

HNP5) are deleted in their entirety; and (2) the functional statement for the *Division of Intramural Research (NP2, formerly HNP2)* is deleted in its entirety and the following new statement is inserted:

Division of Intramural Research (NP2, formerly HNP2). (1) Plans and conducts basic and clinical research programs directed toward increasing the fundamental knowledge of craniofacial/oral health and disease, including the development, structure, function and dysfunction of craniofacial/oral structures and tissues, the role of microorganisms and host immune responses in oral and systemic infectious and inflammatory diseases, craniofacial genetic disorders, oral and pharyngeal cancer, and acute and chronic pain and neurosensory mechanisms; (2) plans and conducts a translational, patient-oriented and community-based research and assessment program aimed at translating new knowledge into immediate gains in the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases and disorders and in the promotion of craniofacial/oral and general health; (3) develops, directs, and performs epidemiologic investigations of craniofacial/oral health and disease, as well as oral manifestations of systemic disorders; identifies and tests risk factors, disease markers, and clinical indices for craniofacial/oral diseases and conditions; (4) performs research in the areas of disease diagnosis, etiology, prognosis, and treatment; prevention and health promotion; delivery of care, utilization of services, risk-benefit assessment, and decision systems; (5) provides dental care and consults for selected inpatients and ambulatory patients from NIH Institutes conducting clinical research in the Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center; (6) evaluates research efforts and establishes program priorities; (7) allocates funds, space, and personnel ceilings to ensure maximum utilization of available resources in the attainment of Institute objectives and integrates new research activities into the program structure; (8) collaborates with other NIH Institutes and external research institutions and maintains an awareness of national research efforts in program areas; and (9) provides advice on intramural research and science in general to the Institute Director.

Dated: April 1, 1997.

Harold Varmus,

Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Advisory Committee Iditarod National Historic Trail Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Advisory Committee Iditarod National Historic Trail Advisory Committee—Notice of Renewal.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 2-463). Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior has renewed the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Advisory Committee and the Iditarod National Historic Trail Advisory Committee.

The purpose of these Committees is to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director, BLM with respect to the preparation and implementation of the comprehensive plan for the long-range management and protection of the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area and the Iditarod National Historic Trail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Wilson, Intergovernmental Affairs (640), Bureau of Land Management, 1620 L Street, 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20240, telephone (202) 452-0377.

Date signed: March 18, 1997.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area Advisory Committee notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-463). Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the

Interior has renewed the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area Advisory Committee.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director, BLM with respect to the preparation and implementation of the comprehensive plan for the long-range management and protection of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Wilson, Intergovernmental Affairs, (640), Bureau of Land Management, 1620 L Street, 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20240, telephone (202) 452-0377.

Dated: February 18, 1997.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

PRT-827365

Applicant: Kathleen A. McKeown, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect mature achenes for deposition into the National Plant Germplasm System and for research) the endangered Tennessee purple coneflower, *Echinacea tennesseensis*, and smooth cone flower, *Echinacea laevigata*, from Federal properties throughout these species' ranges in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and Virginia for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Written data or comments on these applications should be submitted to: Regional Permit Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received by May 15, 1997.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for

a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-7313; Fax: 404/679-7081.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

Noreen K. Clough,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Adaptive Harvest Management Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (hereinafter Service) will conduct an open meeting on April 22, 1997, to discuss potential regulatory alternatives for setting duck-hunting seasons.

DATES: April 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The Adaptive Harvest Management Meeting will be held at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Building, 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Room CC2, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, ms 634—ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, (703) 358-1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Representatives from the Service, the Service's Migratory Bird Regulations Committee, Flyway Council Chairmen, and Flyway Council Consultants will meet on April 22, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss issues involving potential regulatory alternatives for setting duck-hunting seasons. Topics scheduled for discussion include recent Flyway Council recommendations that have broad-scale implications on harvest management and harvest distribution and the implications of possible regulatory solutions.

In accordance with Departmental policy, these meetings are open to public observation. Members of the public may submit written comments on the matters discussed to the Director.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

Gary Edwards,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

This is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that the

Powhatan Renape Nation

Rankokus Indian Reservation, P.O. Box 225, Rancocas, New Jersey 08073-0225

has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on April 12, 1996, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) (formerly 54.8(d)) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Room 3427-MIB, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Tribal State Gaming Compact between Choctaw Nation and the State of Oklahoma, which was executed on December 6, 1996.

DATES: This action is effective April 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: April 3, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-020-07-1220-00]

Notice of Intent To Amend a Resource Management Plan

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA), to consider a proposed amendment to the Box Elder Resource Management Plan (RMP). The proposed amendment would consider alternatives for Off-Highway Vehicle use in Box Elder County.

DATES: The comment period for identification of issues for the proposed plan amendment will commence April 15, 1997. Comments must be submitted on or before May 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: