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Project Title: Cotoni-Coast Dairies California Coastal National Monument Resource Management Plan Amendment

Lead Agency: Bureau of Land Management

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Project Location: Davenport (*City*) Santa Cruz (*County*)

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

On January 12, 2017, Presidential Proclamation 9563 added the Cotoni-Coast Dairies unit to the California Coastal National Monument (CCNM). This proclamation called for the Cotoni-Coast Dairies (C-CD) unit to be available for public access upon the BLM's completion of a management plan. The Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) specifies goals and objectives for natural and cultural resource protection. The draft alternatives also identify a range of allowable uses for recreation, livestock grazing, and vegetation management actions, including project design features that would be applied to protect resources. The decisions resulting from this planning effort would affect approximately 5,843 acres of Federal lands (surface-only) managed by the CCFO in Santa Cruz County. The Draft RMPA and EA also describes and analyzes implementation-level decisions regarding development of public parking facilities and recreational trails for visitor use and enjoyment on the north coast of Santa Cruz County. More information about this planning effort is available online at https://go.usa.gov/xEJAw. The BLM prepared the Draft RMPA/EA in conformance with applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The range of alternatives in the RMPA would provide opportunities for public access and recreation at C-CD, while ensuring care for the objects and values identified in Presidential Proclamation 9563. These objects include traditional use areas of the indigenous people, archaeological resources, as well as a wide array of habitats and the diversity of wildlife that they support, including forests, shrublands, grasslands, riparian/wetlands, and aquatic systems. Preliminary effects determinations are discussed in the supporting analysis of the Draft RMPA/EA. Both beneficial and adverse effects are anticipated for biological, cultural, and other resources, as described in Chapter 4 of the RMPA/EA. At this time, the BLM considers the effects determination to be preliminary. The BLM will coordinate and consult with the public, interested parties, and other Federal, State, and local agencies following the release of the Draft RMPA/EA to further evaluate the effects of implementing the alternatives considered in the RMPA. The range of alternatives relating to the protection of C-CD resources, increased public use, recreational opportunities, and environmental education and partnerships are not anticipated to cause adverse impacts to public health or safety. The proposed parking areas and visitor services to support public access at C-CD would improve public safety, specifically in relation to transportation and travel management. Project design features are also incorporated into the range of alternatives to avoid or reduce potential effects on sensitive resources. Following the release of the Draft RMPA/EA, the BLM will complete additional inventories for ground-disturbing activities that would be authorized in the decision record for the RMPA. This information will be incorporated into the BLM's Proposed RMPA/Final EA.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The Draft RMPA/EA was prepared by the BLM in consultation with various government agencies and organizations, considering public comments received during public scoping efforts. Please note, the Draft RMPA/EA evaluates three alternatives, but the BLM has not selected a preferred alternative at this time.

The C-CD is one of six other on-shore units added to the CCNM by Presidential Proclamation. It is the first on-shore unit to develop a RMP amendment, however, this is not likely to establish a precedent for future RMP amendments to the CCNM RMP. The six on-shore units are geographically distinct and spread along hundreds of miles of the California coast. Each unit is unique as reflected in Presidential Proclamation 9563, and each has its own set of objects and values. The environmental and social context for each unit is unique. Subsequent RMP amendments for on-shore units will consider the objects, values, and context of each unit.

The effects on the quality of the human environment from the proposed action are not likely to be highly controversial. The BLM will coordinate and consult with the public, interested parties, and other Federal, State, and local agencies following the release of the Draft RMPA/EA to further evaluate effects of implementing the alternatives.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

(Federal) Lead Agency: U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management

(State) Cooperating Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation, California State Parks

(State) Cooperating Agency: California Coastal Commission

(Local) Cooperating Agency: County of Santa Cruz