

TABLE 1.—EVALUATION OF AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN—Continued

| Area name | Values of concern | Resource use limitations | Acres | Preferred alternative direction |
|--|---|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Partridge/Elkhorn | Natural processes, old growth ponderosa pine, Idaho BLM sensitive wildlife. | 14 | 576 proposed. | Do not add ACEC. |
| Little Salmon | Natural processes, old growth ponderosa pine, Idaho BLM sensitive wildlife. | 14 | 590 proposed. | Do not add ACEC. |
| Upper Salmon River (White Bird Creek to French Creek). | Cultural, scenic, Federally listed fish, bald eagle, and MacFarlane's four-o'clock; Idaho BLM sensitive wildlife, amphibians, reptiles, and plants; geology, natural processes. | 4 | 5,759 proposed. | Add as ACEC 5,759 acres. |
| East Fork of American River | Listed fish, Idaho BLM sensitive wildlife, amphibians, reptiles, fish, and plants; natural processes; riparian and wetlands; and old growth Engelmann spruce. | 3, 11, 12 | 570 proposed. | Add as ACEC 570 acres. |
| American River Historic Sites District. | Cultural resources, historic mining | 13 | 6,356 proposed. | Add as ACEC 6,356 acres. |

Use Limitations:

- 1 = Timber harvest only to support stand health.
- 2 = Exclude livestock grazing.
- 3 = Prohibit soil or vegetation disturbance not supporting improved condition (long term).
- 4 = No actions resulting in long-term adverse impacts to listed plants.
- 5 = Closed to OHV use.
- 6 = No ground disturbing activities other than rehab.
- 7 = No construction of hydroelectric facilities.
- 8 = No new road construction within 300' of Lolo Creek or on slopes exceeding 50%.
- 9 = Custodial timber management.
- 10 = Timber harvest activities on slopes over 50% utilize aerial or high lead systems.
- 11 = Decommission temporary roads within 3 years of construction.
- 12 = No road construction within Riparian Conservation Areas.
- 13 = Use mining plan of operations.
- 14 = Minimize road construction.

Additionally, BLM would recommend the continuation of the mineral withdrawal of the Lower Salmon River corridor. The preferred alternative recommends four suitable segments of river for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River system; one segment (totaling 24 miles) is suitable for inclusion under the scenic classification, three segments (totaling 5.34 miles) are suitable for inclusion under the recreational classification. Resource use limitations that apply to the suitable river segments include no surface occupancy for mineral extraction activities. The 750 acre portion of the Frank Church/River of No Return Wilderness will continue to be managed to maintain wilderness characteristics under all alternatives. Two previously designated Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) (totaling 10,872 acres) will continue to be managed under the BLM's Interim Management Policy for Lands Under Wilderness Review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of

organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety. A copy of the Draft RMP/EIS is available for review via the Internet Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/id/cottonwood/>. You may also obtain a copy on CD-ROM, or paper copy at the BLM Cottonwood Field Office at the address listed above, or by contacting Carrie Christman at (208) 962-3245.

Dated: June 7, 2006.

Bud Cribley,

Acting State Director, Idaho.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-910-06-1739-NSSI]

Notice of Public Meeting, North Slope Science Initiative, Science Technical Group

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, North Slope Science Initiative, 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, North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI) Science

Technical Group (STG) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 11-12, 2006, in Fairbanks, Alaska. The meeting will be held at the Bureau of Land Management, Fairbanks District Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, in the Kobuk Conference Room. On October 11, the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The public comment period starts at 3 p.m. On October 12, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the same location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Taylor, Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative (910), Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513. Telephone (907) 271-3131, or e-mail kenton_taylor@ak.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The North Slope Science Initiative, Science Technical Group provides advice and recommendations to the North Slope Science Oversight Group (OG) regarding priority needs for management decisions across the North Slope of Alaska. These priority needs may include recommendations on inventory, monitoring and research activities that lead to informed land management decisions. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:

- Onshore oil and gas development monitoring requirements.
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- Offshore seismic monitoring requirements.
- Expectations of OG and STG members.
- Other topics the OG or STG may rise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Science Technical Group. Each formal meeting will also have time allotted 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, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the North Slope Science Initiative staff.

