DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge (Otay-Sweetwater Unit and Vernal Pools Stewardship Project), San Diego County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and an associated environmental assessment for the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee et seq), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370d). The Service is providing this notice to advise other agencies, Tribal Governments, and the public of our intentions, and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of the issues and alternatives to include in the CCP and the environmental document.

DATES: Written comments should be received at the address below no later than July 15, 2006.

Public scoping meetings will be held as follows:

(1) Wednesday, June 14, 2006—2 to 4 p.m., Otay Water District Office, Training Room, 2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley, California

(2) Thursday, June 15, 2006—6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Jamul Primary School, Multipurpose Room, 14567 Lyons Valley Road, Jamul, California.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments, questions, and requests for more information regarding the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge CCP or upcoming scoping meetings to: Victoria Touchstone, Refuge Planner, San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, CA 92011; Telephone: 760–431–9440 ext. 349; Fax: 760–930–0250; Electronic mail: Victoria_Touchstone@fws.gov.

Additional information is also available at http://sandiegorefuges.fws.gov, click on Comprehensive Conservation Plans.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended, requires the Service to develop a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for each National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP 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 (Refuge System), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife science, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. The CCP process will involve establishing goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes, developing and evaluating management alternatives, and providing priority consideration for wildlife-dependent recreational uses including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation.

The San Diego National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) was established in 1996 under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The Refuge’s approved acquisition boundary, which includes both the Otay-Sweetwater Unit and Vernal Pools Stewardship Project, encompasses approximately 52,080 acres. Approximately 8,280 acres within the acquisition boundary have been acquired by the Service to date. These lands are located at the eastern edge of the San Diego metropolitan area in southwestern San Diego County, generally between northeastern Chula Vista and the communities of Jamul, Dehesa, and Crest.

The primary purposes of the Refuge are to contribute to the recovery of endangered, threatened, and rare species, such as the Quino checkerspot butterfly, California gnatcatcher, and San Diego mesa mint; to support the native biodiversity of the southwestern San Diego Region by contributing to the development of a regional preserve under the San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Program; and to provide opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation.

The Refuge has not been officially open for public use, but does provide potential opportunities for wildlife-dependent recreational uses including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation. All potential public uses on the Refuge will be evaluated for compatibility with Refuge purposes and the mission of the Refuge System. These Compatibility Determinations will be conducted during the CCP process and a written record of the determination will be provided for public review and comment as an appendix to the future Draft CCP/EA.

Comments and concerns received during this scoping process will be used to help identify key issues, develop goals, establish habitat management and public use strategies, and draft management alternatives. Additional opportunities for public participation will occur throughout the planning process, and details about these opportunities will be provided in special mailings, newspaper articles, and other announcements. Involvement and input from interested federal, state, and local agencies, Tribal governments, organizations, and individuals is encouraged. We expect to have the draft CCP/EA completed and made available for public review in summer 2007 and the CCP process completed by 2008.

Steve Thompson,
Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force and Klamath Fishery Management Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a joint meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force and Klamath Fishery Management Council. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to allow affected interests to continue providing recommendations to us on implementation of our program to restore anadromous fisheries, including salmon and steelhead, in the Klamath River in California and Oregon.

DATES: The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 21, 2006, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 22, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the College of the Siskiyous, 2001 Campus Drive, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Detrich, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1829 South Oregon Street, Yreka, California 96097, telephone (530) 842–5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), we announce a meeting of the Klamath River Fisheries Task Force and Klamath Fishery Management Council. These Federal advisory committees were
established under the Klamath River Basin Fishery Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 4608s et seq.).

For background information on the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, please refer to the Federal Register notice of the initial meeting (July 8, 1987, 52 FR 25639). For background information on the Council, please refer to the Federal Register notice of the initial meeting (July 8, 1987, 52 FR 25639).

Dated: May 18, 2006.

John Engrin,
Acting California/Nevada Operations Manager, California/Nevada Office, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Meeting of the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The TAMWG affords stakeholders the opportunity to give policy, management, and technical input concerning Trinity River restoration efforts to the Trinity Management Council. Primary objectives of the meeting will include: Trinity River Restoration Program Fiscal Year 2007 budget; Hoopa Valley and Yurok tribal perspectives; Trinity River Restoration Program emphasis on tributaries and watersheds; science framework; Executive Director’s report; reports from Trinity River Restoration Program workgroups; Trinity River Restoration Program strategic plan; TAMWG member presentation; and CVPIA program review. Completion of the agenda is dependent on the amount of time each item takes. The meeting could end early if the agenda has been completed. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2006, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, June 16, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Trinity County Library, 211 Main St., Weaverville, CA 96093, telephone: (530) 623–1373.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy A. Brown of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arcata Field Office, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, California 95521, (707) 822–7201. Randy A. Brown is the working group’s Designated Federal Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App), this notice announces a meeting of the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG). For background information and questions regarding the Trinity River Restoration Program, please contact Douglas Schlesner, Executive Director, Trinity River Restoration Program, P.O. Box 1300, 1313 South Main Street, Weaverville, California 96093, (530) 623–1800.

Dated: May 18, 2006.

Randy A. Brown,
Designated Federal Officer, Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office, Arcata, CA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Public Meeting, McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The newly appointed McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area (MCNCA) Advisory Council will hold its first meeting on June 22, 2006. The meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. and will be held at the Mesa County Administration Building, 544 Rood Avenue, Grand Junction, CO. Additional meetings for 2006 will be determined at the June 22nd meeting and published in the Federal Register.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 22, 2006.

ADDRESSES: For further information or to provide written comments, please contact the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; (970) 244–3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area was established on October 24, 2000 when the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Wilderness Act of 2000 (the Act) was signed by the President. The Act required that the Advisory Council be established to provide advice in the preparation and implementation of the CCNCA Resource Management Plan. The name was congressionally changed at the end of 2004 from Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area to McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area (MCNCA).

The MCNCA Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, June 22, 2006 at the Mesa County Administration Building: 544 Rood Avenue, Grand Junction, CO, beginning at 3 p.m. The agenda topics for this meeting are:

1. The election of council officials.
2. Schedule additional meetings for 2006.
3. MCNCA Overview and Council Orientation.
4. Public comment period.
5. Set Agenda for next meeting.

All meetings will be open to the public and will include a time set aside for public comment. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meetings or submit written statements at any meeting. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested persons an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of all Council meetings will be maintained at the Bureau of Land Management Office in Grand Junction, Colorado. They are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting. In addition, minutes and other information concerning the MCNCA Advisory Council, can be obtained from the MCNCA Web site at: http://www.co.blm.gov/mcnca/index.htm., which will be updated following each Advisory Council meeting.

Dated: May 18, 2006.

Paul H. Peck,
Manager, McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Establishment of Interim Supplementary Rules on Public Lands Within the King Range National Conservation Area Management Area, Managed by the Arcata Field Office, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Establishment of Interim Supplementary Rules with request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Record of Decision for the King Range National Conservation Area (NCA) Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP), the Bureau of Land Management