DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Communications, Education and Outreach Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Communications, Education and Outreach Committee. The meeting topics are identified in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The Communications, Education and Outreach Committee will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, September 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The Communications, Education and Outreach Committee Meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service headquarters at 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia in Room 800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Starinchak, Outreach Coordinator, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at 703–358–2018 or by e-mail at joe_starinchak@fws.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Communications, Education and Outreach Committee. The ANS Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

Topics to be covered during the Communications, Education & Outreach Committee meeting include: Message development and processes to raise public awareness about aquatic nuisance species.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203–1022, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability for the Betze Project Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Comment Period and Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 40 CFR 1500–1508 and 43 CFR 3809, notice is given that the Bureau of Land Management has prepared, with the assistance of a third-party consultant, a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) on Barrick Goldstrike’s dewatering operations for the Betze/Post open pit and Meikle underground mines in northeastern Nevada, and has made copies of the document available for public review.

The Draft SEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts from expanded dewatering operations along with the impacts of a proposed additional pipeline intended to increase flexibility for the mine’s water management operations.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft SEIS will be accepted until close of business on November 14, 2000. A public meeting for oral and written comments is scheduled to be held September 26, 2000, in Elko, Nevada, at the Bureau of Land Management Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street at 7:00–9:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the Draft SEIS should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office; Attn: Kirk Laird, SEIS Coordinator; 3900 E. Idaho Street; Elko, NV 89801.

The Draft SEIS is available for inspection at the following locations: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada State Office ( Reno); BLM Elko Field Office; Eureka, Lander, and Elko County libraries; the University of Nevada libraries in Reno and Las Vegas; and the Great Basin College library in Elko. It is also available from the BLM, Elko Field Office internet site at www.nv.blm.gov/elko.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kirk Laird at the above address or call (775) 753–0200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Dewatering operations are expected to end in 2010. The dewatering cone of depression is expected to expand for approximately 100 years then diminish until reaching steady state, approximately 230 years after the end of mining. Major issues are potential impacts to Threatened and Endangered Species, and impacts to surface resources, including water, wildlife, and vegetation within the dewatering area.

A copy of the Draft SEIS has been sent to all individuals, agencies, and groups who have expressed interest in the project or as mandated by regulation or policy. A limited number of copies are available upon request from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at the address listed above. The Draft SEIS is also available at the BLM Elko Field Office website: www.nv.blm.gov/elko.

Public participation has occurred during the Environmental Impact Statement process. A Notice of Intent was filed in the Federal Register in August 1994 and subsequently in January 1998. Public scoping meetings to solicit comments and ideas were held in September 1994 and January 1998. All comments presented to the BLM throughout the Environmental Impact Statement process have been considered.


Helen Hankins,
Field Manager.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan, Death Valley National Park, Inyo and San Bernardino Counties, California, Nye and Esmeralda Counties, Nevada; Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91–190, as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (REIS) identifying and evaluating potential impacts of a proposed General Management Plan (GMP) for Death Valley National Park. This document provides updated and revised information that was prepared...