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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have issued permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species in response to permit applications that we received under the authority of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the

Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

After considering the information submitted with each permit application and the public comments received, we issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth in each permit. For each application for an endangered species, we found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes

and policy set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

**Availability of Documents**

The permittees' original permit application materials, along with public comments we received during public comment periods for the applications, are available for review. To locate the application materials and received comments, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and search for the appropriate permit number (*e.g.*, 12345C) provided in the following table:

Permit No.	Applicant	Permit issuance date
21468B .....	Joan Helen Hemker d/b/a Hemker Park & Zoo .....	January 10, 2018.
59781A .....	New England Aquarium .....	January 16, 2018.
22842C .....	Zoological Society of Philadelphia .....	January 25, 2018.
48288C .....	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Fish and Wildlife Institute .....	January 25, 2018.
31674C .....	Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium .....	February 8, 2018.

**Authority**

We issue this notice under the authority of the ESA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Brenda Tapia,**

*Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

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**Yakima River Basin Conservation Advisory Group; Request for Nominations**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Interior proposes to appoint members to the Yakima River Basin Conservation Advisory Group (CAG). The Secretary of the Interior, acting as administrative lead, is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the CAG.

**DATES:** Nominations must be postmarked on or before July 20, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Gwendolyn Christensen, Designated Federal Officer, Bureau of Reclamation, 1917 Marsh Rd., Yakima, WA 98901-2058.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gwendolyn Christensen, telephone

(509) 575-5848, extension 203; [gchristensen@usbr.gov](mailto:gchristensen@usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Advisory Committee Scope and Objectives**

The Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project, authorized by Title XII of the Act of October 31, 1994 (Act), Public Law 103-434, established the Yakima River Basin Water Conservation Program (Basin Conservation Program). The Act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to establish a CAG to provide advice and counsel on the structure, implementation, and oversight of the Basin Conservation Program. The Act also specifies the composition of the members to serve on the CAG.

The Basin Conservation Program is structured to provide economic incentives with cooperative Federal, State, and local funding to stimulate the identification and implementation of structural and nonstructural cost-effective water conservation measures in the Yakima River basin. Improvements in the efficiency of water delivery and use will result in improved streamflows for fish and wildlife and improve the reliability of water supplies for irrigation.

The duties or roles and functions of the CAG are in an advisory capacity only. They are to: (A) Provide recommendations to the Secretary and to the State of Washington regarding the structure and implementation of the Basin Conservation Program, (B) provide recommendations to the Secretary and to the State of Washington regarding the establishment of a permanent program for the measurement and reporting of all

natural flow and contract diversions within the basin, (C) structure a process to prepare a basin conservation plan as specified in subsection (f), (D) provide annual review of the implementation of the applicable water conservation guidelines of the Secretary, and (E) provide recommendations consistent with statutes of the State of Washington on rules, regulations, and administration of a process to facilitate the voluntary sale or lease of water.

**Membership Criteria**

Members of the CAG are appointed by the Secretary and are comprised of—

- (A) one representative of the Yakima River basin nonproratable irrigators,
- (B) one representative of the Yakima River basin proratable irrigators,
- (C) one representative of the Yakama Indian Nation,
- (D) one representative of environmental interests,
- (E) one representative of the Washington State University Agricultural Extension Service,
- (F) one representative of the Department of Wildlife of the State of Washington, and
- (G) one individual who shall serve as the facilitator.

At this time, we are particularly interested in applications from representatives of the following: One representative of the Yakama Indian Nation, and one representative of environmental interests.

After consultation, the Secretary of the Interior will appoint the members to the CAG. Members will be selected based on requirements set forth in the Act and their individual qualifications, as well as the overall need to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints,

subject matter expertise, regional knowledge, and representation of communities of interest. CAG member terms are limited to three (3) years from their date of appointment. Following completion of their first term, a CAG member may request consideration for reappointment to an additional term. Reappointment is not guaranteed.

Typically, the CAG will hold one in-person meeting per fiscal year. Between meetings, CAG members are expected to participate in committee work via conference calls and email exchanges. Members of the CAG and its subcommittees serve without pay. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services of the CAG, members may be reimbursed for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the government service, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

Individuals who are federally registered lobbyists are ineligible to serve on all Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils in an individual capacity. The term "individual capacity" refers to individuals who are appointed to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the government, such as when they are designated Special Government Employees, rather than being appointed to represent a particular interest.

Nominations should include a resume that provides an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, particularly information that will enable the Department of the Interior to evaluate the nominee's potential to meet the membership requirements of the Committee and permit the Department of the Interior to contact a potential member. Please refer to the membership criteria stated in this notice.

Any interested person or entity may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership on the CAG. Persons or entities submitting nomination packages on the behalf of others must confirm that the individual(s) is/are aware of their nomination. Nominations must be postmarked on or before July 20, 2018 and sent to Gwendolyn Christensen, Designated Federal Officer, Bureau of Reclamation, 1917 Marsh Rd., Yakima, WA 98901-2058.

#### Public Disclosure of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your

nominations and/or comments, 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 nomination/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 in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2 (Public Law 92-463, as amended), Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972.

Dated: June 4, 2018.

**Ryan K. Zinke,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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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 the Proposed Burning Man Event 10-Year Special Recreation Permit, Pershing County, Nevada

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Black Rock Field Office, Winnemucca, Nevada intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts of approving a 10-year Special Recreation Permit (SRP) for the Burning Man Event in Pershing County, Nevada. This Notice initiates public scoping period for the EIS. The public scoping process will assist the BLM with determining the issues to be addressed in the EIS, and serves to initiate public consultation, as required under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

**DATES:** Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until August 6, 2018. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the BLM website at: <https://go.usa.gov/xnBTu>.

In order to ensure comments are considered in the development of the EIS, all comments must be received

prior to the close of the 45-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments related to the Burning Man SRP EIS should be submitted to following addresses:

- *Email:* [BLM\\_NV\\_BurningManEIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_NV_BurningManEIS@blm.gov). Include "Burning Man SRP EIS Comments" in the subject line.

- *Mail:* BLM—Winnemucca District Office—Black Rock Field Office, Attn: Mark E. Hall, Black Rock Field Manager, 5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, NV 89445.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Hall at 775-623-1500 or [mehall@blm.gov](mailto:mehall@blm.gov). Contact Mr. Hall to be added to our mailing list. Persons using a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to leave a message with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The applicant, Black Rock City LLC (BRC), has applied for a 10-year SRP under 43 CFR 2930 and has submitted a proposal to conduct the Burning Man event on public lands administered by the BLM Black Rock Field Office. BRC's proposal includes the following:

- Population increase to permit up to 100,000 total persons at the event;
- Expansion of the BLM Closure Order boundary by 561 acres, to a total of 14,714 acres;
  - Creation of an infrastructure staging area on or near the Playa (60 x 300 ft);
  - Expansion of alternative transportation (Burner Express Bus/Burner Express Air);
  - Expansion of the perimeter fence to 10.4 miles total length;
  - Arrival of as many as 30,000 staff and builders one week prior to opening;
  - Expansion of Black Rock City to 1,250 acres;
  - Installation of additional interactive camps;
  - Installation of additional large scale art pieces;
  - BRC licensing of art cars and ADA compliant vehicles to drive on the playa during event week;
  - Use of approximately 16.5 million gallons of water per year would be obtained from private groundwater wells, located at Fly Ranch owned by BRC, for dust abatement and in support of event activities; and
  - BRC management of vendor and compliance monitoring.