trout species. Most of the current and historic fluvial Arctic grayling habitat in the Big Hole River watershed is on or adjacent to private lands. The decline of fluvial Arctic grayling in the system has been attributed in part to agricultural activities on these lands, so the active involvement of private landowners in conservation efforts is viewed as critical to the preservation of the species.

Consequently, FWP has developed an Agreement for the fluvial Arctic grayling in cooperation with the NRCS, DNRC, and the Service; and has applied to the Service for a permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), which would authorize future take of the fluvial Arctic grayling by FWP and cooperating landowners if and when the species is listed. The FWP and the Service believe approval of the Agreement is necessary to promote implementation of conservation measures on non-Federal lands.

The FWP and the Service believe implementation of the Agreement will increase the distribution and abundance of fluvial Arctic grayling in the Big Hole River, and will make a significant contribution to the long-term viability of the species. Without the Agreement, FWP and the Service are concerned that the population of fluvial Arctic grayling in the Big Hole River may continue to decline. Further decline of the species will increase the risk of its extirpation. The FWP and the Service believe that implementing proactive conservation measures in cooperation with private landowners prior to any potential ESA listing will realize greater conservation benefits for the species than post-listing actions.

Under the Agreement and permit, Participating Landowners would provide certain fluvial Arctic grayling habitat protection and/or enhancement measures on their lands. Protection and enhancement measures will be directed at improving habitat conditions for all age classes of fluvial Arctic grayling primarily by increasing instream flows, conserving or restoring riparian habitats, removing or mitigating for any man-made barriers to migration, and reducing threats from entrainment in irrigation ditches. If the fluvial Arctic grayling upper Missouri River DPS is listed under the ESA, and a Participating Landowner is properly implementing the agreed-to conservation measures, the permit would authorize take of fluvial Arctic grayling that may result from the non-Federal landowner’s agricultural or ranching related activities (e.g., surface-water irrigation, hay cultivation and harvesting, livestock grazing, farm equipment operation) so long as they were being conducted according to the Agreement and the landowner’s site-specific plan.

We are providing this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA and implementing regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR §1506.6). We will evaluate the permit application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA, the Service’s CCAA Policy and the National Environmental Policy Act. The Service also will evaluate whether the issuance of the permit and execution of the Agreement by the Service complies with section 7 of the ESA by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation on the issuance of the permit and execution of the permit. If we determine that all requirements are met, we will sign the Agreement and issue an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA to the FWP for take of fluvial Arctic grayling incidental to otherwise lawful activities in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and the permit. We will not make our final decision until after the end of the 60-day comment period and after consideration of all comments received during the comment period.


Dated: October 18, 2005.

Sharon R. Rose,
Acting Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Logan Cave National Wildlife Refuge in Benton County, AR

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, intends to gather information necessary to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and its implementing regulations.

The National wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires the Service to develop a comprehensive conservation plan for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a comprehensive conservation plan is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, plans identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

The purpose of this notice is to achieve the following.

(1) Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and

(2) Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental document.

DATES: Special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media announcements will be used to inform the public and state and local government agencies of the opportunities for input throughout the planning process. Open house style meeting(s) will be held throughout the scoping phase of the comprehensive conservation plan development process.

ADDRESSES: Comments, questions, and requests for more information regarding the Logan Cave National Wildlife Refuge planning process should be sent to: Ben Mense, Refuge Manager, Logan Cave National Wildlife Refuge, 10448 Holla Bend Road, Dardanelle, Arkansas 72834; Telephone 479/229–4300; Fax: 479/229–4302; Electronic mail: ben_mense@fws.gov. To ensure consideration, written comments must be received no later than January 9, 2006. Our practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Logan Cave National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1989 under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. This 123-acre Ozark Mountain refuge, which
includes a limestone-solution cave, is 20 miles west of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and approximately 2 miles north of U.S. Highway 412. The ecology of Logan Cave Refuge has been described as the highest-quality cave habitat in the entire Ozark region. A spring-fed stream, with an average water flow of 5 million gallons/day, extends the entire length of the cave. The primary objectives of the refuge are to properly administer, preserve, and develop the tract for protection of a unique cave ecosystem that provides essential habitat for endangered species, such as the gray bat and the Ozark cave crayfish, the threatened Ozark cavefish, and other significant cave-dwelling wildlife species.

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

Dated: November 2, 2005.

Cynthia K. Dohner, Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Public Meeting: Resource Advisory Council to the Boise District, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the 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) Boise District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held December 14, 2005, beginning at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 4 p.m. at the Foothills Environmental Learning Center, 3188 Sunset Peak Rd., Boise, ID. Public comment periods will be held after topics on the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, BLM Boise District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384–3393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in southwestern Idaho.

Meeting topics will include the following:

• Hot Topics—Acting District Manager;
• Three Field Office Managers and District Fire Manager provide updates on current issues and planned activities in their Field Offices and the District;
• District Administrative Officer, John Hatch provides a review of the 2006 budget process, budget reductions and impacts to workload accomplishments.
• Subcommittee Reports;
• Rangeland Standards and Guidelines;
• Briefing on the status of assessments, appeals and litigation;
• OHV & Transportation Management;
• Update on DOI’s preferred options for implementation of Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act’s RAC’s,
• Update on OHV Route Designation in Owyhee County
• Sage Grouse Habitat Management, and;
• Briefing on 2005 and proposed activities of the Owyhee Sage Grouse Local Working Group,
• Resource Management Plans
• Overview of proposed Preferred Alternative for draft RMP–EIS for the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

Agenda items and location may change due to changing circumstances, including wildfire emergencies. 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. Expedited publication is requested to give the public adequate notice.

Dated: November 17, 2005.

Mitchell A. Jaurena, Acting Associate District Manager.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731–TA–1098 (Preliminary)]

Liquid Sulfur Dioxide From Canada


ACTION: Revised schedule for the subject investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 17, 2005.


General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (http://www.usitc.gov). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at http://edis.usitc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted the subject investigation in response to a petition filed on September 30, 2005, by Calabrian Corporation, Kingwood, Texas (70 FR 58747, October 7, 2005). Subsequently, the U.S. Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) extended the date for its initiation of the investigation (70 FR 61937, October 27, 2005). Commerce’s Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Liquid Sulfur Dioxide from Canada was published in the Federal Register on November 17, 2005 (70 FR 69735), thereby providing notice to the Commission of its initiation of the subject investigation. Accordingly, the Commission will transmit its determination in the preliminary phase of this investigation to Commerce within 25 days of November 17, 2005. The Commission’s views are due at Commerce within five business days thereafter.

For further information concerning this investigation see the Commission’s notice cited above and the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201) and part 207, subparts A and C (19 CFR part 207).

Authority: This investigation is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.12 of the Commission’s rules.