

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4665-N-21]

**Conference Call Meeting of the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of upcoming meeting via conference call.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting of the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (the Committee) to be held via telephone conference. This meeting is open to the general public, which may participate by following the instructions below.

**DATES:** The conference call meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2005, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. eastern time.

**ADDRESSES:** Information concerning the conference call can be obtained from the Department's Consensus Committee Administering Organization, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Interested parties can log onto NFPA's Web site for instructions on how to participate, and for contact information for the conference call: <http://www.nfpa.org/categoryList.asp?categoryID=858>.

Alternately, interested parties may contact Jill McGovern of NFPA by phone at (617) 984-7404 (this is not a toll-free number) for conference call information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William W. Matchneer III, Administrator, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory Affairs and Manufactured Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-6409 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with Sections 10(a) and (b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and 41 CFR 102-3.150. The Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee was established under section 604(a)(3) of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4503(a)(3). The Committee is charged with providing

recommendations to the Secretary to adopt, revise, and interpret manufactured home construction and safety standards and procedural and enforcement regulations, and with developing and recommending proposed model installation standards to the Secretary.

The purpose of this conference call meeting is for the Committee to review and make recommendations to the Secretary on proposed changes to title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, part 3282, sections 401 through 418.

**Tentative Agenda:**

- A. Roll Call.
- B. Welcome and Opening Remarks.
- C. Full Committee meeting and take actions proposed changes to 24 CFR part 3282, Subpart I of the Regulations.
- D. Public Testimony.
- E. Adjournment.

Dated: January 3, 2005.

**Sean Cassidy,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before February 10, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave. SW, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments

received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chief, Endangered Species Division, (505) 248-6920.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Permit No. TE-093661**

*Applicant:* Marvin Miller, Spring Branch, Texas. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to survey for and collect the following species within Texas: Helotes mold beetle (*Batrisodes venvivi*), Madla cave meshweaver (*Cicurina madla*), Bracken Bat Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina venii*), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina vespera*), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta microps*), ground beetle (*Rhadine exilis*), and ground beetle (*Rhadine infernalis*).

**Permit No. TE-028605**

*Applicant:* SWCA-Flagstaff, Flagstaff, Arizona. Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow salvage and holding of salvaged specimens of the following species within Arizona: black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*), Hualapai Mexican vole (*Microtus mexicanus hualpaiensis*), lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuensis*), bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), California condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*), northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*), and Sonoran tiger salamander (*Ambystoma tigrinum stebbinsi*).

**Permit No. TE-069320**

*Applicant:* KBA EnviroScience, Lewisville, Texas. Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys for the following species within Texas: black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*), brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*), piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*), red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*), Clear Creek gambusia (*Gambusia heterochir*), fountain darter (*Etheostoma fonticola*), and San Marcos gambusia (*Gambusia georgei*).

**Permit No. TE-045236**

*Applicant:* SWCA-Albuquerque, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow surveys for and collection of Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*) within New Mexico.

**Permit No. TE-097324**

*Applicant:* Hugo Magana, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to survey for and collect Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*) within New Mexico.

**Permit No. TE-095289**

*Applicant:* Jon Nelson, Phoenix, Arizona. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to allow presence/absence surveys and nest monitoring of cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) and southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona.

**Permit No. TE-094375**

*Applicant:* Azimuth Forestry Services, Shelbyville, Texas. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) within Texas. Applicant additionally requests authorization to survey for and collect voucher specimens of the following species within Texas: Navasota ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*), Texas prairie dawn-flower (*Hymenoxys texana*), and Texas trailing phlox (*Phlox nivalis* ssp. *texensis*).

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*

Dated: January 5, 2005.

**Joy Nicholopoulos,**

*Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Availability of the Draft Revised Recovery Plan for the Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*)**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the

availability for public review of the draft revised Recovery Plan for the Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*). The whooping crane is found in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains and in central Canada. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft revised Recovery Plan.

**DATES:** The comment period for this proposal closes March 14, 2005. Comments on the draft revised Recovery Plan must be received by the closing date to assure consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the draft revised Recovery Plan can obtain a copy on a CD from the Whooping Crane Coordinator, Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 100, Austwell, Texas 77950. The draft revised Recovery Plan may also be obtained from the Internet at [www.fws.gov/](http://www.fws.gov/). If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments and materials concerning this draft revised Recovery Plan to the address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Stehn, USFWS Whooping Crane Coordinator, Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 100, Austwell, Texas 77950; telephone (361) 286-3559, ext. 221, facsimile (361) 286-3722, e-mail: [Tom\\_Stehn@fws.gov](mailto:Tom_Stehn@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare Recovery Plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery Plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires the development of Recovery Plans for listed species unless such a Plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during Recovery Plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these

comments into account in the course of implementing Recovery Plans.

The document submitted for review is the draft revised Recovery Plan for the whooping crane. In the United States, the whooping crane (*Grus americana*) was listed as Threatened with Extinction in 1967 and Endangered in 1970—both listings were “grandfathered” into the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Critical habitat was designated in 1978. In Canada, it was designated as Endangered in 1978 by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada; critical habitat will be designated upon publication of the final recovery strategy on the Species at Risk Act public registry.

Whooping cranes occur only in North America. About 300 individuals exist in the wild at 3 locations, and about 133 whooping cranes are in captivity at 8 sites. Only the Aransas-Wood Buffalo National Park Population that nests in Canada and winters in coastal marshes in Texas is self-sustaining with nearly 200 in the flock. With so few individuals surviving, the population remains in danger of extinction. Historic population declines resulted from habitat destruction, shooting, and displacement by activities of man. Current threats include limited genetics, loss and degradation of migration stopover habitat, collisions with power lines, and degradation of coastal habitat and threat of chemical spills.

The draft revised Recovery Plan includes scientific information about the species and provides objectives and actions needed to downlist the species. Recovery actions designed to achieve these objectives include protection and enhancement of the breeding, migration, and wintering habitat for the AWBP to allow the wild flock to grow and reach ecological and genetic stability, reintroduction and establishment of geographically separate self-sustaining wild flocks to ensure resilience to catastrophic events, and maintenance of a captive breeding flock to protect against extinction that is genetically managed to retain a minimum of 90% of the whooping crane's genetic material for 100 years.

The downlisting criteria proposed in the draft revised Recovery Plan are: (1) A minimum of 40 productive pairs in the AWBP and a minimum of 25 productive pairs occurring in self-sustaining populations at each of two other discrete locations (population targets of 160 in the AWBP and 100 at each of the other locations); and (2) 21 productive pairs in captivity as a safeguard to ensure long-term survival of the species (population target of 153).