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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
12 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
13 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

14 15 CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, et al.,) 16 Plaintiffs,) 17 v.) 18 U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, et al.,) Federal Defendants, and) 19 KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, et al.,) 20 Intervenor-Defendants.)	Case No. 3:06 CV-04884 SI FEDERAL DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF FILING OF QUARTERLY REPORT NO. 4
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21 The federal defendants, U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), et al., submit this
22 Notice of Filing of Quarterly Report No. 4 to inform the court and the parties as to BLM's
23 progress since the agency filed Quarterly Report No. 3 on January 5, 2012. This report
24 summarizes BLM's recent actions to implement the requirements in paragraphs (1)-(6) of the
25 court's January 29, 2011, Order Re: Remedy (Doc. 243 at 14-15), *Center for Biological Diversity*
26 *v. U.S. Bureau of Land Management*, 2011 Westlaw 337364, *10 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 29, 2011).

27 1. **January 6, 2012:** BLM announced the formation of a West Mojave Route Network
28 Project subgroup, which operates as a subgroup under the authority of the California

1 Desert Advisory Council (DAC), in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act
2 (FACA). BLM requested applications from the public for eight positions on this
3 subgroup. One additional subgroup member, an existing member of the DAC (alternate
4 DAC members were also named), was designated at the December 2011 meeting of the
5 DAC as its primary contact. The DAC public members were selected to provide a diverse
6 range of experience and interests. The News Release announcing the opening of
7 nominations was posted on the BLM West Mojave Route Network Project web site, and
8 the Mission Statement for the subgroup is posted at:

9 <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/rac/dac/wmrnp.html>. Applications for membership on
10 the subgroup were open until February 6, 2012.

- 11 2. **January 2012:** The first public scoping meeting on several subregions was held in
12 Barstow on January 9, 2012. The BLM posted a revised notice of public scoping
13 meetings on route designation in the subregions within the WEMO area on January 18,
14 2012.
- 15 3. **February 11, 2012:** Public members for the Desert Advisory Council subgroup on West
16 Mojave Route Network were selected and approved by the DAC at the February 11, 2012,
17 DAC meeting in Primm, Nevada. Alternates also were selected. The subgroup held its
18 first meeting in March 2012.
- 19 4. **February 21, 2012:** BLM held the last of eight public scoping meetings on the West
20 Mojave Route Network in Barstow, California, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The meetings
21 each focused on a set of subregions within the WEMO Planning Area.
- 22 5. **Public scoping workshops on route designation:** The BLM held eight open-house
23 public scoping meetings to gather public comments and recommendations on the
24 preparation of environmental assessments for eight travel management areas (TMAs)
25 within the West Mojave Plan Area. A copy of the notice is available at:
26 <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/newsroom/2012/january/WEMOmtgs.html>
 - 27 (a) Barstow meetings: Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311
 - 28 • Thursday, January 26. TMA 3: Juniper, Rattlesnake, Morongo, Wonder Valley

1 and Joshua Tree signing sub-regions

- 2 • Thursday, February 9. TMA 5: WEMO North Barstow Desert Wildlife
3 Management Area signing sub-regions north of I-15 and SR 58
- 4 • Tuesday, February 14. TMA 6: El Mirage (including Edwards Bowl area),
5 Fremont, and Iron Mountains signing sub-regions south of SR 58
- 6 • Tuesday, February 21. TMA 8: Lands adjacent to Stoddard & Johnson OHV
7 Areas, Ord Mountain, and signing sub-regions south of I-40 and north of SR 247
8 including east of Interstate I-15
- 9 (b) Ridgecrest meetings: Kerr-McGee Building, 100 West California Ave, Ridgecrest,
10 CA 93555.
- 11 • Wednesday, January 18. TMA 2: Sierras, Darwin, and North and South Searles
12 signing sub-regions
- 13 • Monday, February 6. TMA 4: Jawbone, Middle Knob and Lancaster signing
14 sub-regions
- 15 • Thursday, February 16. TMA 7: Ridgecrest, El Paso, Rands and Red Mountain
16 signing sub-regions

- 17 6. **March 13, 2012:** BLM held an initial meeting of the Desert Advisory Council Subgroup
18 on West Mojave Route Network Project. A notice is available at:
19 <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/rac/dac/wmrnp.html> Subgroup members discussed
20 how the group would function and general issues and dates for future meetings.
21 Subgroup meeting minutes were posted on the web. The Subgroup meeting was attended
22 by members of the public.
- 23 7. **March 20, 2012:** BLM published a notice on the DAC Subgroup and WEMO
24 Amendment Activity web pages for the next two DAC Subgroup public meetings: April
25 10, 2012, at the El Mirage Visitor Center, El Mirage, CA, and May 8, 2012 at the
26 Jawbone Visitor Center, Cantil, CA.

27 BLM will file the next quarterly report with the court by June 30, 2012.
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Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on March 30, 2012, I filed the "FEDERAL DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF FILING OF QUARTERLY REPORT NO. 4 through the court's ECF system, which automatically serves a copy on all counsel of record.

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