Dated: August 25, 2006.

Julia Dougan,

Acting Alaska State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-030-1430-ET; MNES 17056]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Minnesota

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Minnesota.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 6630 for an additional 20-year period. PLO No. 6630 withdrew 49.26 acres of public lands comprised of 61 islands and one waterfront lot in St. Louis County, Minnesota from surface entry and transferred jurisdiction from the BLM to the National Park Service to be administered as part of the National Park System. This notice also gives an opportunity to comment on the proposed action and to request a public meeting.

DATES: Comments and public meeting requests must be received by November 30, 2006. Electronic format submittals will not be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the State Director, BLM-Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ida Doup, BLM-Eastern States, 703-440-1541 or at the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The withdrawal created by PLO No. 6630 (51 FR 41627) will expire on November 17, 2006, unless extended. The National Park Service has filed an application to extend PLO No. 6630 for an additional 20-year term to allow continued management of the following described lands as part of the Voyageurs National Park:

Fourth Principal Meridian

T. 69 N., R. 19 W.,

Sec. 14, unsurveyed island in SE¹/₄NE¹/₄;

Sec. 18, Government lot 4;

Sec. 19, unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 20, unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 23, unsurveyed island in SE¹/₄NW¹/₄;

Sec. 27, unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 28, unsurveyed island in NE¹/₄NW¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in SE¹/₄NW¹/₄;

Sec. 30, unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄SE¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in SE¹/₄NE¹/₄;

Sec. 31, unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄NW¹/₄.

T. 70 N., R. 19 W.,

Sec. 28, 2 unsurveyed islands in

NE¹/₄NE¹/₄,

Sec. 30, unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 33, unsurveyed island in NE¹/₄NE¹/₄;

Sec. 34, unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄NW¹/₄.

T. 69 N., R. 20 W.,

Sec. 12, unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 13, unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄NE¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in SE¹/₄NE¹/₄;

Sec. 14, unsurveyed island in SE¹/₄NE¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in NE¹/₄SW¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 15, unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 20, unsurveyed island in NE¹/₄NE¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄NW¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 22, unsurveyed island in SE¹/₄NW¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 23, 2 unsurveyed islands in

SW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 25, unsurveyed island in NE¹/₄NE¹/₄;

Sec. 26, unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄NE¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in SE¹/₄NW¹/₄.

T. 70 N., R. 20 W.,

Sec. 34, unsurveyed island in NE¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 35, unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄SE¹/₄.

T. 69 N., R. 21 W.,

Sec. 3, 2 unsurveyed islands in NE¹/₄NE¹/₄,

2 unsurveyed islands in SW¹/₄NW¹/₄;

Sec. 4, unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 9, unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄SW¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in NE¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 10, 2 unsurveyed islands in

NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, unsurveyed island in

SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, unsurveyed island in

NE¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 12, unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 13, unsurveyed island in NE¹/₄NE¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 14, 2 unsurveyed islands in

NW¹/₄NE¹/₄,

Sec. 21, unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄NW¹/₄;

Sec. 23, unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄SE¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 25, unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄NE¹/₄.

T. 70 N., R. 21 W.,

Sec. 28, unsurveyed island in SE¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 30, unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄NE¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 32, unsurveyed island in NW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 33, unsurveyed island in SE¹/₄NW¹/₄,

unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 34, unsurveyed island in SW¹/₄NW¹/₄.

The areas described aggregate 49.26 acres in St. Louis County.

The purpose of the proposed extension is to continue the withdrawal created by PLO No. 6630 for an additional 20-year term to allow the National Park Service to continue to administer the land as part of the Voyageurs National Park.

There are no suitable alternative sites since the lands described herein contain the natural resources and improvements of interest for protection.

No water rights will be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal. For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension may present their views in writing to the State Director of the BLM-Eastern States at the address noted above.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM-Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153 during regular business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal extension must submit a written request to the State Director, BLM-Eastern States within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. If the authorized officer determines that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.