

accordance with Section 203.439(c); and (c) provide documentation to HUD to support that the requirements of Section 203.665 have been met.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* None.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The estimated total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 1,744; the number of respondents is 504 generating approximately 1,456 annual responses; the frequency of response is on occasion; and the number of hours per response varies from 2 minutes to 30 minutes.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* This is an extension of a currently approved collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: September 30, 2008.

**Ronald Y. Spraker,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R1-ES-2008-N0273; 10120-1113-0000-C2]

#### Draft Recovery Plan for the Prairie Species of Western Oregon and Southwestern Washington

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability for review and comment; correction: public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces the comment period for public review of the draft Recovery Plan for the Prairie Species of Western Oregon and Southwestern Washington. The closing date of the public comment period was erroneously omitted from the notice of availability of this draft recovery plan published on September 22, 2008. The listed species addressed in the recovery plan are the Fender's blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides fenderi*), Willamette daisy (*Erigeron decumbens* var. *decumbens*), Bradshaw's lomatium (*Lomatium bradshawii*), Kincaid's lupine (*Lupinus sulphureus* ssp. *kincaidii*), Nelson's checker-mallow (*Sidalcea nelsoniana*), and golden paintbrush (*Castilleja levisecta*).

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before December 22, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft recovery plan are available by request from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, 2600 SE 98th Avenue, Suite 100, Portland, OR 97266 (phone: 503-231-6179). An electronic copy of the draft recovery plan is also available at <http://endangered.fws.gov/recovery/index.html#plans>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cat Brown, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Portland address and telephone number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On September 22, 2008, we published a notice of availability of the Draft Recovery Plan for the Prairie Species of Western Oregon and Southwestern Washington (73 FR 54603). The Notice announced a public comment period on this draft recovery plan, but the closing date of the comment period was erroneously omitted from the notice of availability. We wish to clarify that the public comment period closes on December 22, 2008.

Recovery of endangered or threatened animals and plants is a primary goal of our endangered species program and the Endangered Species Act (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Recovery means improvement of the status of listed species to the point at which listing is no longer appropriate under the criteria set out in section 4(a)(1) of the Act. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting listed species, and estimate the time for, and cost of implementing the measures needed for recovery.

The Act 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 requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. We will consider all information presented during the public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. Substantive technical comments may result in changes to the plan. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plan, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions.

#### Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the draft recovery plan. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of this plan. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments and materials concerning this recovery plan by any of these methods:

1. You may submit written comments and information by mail, facsimile or in person to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office at the above address (see **ADDRESSES**).

2. You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: [FW1PrairieRecoveryPlan@fws.gov](mailto:FW1PrairieRecoveryPlan@fws.gov). If you submit comments by e-mail, please submit them as an ASCII file and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your e-mail message.

Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in preparation of the recovery plan, will be available for inspection, during normal business hours at the above Portland address (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While we will try to honor a written request to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533 (f).

Dated: September 29, 2008.

**David J. Wesley,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R1-ES-2008-N0199; 10120-1112-0000-F2]

#### Receipt of an Application for an Enhancement of Survival Permit for the Columbia Basin Pygmy Rabbit

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the receipt of an application for an Enhancement of Survival Permit that would be issued pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The application was developed in accordance with the Template Safe Harbor Agreement (Template SHA) for the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit (*Brachylagus idahoensis*). The permit applicant is the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). Issuance of a permit to WDNR would exempt incidental take of the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit, which would otherwise be prohibited by section 9 of the Act, that is above the baseline conditions of WDNR properties enrolled under the Template SHA and that may result from the permittee's otherwise lawful management activities. The Service requests comments from the public regarding the proposed issuance of a permit to WDNR. All comments received will become part of the public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, 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 information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All comments received from organizations, businesses, or individuals representing organizations or businesses are available for public inspection in their entirety.

**DATES:** To be fully considered, written comments from interested parties must be received on or before November 7, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Upper Columbia Fish and Wildlife Office, 11103 East Montgomery Drive, Spokane, Washington 99206. You may also send comments by facsimile, at (509) 891-6748, or by electronic mail, at: [fw1cbprabbit@fws.gov](mailto:fw1cbprabbit@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Warren at (509) 893-8020.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Availability of Documents**

Copies of the WDNR permit application, the Template SHA, and other relevant documents addressing the Service's proposed issuance of the subject permit are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the Upper

Columbia Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**), or they may be viewed on the internet at the following address: <http://www.fws.gov/easternwashington/>. You may also request copies of the documents by contacting the Service's Upper Columbia Fish and Wildlife Office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). The Service is furnishing this notice to provide the public, other State and Federal agencies, and interested Tribes an opportunity to review and comment on the Service's proposed issuance of a permit to the WDNR.

**Background**

On September 7, 2006, the Service announced the availability for public review and comment of a draft Template SHA, which was jointly developed by the Service and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and a draft Environmental Assessment, which was developed by the Service pursuant to Federal responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (71 FR 52816). The final Template SHA was signed by the Service and WDFW on October 24, 2006. To date, the Service has issued 16 Permits under the Template SHA, which cover 109,425 acres that fall within the historic distribution of the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit. The WDNR has requested to enroll an additional 11,148 acres of State trust lands under the Template SHA.

The primary objective of the Template SHA is to facilitate collaboration between the Service, WDFW, and prospective participants to voluntarily implement conservation measures to benefit the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit. Another objective of the Template SHA is to facilitate the processing of enhancement of survival permits that will provide incidental take coverage for participants to relieve them of additional section 9 liability under the Act if implementation of their conservation measures results in increased numbers or distribution of Columbia Basin pygmy rabbits on their enrolled properties.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act. The Service has previously determined that implementation of the Template SHA will result in conservation benefits to the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit and will not result in significant effects to the human environment. The Service will evaluate the permit application noticed herein, related documents, and any comments submitted thereon to determine whether the permit application is consistent with the measures prescribed by the Template

SHA and whether it complies with relevant statutory and regulatory requirements. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit to exempt incidental take of the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit will be issued to the applicant. The final permit determination will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period, and will fully consider all comments received.

Dated: September 29, 2008.

**David J. Wesley,**

*Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[ES-020-09-1610-DO-015M]

**Notice of Intent to Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Jackson Field Office, Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States and Associated Environmental Impact Statement**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management—Eastern States (BLM-ES), Jackson Field Office, Jackson, Mississippi, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Southeastern United States and, by this notice, is announcing public scoping meetings. The RMP will bring all BLM land in the Southeastern United States under a land use plan

**DATES:** The BLM will announce public scoping meetings to identify relevant issues through local news media, newsletters, and the BLM web site [http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en/fo/Jackson\\_Home\\_Page.html](http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en/fo/Jackson_Home_Page.html) at least 15 days prior to the first meeting. We will provide formal opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft RMP/EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods: Web Site: [http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en/fo/Jackson\\_Home\\_Page.html](http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en/fo/Jackson_Home_Page.html)

- E-mail: [Gary\\_Taylor@blm.gov](mailto:Gary_Taylor@blm.gov)
- Fax: (601) 977-5440
- Mail: Jackson Field Office, BLM, Attn: Gary Taylor, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Mississippi 39206.