

13. Overflow Wetlands (Roswell Resource Area)

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DATES: Comments on the proposed visitor restrictions will be accepted until February 23, 1995. Comments received or postmarked after the above date may not be considered in the decision-making process on the final rule making.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Roswell District Office, 1717 West 2nd, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, Telephone: (505) 627-0272. All written comments made pursuant to this action will be made available for public inspection during normal business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., MST) at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Happel, Natural Resource Specialist, BLM, Roswell District Office, 1717 West 2nd Roswell, New Mexico 88201, Telephone: (505) 627-0203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Roswell District Manager is establishing these visitor restrictions, which are necessary for the protection of persons, property, and public lands and resources currently under the Bureau's administration within the Roswell District, New Mexico and those lands acquired for inclusion within the administrative jurisdiction of the BLM as provided for in 43 CFR 8365.1-6. These Visitor Restrictions apply to all persons using public lands. Violations of these restrictions are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months. Exceptions to the following visitor restrictions may be permitted by the authorized officer subject to limits and restrictions of controlling Federal and State law. Persons granted use exemptions must possess written authorization from the BLM Office having jurisdiction over the area. Users must further comply with the zoning, permitting, rules, or regulatory requirements of other agencies, where applicable.

Dated: January 13, 1995.

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District Manager.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft Sharon Steel Damage Settlement Restoration Plan: A Concept Document, and Public Informational Meeting for its Review

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior Department.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public informational meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces release of the draft Sharon Steel Damage Settlement Restoration Plan: A Concept Document (Concept Plan) for public review. The Concept Plan covers the Service proposal to fund cooperative projects to restore natural resources injured as a result of hazardous materials released from the Sharon Steel Superfund Site, Midvale, Utah. The Concept Plan details the primary steps toward achievement of restoration as— (1) definition of restoration targets in terms of species and habitats, (2) development of criteria for identifying and ranking projects, (3) identification of restoration tools and solicitation of cooperative project proposals, (4) identification and ranking of restoration project proposals, (5) implementation of selected project(s), and (6) long-term monitoring.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 31, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Concept Plan may be made to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Salt Lake City Field Office, Lincoln Plaza, 145 East 1300 South, Suite 404, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115.

Written comments or materials regarding the Concept Plan should be sent to the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert D. Williams, Assistant Field Supervisor, or Brandt Gutermuth, Environmental Contaminants Program, at the above Salt Lake City Field Office address (telephone 801/524-5001).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

A \$2.3 million damage settlement was awarded to the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) in compensation for injuries to federal protected trust resources along the Jordan River, Utah, caused by Sharon Steel and Midvale Slag Superfund sites. Under Federal law, these trust resources are specifically protected on behalf of the public and include migratory birds, as well as threatened and endangered species and their habitats.

Consequently, Sharon Steel damage settlement money must be used to restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of the trust resources injured on site and by contaminants from the site.

The DOI and the State of Utah signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) July 11, 1991, to cooperate as trustees in planning and implementing resource restoration with Sharon Steel settlement money. The MOU establishes a Trustee Committee consisting of representatives from DOI and the State of Utah to plan and direct restoration activities.

The Trustee Committee outlined the following project goals: (1) To restore, replace, enhance, or acquire appropriate natural, functioning habitats along the Jordan River corridor for the benefit of identified trust resources; (2) to ensure that funds are utilized to provide maximum benefits for trust resources; and (3) to ensure the provision of benefits to trust resources in perpetuity. Restoration alternatives to meet these goals are identified. These alternatives included (a) no-action or natural recovery, (b) restoration on the Sharon Steel/Midvale Slag sites, and (c) Jordan River corridor replacement/enhancement of habitat for trust resources. Because of its protective and relatively cost effective nature, replacement/enhancement of resources in the Jordan River corridor was chosen as the preferred alternative for enhancement of wetland and riparian migratory bird habitats.

The primary steps toward achievement of project restoration goals were subsequently identified as (1) definition of restoration targets in terms of species and habitats, (2) development of criteria for ranking and selecting projects, (3) identification of restoration tools or activities and solicitation of cooperative project proposals, (4) ranking and selection of specific restoration projects (cooperative proposals) and/or sites, (5) implementation of selected project(s), and (6) monitoring of the project(s) to ensure long-term viability.

The Sharon Steel Damage Settlement Restoration Plan: A Concept Document (Concept Plan) was subsequently drafted to lend guidance in the process and to establish sideboards to guide Jordan River restoration. The Concept Plan proposes to accomplish trust resources restoration by selecting and funding cooperative projects that will be implemented in partnership with State or Federal agencies, county or local governments, or nonprofit organizations. Close cooperation among all programs in the Jordan River corridor