

**DATE:** Comments on the draft revised recovery plan must be received on or before April 10, 2000 to receive consideration by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the draft revised recovery plan may obtain a copy by written request addressed to the Field Supervisor, Ventura Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, California 93003. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to Mr. Carl Benz at the above Ventura, California address. Comments and materials received are available upon request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above Ventura address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Carl Benz at the above Ventura address (telephone 805-644-1766).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The southern (California) sea otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) was listed as threatened in 1977 under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. It is also recognized as a depleted population pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Reduced range and population size, vulnerability to oil spills, and the oil spill risk from coastal tanker traffic were the primary reasons for the threatened status. The southern sea otter population contains about 2,000 individuals and ranges between Half Moon Bay south to Gaviota, California. Approximately 20 otters, including pups, are at San Nicolas Island as a result of translocation efforts to establish an experimental population. After review of new biological information, the Service, with assistance of the Southern Sea Otter Recovery Team, drafted for public review and comment a revised recovery plan in 1991. A second revision was drafted for public review in 1996. After review of public comments on those drafts, and review of new technical information regarding oil spill risk to southern sea otters, the Service, with assistance of the Southern Sea Otter Recovery Team and technical consultants, has drafted for public review and comment a new draft revised recovery plan.

##### **Public Comments Solicited**

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

#### **Authority**

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: February 2, 2000.

**Elizabeth H. Stevens,**

*Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

##### **Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-320-1820-XQ]

##### **Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior, Northwest California Resource Advisory Council, Redding, California.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Public Law 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Public Law 94-579), the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31, 2000, for a business meeting and field tour. The meeting and tour are open to the public, but anyone attending must provide their own transportation and lunch.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 30, at the Bureau of Land Management's Redding Field Office, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA. The members will depart immediately for a tour of public lands managed by the BLM's Redding Field Office. On Friday, March 31, the business meeting begins at 8 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Redding Field Office. Agenda items include an update on the Headwaters Forest, the status of the Redding Resource Management Plan amendment process, a status report on recovery from the Lowden Fire, and a status report on a management feasibility study for the Lake Berryessa region.

Time will be set aside for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit may be established.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynda J. Roush, BLM Arcata Field Manager, at (707) 825-2300.

**Joseph J. Fontana,**  
*Public Affairs Officer.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

##### **National Park Service**

##### **National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations**

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before January 29, 2000. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, NC400, Washington, DC 20240. Written comments should be submitted by February 23, 2000.

**Patrick W. Andrus,**  
*Acting Keeper of the National Register.*

##### **ALABAMA**

###### **Blount County**

Griffith, Robert G., Sr., House, 1204 Cty. Rd. 25, Summit, 00000143

###### **Clarke County**

Airmount Grave Shelter (Clarke County MPS), N side of AL 5, 0.5 mi. W of Cty Line, Thomasville, 00000142  
McClellan, Doit W., Lustron House (Lustron Houses in Alabama, MPS), 116 W. Pearl St., Jackson, 00000136  
McKee, J.P., Lustron House (Lustron Houses in Alabama, MPS), 519 College Ave., Jackson, 00000132  
Nettles, Isaac, Gravestones (Clarke County MPS), E side Mt Nebo Rd., 0.5 mi. S of Cty Rd. 19, Carlton, 00000141

###### **Colbert County**

Newman, E.L., Lustron House (Lustron Houses in Alabama, MPS), 1406 34th St., Sheffield, 00000134

###### **Jefferson County**

Gleissner, John D. and Katherine, Lustron House (Lustron Houses in Alabama, MPS), 2420 Cahaba Rd., Birmingham, 00000133  
Lustron House on Columbiana Road (Lustron Houses in Alabama, MPS), 430 Columbiana Rd., Birmingham, 00000131  
Wright, Bernice L., Lustron House, (Lustron Houses in Alabama, MPS) 2424 Cahaba Rd., Birmingham, 00000130

###### **Lauderdale County**

Bowen, William, Lustron House, (Lustron Houses in Alabama, MPS) 1145 Wildwood Park Rd., Florence, 00000135

Darby, E. H., Lustron House, (Lustron Houses in Alabama, MPS) 321 Beverly, Florence, 00000127

Forks of Cypress Cemetery, 0.25 mi. N of Jackson Rd., E side of Dowdy Rd., N of Little Cypress Creek, Florence vicinity, 00000140

#### **Madison County**

Jude, George, House, 2132 Winchester Rd., Huntsville, 00000139

#### **Montgomery County**

Huntingdon College Campus Historic District, 1500 E. Fairview Ave., Montgomery, 00000138

