

confluence of several streams and rivers making it one of the most important migratory bird stopover, wintering, and nesting habitats in the Central Great Plains region. Three federally listed species use the Refuge on a seasonal basis. Federally endangered whooping cranes use the Refuge as a key migratory stopover and feeding area and the Refuge is designated critical habitat for the crane (43 FR 20938, May 15, 1978). Least terns nest in large numbers every year on the salt flats and threatened bald eagles winter on the Refuge. It was originally established on March 26, 1930 by Executive Order No. 5314 “\* \* \* as a refuge and breeding grounds for birds.”

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee *et seq.*), requires the Service to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose of developing CCPs is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife science, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, the CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. These CCPs will be reviewed and updated at least every 15 years in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The availability of the Draft CCP and Environmental Assessment (EA) for a 60-day public review and comment period was announced in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2005 (70 FR 70089). The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing the Refuge for the next 15 years. Alternative A, the No Action Alternative, would have continued current management of the Refuge. Alternative B, the Preferred Alternative, emphasized an updated and integrated approach to protecting, maintaining, and restoring native habitats for migratory birds, waterfowl, federally listed species, and resident wildlife. The public use program would be improved by providing increased opportunities for

public uses, environmental education, and interpretation. This alternative also called for expanding partnership opportunities to help accomplish the vision and goals of the Refuge. Alternative C proposed to provide a greater emphasis on expanding public uses such as all types of hunting, hiking, and necessary facilities such as additional roads and trails for optimal access. Based on this assessment and comments received, the Preferred Alternative (Alternative B) was selected for implementation. This alternative was selected because it best meets the purposes and goals of the Refuge, as well as the goals of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Management of the Refuge for the next 15 years will focus on encouraging ecological integrity, restoring habitats such as native prairie, controlling invasive plant species, protecting federally listed species such as the whooping crane, least tern, and bald eagle, and enhancing habitat for grassland birds, waterfowl, and other resident wildlife. Opportunities for wildlife-dependent activities such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation will be enhanced. Partnerships with county, State, and Federal agencies, private landowners, and conservation groups will also enable the refuge to achieve its goals and objectives, minimize costs, and bridge relationships with other stakeholder.

Dated: August 3, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 5-Year Reviews of 24 Southwestern Species

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

**ACTION:** Notice of reviews.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces 5-year reviews of 24 southwestern species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). The purpose of reviews conducted under this section of the Act is to ensure that the classification of species as threatened or endangered on

the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants is accurate. The 5-year review is an assessment of the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review.

**DATES:** To allow adequate time to conduct this review, information submitted for our consideration must be received on or before July 23, 2007. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** Information submitted on these species should be sent to the Service at the following addresses. Information received in response to this notice of review will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at the same addresses.

Information regarding the Bee Creek Cave harvestman (*reddelli*), Bone Cave harvestman (*reyesi*), Coffin Cave mold beetle, Kretschmarr Cave beetle, Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion, Tooth Cave spider, Devils River minnow, Large-fruited sand verbena, and Texas snowbells should be sent to the Field Supervisor, Attention 5-year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758. The office phone number is 512-490-0057.

Information regarding Attwater's prairie chicken should be sent to the Refuge Manager, Attention 5-year Review, Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 519, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434. The office phone number is 979-234-3278, and web address is: <http://southwest.fws.gov/refuges/texas/attwater/>.

Information regarding the Chiricahua leopard frog, New Mexico ridge-nosed rattlesnake, Gila topminnow, Loach minnow, Spikedace, Arizona cliffrose, Nichol Turk's head cactus, San Francisco Peaks groundsel, and Sentry milkvetch should be sent to the Field Supervisor, Attention 5-year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Field Office, 2321 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, AZ 85021. The office phone number is 602-242-0210.

Information regarding Walker's manioc should be sent to the Field Supervisor, Attention 5-year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service c/o TAMU-CC, Ecological Services, 6300 Ocean Drive, Unit 5837, Corpus Christi, TX 78412. The office phone number is 361-994-9005.

Information regarding the Ouachita rock-pocketbook clam should be sent to the Field Supervisor, Attention 5-year

Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oklahoma Ecological Services Field Office, 222 S. Houston, Suite A, Tulsa, OK 74127. The office phone number is 918-581-7458.

Information regarding Knowlton's cactus, Mancos milkvetch, and Pecos sunflower should be sent to the Field Supervisor, Attention 5-year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, 2105 Osuna Road, NE., Albuquerque, NM 87113. The office phone number is 505-346-2525.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For species specific information, contact the appropriate office named in **ADDRESSES**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Why is a 5-year review conducted?**

Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every 5 years. We are then, under section 4(c)(2)(B) and the provisions of subsections (a) and (b), to determine, on the basis of such a review, whether or not any species should be removed (delisted) from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (50 CFR 17.12), or reclassified from endangered to threatened (downlisted), or from threatened to endangered (uplisted).

The 5-year review is an assessment of the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. Therefore, we are requesting submission of any new information (best scientific

and commercial data) on the following 24 species since their original listings as either endangered (Arizona cliffrose, Attwater's prairie chicken, Bee Creek Cave harvestman, Bone Cave harvestman, Coffin Cave mold beetle, Gila topminnow, Knowlton's cactus, Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle, Large-fruited sand verbena, Mancos milkvetch, Nichol Turk's head cactus, Ouachita rock pocketbook, Sentry milkvetch, Texas snowbells, Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion, Tooth Cave spider, and Walker's manioc) or threatened (Chiricahua leopard frog, Devils River minnow, Loach minnow, New Mexico ridge-nosed rattlesnake, Pecos sunflower, San Francisco Peaks groundsel, and Spikedace). If the present classification of any of these species is not consistent with the best scientific and commercial information available, the Service will recommend whether or not a change is warranted in the Federal classification of that species. Any change in Federal classification would require a separate rule-making process.

Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species currently under active review. This notice announces our active review of the 24 species listed in Table 1.

**What information is considered in the review?**

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the

review. These reviews will consider the best scientific and commercial data that has become available since the current listing determination or most recent status review of each species, such as:

A. Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

B. Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

C. Conservation measures that have been implemented to benefit the species;

D. Threat status and trends (see five factors under heading "How do we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened?"); and

E. Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, and improved analytical methods.

**How are these species currently listed?**

The List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (List) is found in 50 CFR 17.11 (wildlife) and 17.12 (plants). Amendments to the List through final rules are published in the **Federal Register**. The List is also available on our internet site at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/wildlife.html>. In Table 1 below, we provide a summary of the listing information for the species under active review.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF THE LISTING INFORMATION

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Where listed	Final listing rule
Arizona cliffrose	<i>Purshia subintegra</i>	E	AZ	49 FR 22326
Attwater's prairie chicken	<i>Tympanuchus cupido attwateri</i>	E	TX	32 FR 4001
Bee Creek Cave harvestman	<i>Texella reddelli</i>	E	TX	53 FR 36029
Bone Cave harvestman	<i>Texella reyesi</i>	E	TX	53 FR 36029
Chiricahua leopard frog	<i>Rana chiricahuensis</i>	T	AZ, NM	67 FR 40789
Coffin Cave mold beetle	<i>Bastrisodes texanus</i>	E	TX	53 FR 36029
Devils River minnow	<i>Dionda diaboli</i>	T	TX	64 FR 56596
Gila topminnow	<i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i>	E	AZ, NM	32 FR 4001
Knowlton's cactus	<i>Pediocactus knowltonii</i>	E	CO, NM	44 FR 62244
Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle	<i>Texamaurops reddelli</i>	E	TX	53 FR 36029
Large-fruited sand verbena	<i>Abronia macrocarpa</i>	E	TX	53 FR 37975
Loach minnow	<i>Tiaroga cobitis</i>	T	AZ, NM	51 FR 39468
Mancos milkvetch	<i>Astragalus humillimus</i>	E	CO, NM	50 FR 26568
New Mexico ridge-nosed rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus willardi obscurus</i>	T	AZ, NM	43 FR 34476
Nichol Turk's head cactus	<i>Echinocactus horizontalonius var. nicholii</i>	E	AZ	44 FR 61927
Ouachita rock-pocketbook clam	<i>Arkansia wheeleri</i>	E	AR, OK	56 FR 54950
Pecos sunflower	<i>Helianthus paradoxus</i>	T	NM, TX	64 FR 56581
San Francisco Peaks groundsel	<i>Senecio franciscanus</i>	T	AZ	48 FR 52743
Sentry milkvetch	<i>Astragalus cremnophylax var. cremnophylax</i>	E	AZ	55 FR 50184
Spikedace	<i>Meda fulgida</i>	T	AZ, NM	51 FR 23769
Texas snowbells	<i>Styrax texanus</i>	E	TX	49 FR 40036
Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion	<i>Tartarocreagris texana</i>	E	TX	53 FR 36029
Tooth Cave spider	<i>Leptoneta myopica</i>	E	TX	53 FR 36029
Walker's manioc	<i>Manihot walkerae</i>	E	TX	56 FR 49850

### Definitions Related to This Notice

The following definitions are provided to assist those persons who contemplate submitting information regarding the species being reviewed:

A. *Species* includes any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plant, and any distinct population segment of any species of vertebrate, which interbreeds when mature.

B. *Endangered* means any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

C. *Threatened* means any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

### How do we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened?

Section 4(a)(1) of the Act establishes that we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened based on one or more of the five following factors:

A. The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range;

B. Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;

C. Disease or predation;

D. The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or

E. Other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence.

Section 4(a)(1) of the Act requires that our determination be made on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available.

### What could happen as a result of this review?

If we find that there is new information concerning any of the 24 species listed in Table 1 indicating a change in classification may be warranted, we may propose a new rule that could do one of the following: (a) Reclassify the species from endangered to threatened (downlist); (b) reclassify the species from threatened to endangered (uplist); or (c) remove the species from the List. If we determine that a change in classification is not warranted, then these species will remain on the List under their current status.

### Public Solicitation of New Information

We request any new information concerning the status of the 24 species listed in Table 1. See "What information is considered in the review?" heading for specific criteria. Information submitted should be supported by documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or

copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

### Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: March 14, 2007.

**Benjamin N. Tuggle,**

*Regional Director, Southwest Region, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior, Montana, Billings and Miles City Field Offices.

**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, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held May 30 and 31, 2007 in Miles City, MT with each day beginning at 8 a.m. The meetings will adjourn at approximately 3:30 p.m. each day. The public comment period will be at approximately 11 a.m. on the 31st. When determined, the meeting place will be announced in a news release.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Jacobsen, Public Affairs Specialist, Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301. Telephone: (406) 233-2831.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues

associated with public land management in Montana. At this meeting, topics to discuss include:

Field Manager Updates,  
The Miles City Field Office and Billings Field Office Updates,  
Subcommittee updates and working sessions,  
—and other topics the council may raise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated 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, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: April 16, 2007.

**M. Elaine Raper,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before April 7, 2007. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St., NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by May 8, 2007.

**J. Paul Loether,**

*Chief, National Register of Historic Places/  
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