

statutorily reauthorized several times since then. However, the Board's statutory authorization expired January 1, 2009. The advice and recommendations provided by the Board and its subcommittees fulfill an important need within the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service, and it therefore is necessary to administratively reestablish the Board to ensure that its work is not disrupted. The Board's 12 members will be balanced to represent a cross-section of disciplines and expertise relevant to the National Park Service mission. The administrative reestablishment of the Board comports with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix), and follows consultation with the General Services Administration. The reestablishment will be effective on the date the charter is filed pursuant to section 9(c) of the Act and 41 CFR 102-3.70.

Certification: I hereby certify that the administrative reestablishment of the National Park System Advisory Board is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by the Act of August 25, 1916, 16 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*, and other statutes relating to the administration of the National Park System.

Dated: January 12, 2009.

Dirk Kempthorne,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park System Concessions Management Advisory Board Reestablishment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Reestablishment of the National Park Service Concessions Management Advisory Board.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior intends to administratively reestablish the National Park Service Concessions Management Advisory Board. This action is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of statutory duties imposed upon the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jo Pendry, Chief, Commercial Services Program on 202-513-7156.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Park Service Concessions Management Advisory Board was

established by Title IV, Section 409 of Public Law 105-391, the National Park Omnibus Management Act of 1998, November 13, 1998, with a termination date of December 31, 2008. Extension legislation was introduced in September 2008 that would have extended the Board for one year. We anticipate action on this issue during the 111th Congress, but cannot predict if or when that will occur.

The advice and recommendations provided by the Board and its subcommittees fulfill an important need within the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service, and it therefore is necessary to administratively reestablish the Board to ensure that its work is not disrupted. The Board's six members will be balanced to represent a cross-section of disciplines and expertise relevant to the National Park Service mission. The administrative reestablishment of the Board comports with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix), and follows consultation with the General Services Administration. The reestablishment will be effective on the date the charter is filed pursuant to section 9(c) of the Act and 41 CFR 102-3.70.

Certification: I hereby certify that the administrative reestablishment of the National Park Service Concessions Management Advisory Board is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by the Act of August 25, 1916, 16 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*, and other statutes relating to the administration of the National Park System.

Dated: January 12, 2009.

Dirk Kempthorne,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-R-2008-N0315; 40136-1265-0000-S3]

White River National Wildlife Refuge, Desha, Monroe, Arkansas, and Phillips Counties, AR

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and associated National Environmental Policy Act documents for White River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). We provide this notice in compliance with our CCP policy to advise other agencies, tribes, and the public of our intentions, and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the planning process.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments by March 9, 2009. An open house meeting will be held during the scoping phase of the CCP development process. The date, time, and place for the meeting will be announced in the local media.

ADDRESSES: Comments, questions, and requests for information should be sent to: Mike Dawson, Refuge Planner, Fish and Wildlife Service, 6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Suite B, Jackson, MS 39213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Dawson; *Telephone:* 601/965-4903, ext. 20; *Fax:* 601/965-4010; *e-mail:* mike_dawson@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we initiate our process for developing a CCP for White River NWR in Desha, Monroe, Arkansas, and Phillips Counties, Arkansas.

This notice complies with our CCP policy to (1) advise other federal and state agencies, tribes, and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on this refuge; and (2) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the environmental document and during development of the CCP.

Background

The CCP Process

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Improvement Act), which amended the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing to the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities

available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Improvement Act.

Each unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System is established for specific purposes. We use the purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the National Wildlife Refuge System mission, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives for the best possible conservation approach to this important wildlife habitat, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with the refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Our CCP process provides participation opportunities for state, tribal, and local governments; agencies; organizations; and the public. At this time we encourage input in the form of issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of White River NWR. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media outlets will be used to announce opportunities for input throughout the planning process.

We will conduct the environmental assessment in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; and our policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations.

White River NWR was established in 1935 for the protection of migratory birds. The refuge lies in the floodplain of the White River near where it meets the Mississippi River. The refuge has one of the largest remaining bottomland hardwood forests in the Mississippi River Valley. The refuge's fertile forests and 300 lakes are interlaced with streams, sloughs, and bayous. The result is a haven for a myriad of native wildlife and migratory birds.

Approximately two-thirds of the bird species found in Arkansas can be seen at White River NWR. Many of these are neotropical migratory songbirds that use the refuge as a stopping point on their journey to and from Central and South America.

The refuge provides important opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreational activities involving hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation. In 2003, White River NWR completed construction of a 10,000-square-foot office and visitor center off Highway 1 in St. Charles, Arkansas. This facility houses an auditorium, environmental education classroom, an exhibit hall, and the Friends of White River Bookstore.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made 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.

Authority: This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105–57.

Dated: December 5, 2008.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK–910–1310PP–ARAC]

Notice of Public Meeting, BLM-Alaska Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 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) Alaska Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 19–20, 2009, at the Campbell Creek Science Center, located at BLM Campbell Tract, 5600 Science Center Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99507. On February 19 the meeting starts at 1 p.m. On February 20, the meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. and the council will accept public comment from 1–2 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Wilson, RAC Coordinator, BLM-Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Telephone (907) 271–4418 or e-mail Sharon_Wilson@blm.gov.

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 Alaska. At this meeting, topics planned for discussion include:

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- District Manager reports
- Invasive plant management program
- Implementation of recently completed resource management plans
- Other topics of interest to the RAC

All meetings are open to the public. Depending on the number of people wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited, so be prepared to submit written comments if necessary. 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 made 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.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM RAC Coordinator listed above.

Dated: January 13, 2009.

Thomas P. Lonnie,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of the 2009 Meeting Schedule for the Pinedale Anticline Working Group

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management