and would implement the HCP, which would provide modified operating objectives to support stands of tall riparian vegetation at the upper end of Horseshoe to minimize impacts to covered bird species, and to manage Horseshoe water levels to minimize impacts to covered native fish, frog, and gartersnake species. The HCP also includes a description of other measures to minimize and mitigate for incidental take of the covered species to the maximum extent practicable, and which ensures that incidental take of covered species will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of these species in the wild.

### Alternatives

Two other alternatives we are considering include the following:

1. No Permit—No issuance of an ITP by the Service. This alternative would require SRP to do everything within its control to avoid any take of federally listed species associated with its continued operation of Horseshoe and Bartlett.

2. Modified Historical Operation—Approval by the Service of an application for an ITP authorizing the continued full operation of Horseshoe and Bartlett by SRP using historical operating objectives for the reservoirs, along with additional measures to minimize and mitigate the potential take of covered species.

Section 9 of the Act and its implementing regulations prohibit the "taking" of threatened and endangered species. However, under limited circumstances, we may issue permits to take listed wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22), and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**Christopher T. Jones,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ID-300-1110-PI]

### Notice of Public Meeting, Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The RAC will next meet in Idaho Falls, Idaho on August 29 and 30, 2007. Day 1 of this meeting will start at 1 p.m. and will include an hour-long discussion of proposed fee changes for the U.S. Forest Service in Eastern and Central Idaho. The remainder of the day

and the following day will be tours of the St. Anthony Sand Dunes and the South Fork of the Snake River, respectively. The public will be responsible for their own transportation and food if they desire to join the RAC on the tours. Other subjects named above will be the status of the Upper Snake Field Office's recreation program, lands and realty initiatives on the South Fork, noxious weed control, and other topics of relevance to the tour.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the BLM Idaho Falls District (IFD), which covers eastern Idaho.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Howell, RAC Coordinator, Idaho Falls District, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401. Telephone (208) 524-7559. E-mail: [David\\_Howell@blm.gov](mailto:David_Howell@blm.gov).

Dated: July 19, 2007.

**David Howell,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-050-1430-EQ-P; AA-081894]

#### Notice of Realty Action; Issuance of a 5-Year Renewable Lease of Public Land, Caribou Lake, AL

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

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has determined that issuance of a 5-Year renewable land lease to resolve unauthorized use and occupancy of public land, approximately one (1) acre in size, on the shore of Caribou Lake, including an existing 10'x14' cabin, located

approximately 13 miles southeast of the rural community of Cantwell, Alaska, is consistent with the 1985 BLM Glennallen District Management Framework Plan and East Alaska Final Resource Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement. This action is pursuant to section 302 (b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and 43 CFR 2920.0-6. The leasing of public land is within the authority of the Secretary of the Interior. The annual rental amount will be required to be paid in advance as outlined in 43 CFR 2920.8(a), and through Instruction Memorandum AK-2005-028.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit comments to the Bureau of Land Management Glennallen Field Office Manager at the below stated address. Comments must be received not later than 45 days from publication date. Only written comments will be accepted. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all written comments concerning this Notice to Ramone McCoy, BLM Glennallen Field Office Manager, P.O. Box 147, Glennallen, Alaska 99588-0147.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph Hart, Realty Specialist, by phone at (907) 822-3217, or by e-mail at [joseph\\_hart@ak.blm.gov](mailto:joseph_hart@ak.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The site examined and found suitable for leasing under the provisions of section 302 (b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and 43 CFR 2920.0-6 is within Section 30, T. 19 S., R. 6 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska, and is approximately one (1) acre in area. An application to lease the site will be accepted from only Ray Atkins to resolve an unauthorized use of public lands. An existing cabin was constructed on site by Ray Atkins with the safety concerns of many local residents in mind for use during harsh winter conditions that are common for this area of Alaska. Intended to be remote emergency shelter in times of need, the cabin will also be open and available for general public use year-round, except when the applicant will utilize the cabin in support of his

guiding activities in the area during a short period in the fall. Any comments and application must include a reference to this notice. Fair market value rent, as required in 43 CFR 2920.8 and as determined by Instruction Memorandum AK-2005-028, will be collected for the use of these lands, as well as reasonable administrative, processing, and monitoring costs for processing the lease as required in 43 CFR 2920.6.

This determination was made upon completion of an Environmental Assessment, recommending that a one-acre site, be leased to Ray Atkins within Sec. 30, T. 19 S., R. 6 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska, to authorize the use and occupancy of public lands and thereby resolve an unauthorized use (Authority: 43 CFR 2920.4(c)).

**Ramone McCoy,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-056-5101-EQ F186; N-81843]

#### Notice of Realty Action: Airport Lease and Non-Competitive (Direct) Sale in Searchlight, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to initially lease and then convey 21.4 acres of public land located south of the town of Searchlight, Nevada, for a public airport. An existing airport is located on public and private lands, and the center portion of the airport runway is located on lands currently owned by Searchlight Airpark Developers, LLC (Searchlight). Searchlight proposes to develop a residential airpark on the remaining portion of its private lands and use its 1,600 feet of private runway in conjunction with the 3,700 feet of runway located on public lands. Searchlight has requested that the existing airport runway be leased and then conveyed to it at the appraised fair market value of the land. At a future date, the BLM proposes to sell the 21.4 acres of public airport runway to Searchlight by non-competitive (direct) sale at not less than the appraised fair market value. The sale of the airport runway will require a cadastral survey and updated appraisal prior to conveyance.