#### **Perry County**

Uniontown Historic District, Roughly bounded by Tomasene St., Taylor St., East Ave., and Green St., Uniontown, 00000137

#### **Tuscaloosa County**

Quayle, Margaret, Lustron House, (Lustron Houses in Alabama, MPS) 27 Parkview Dr., Tuscaloosa, 00000126

### **ALASKA**

#### **Juneau Borough-Census Area**

MacKinnon Apartments, 236 Third St., Juneau, 00000144

### **ARIZONA**

#### **Maricopa County**

Ross, John M., House, 6722 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, 00000145

### **MASSACHUSETTS**

#### **Worcester County**

Warren Public Library, Main St. at Bacon St., Warren, 00000146

### **MISSOURI**

#### **St. Louis Independent City**

Jewel Box, Jct. of Wells Dr. and McKinley Dr., Forest Park, St. Louis, 00000147

### **MONTANA**

#### **Blaine County**

Lodgepole Community Hall, Fort Belknap Indian Community, Lodgepole, 00000148

A request for REMOVAL has been made for the following resource:

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **Greene County**

Kent, Thomas, Jr., Farm 208 Laurel Run Rd., Waynesburg, 98000444

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## **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

### **Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration**

#### **Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2000-05; Exemption Application No. D-10542, et al.; Grant of Individual Exemptions; Business Men's Assurance Company of America, et al.**

**AGENCY:** Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Grant of individual exemptions.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains exemptions issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Notices were published in the **Federal Register** of the pendency before the Department of proposals to grant such exemptions. The notices set forth a summary of facts and representations contained in each application for exemption and referred interested persons to the respective applications for a complete statement of the facts and representations. The applications have been available for public inspection at the Department in Washington, DC. The notices also invited interested persons to submit comments on the requested exemptions to the Department. In addition the notices stated that any interested person might submit a written request that a public hearing be held (where appropriate). The applicants have represented that they have complied with the requirements of the notification to interested persons. No public comments and no requests for a hearing, unless otherwise stated, were received by the Department.

The notices of proposed exemption were issued and the exemptions are being granted solely by the Department because, effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978, 5 U.S.C. App. 1 (1996), transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type proposed to the Secretary of Labor.

#### **Statutory Findings**

In accordance with section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990) and based upon the entire record, the Department makes the following findings:

(a) The exemptions are administratively feasible;

(b) They are in the interests of the plans and their participants and beneficiaries; and

(c) They are protective of the rights of the participants and beneficiaries of the plans.

#### **Business Men's Assurance Company of America (BMA) Located in Kansas City, MO**

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2000-05; Exemption Application No. D-10542]

#### **Exemption**

##### *Section I. Covered Transactions*

The restrictions of sections 406(a), 406(b)(1) and (b)(2) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (E) of the Code, shall not apply to (1) the sales and transfers of assets of an employee benefit plan (the Plan) to BMA pursuant to the terms of a benefit-responsive or a non-benefit responsive synthetic guaranteed investment contract (the Benefit-Responsive BMA Synthetic GIC or the Non-Benefit Responsive BMA Synthetic GIC) entered into by the Plan sponsor with BMA;<sup>1</sup>

(2) Advances made by BMA to a Plan in order to make unanticipated benefit payments, if applicable, under a Benefit-Responsive BMA Synthetic GIC; and (3) the sweeping of interest and other proceeds to BMA from a Plan's Contractholder Custodial Account established under either a Benefit-Responsive BMA Synthetic GIC or a Non-Benefit Responsive BMA Synthetic GIC. This exemption is subject to the general conditions set forth below in Section II.

##### *Section II. General Conditions*

(a) The decision to enter into a BMA Synthetic GIC is made on behalf of a participating Plan in writing by a fiduciary of such Plan which is independent of BMA.

(b) Only Plans with total assets having an aggregate market value of at least \$50 million are permitted to purchase BMA Synthetic GICs; provided however that—

(1) In the case of two or more Plans which are maintained by the same employer, controlled group of corporations or employee organization (*i.e.*, the Related Plans), whose assets are commingled for investment purposes in a single master trust or any other entity the assets of which are "plan assets" under 29 CFR 2510.3-101 (the Plan Asset Regulation), which entity has

<sup>1</sup> Unless specifically noted, references to the BMA Synthetic GIC refer to both types of Synthetic GIC products that are offered to Plan investors by BMA.