

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Recovery Plan for the Utah Prairie Dog

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of a final revised recovery plan for the Utah prairie dog (*Cynomys parvidens*). This species is federally listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act).

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the final recovery plan are available online at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/species/recovery-plans.html>. Paper copies of the final revised recovery plan are available by request from the Utah Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2369 West Orton Circle, Suite 50, West Valley City, UT 84119; telephone 801-975-3330.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Crist, Field Supervisor, at the above address, or telephone 801-975-3330.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Recovering 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 prepares recovery plans for the federally listed species native to the United States where a plan will promote the conservation of the species. Recovery plans describe site-specific actions necessary for the conservation of the species; establish objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in a determination that the species no longer needs the protection of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*); and provide estimates of the time and cost for implementing the needed recovery measures.

The Act requires 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 opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. We

made the draft recovery plan available for public comment and peer review from September 17, 2010, to November 16, 2010 (75 FR 57055). We have considered all information received during the public comment and peer review period in the preparation of the final revised recovery plan for the Utah prairie dog. The Service and other Federal agencies also will take these comments and reviews into consideration in the course of implementing the final approved recovery plan for the Utah prairie dog. In this final revised plan, we have summarized and responded to the issues raised by both the public and the requested peer reviewers in an appendix to the plan, and incorporated changes to the plan as appropriate.

The Utah prairie dog (*Cynomys parvidens*), found only in southwestern and central Utah, was listed as an endangered species on June 4, 1973 (38 FR 14678). At the time of listing, the species was threatened by habitat destruction and modification, overexploitation, disease, and predation. Subsequently, Utah prairie dog populations increased significantly in portions of their range, and on May 29, 1984 (49 FR 22330), the species was reclassified as threatened with a special rule to allow regulated take of the species. This special rule was amended on June 14, 1991 (56 FR 27438), to increase the amount of regulated take allowed throughout the species' range. Recent Utah prairie dog population trends appear to be relatively stable, although the species remains vulnerable to several serious threats. These include habitat loss, plague, changing climatic conditions, unauthorized take, and disturbance from recreational and economic land uses.

The recovery of Utah prairie dogs will rely on effective conservation responses to the issues facing the species, which remain varied and complex. These issues include plague, urban expansion, grazing, cultivated agriculture, vegetative community changes, invasive plants, off-highway vehicle and recreation uses, climate change, energy resource exploration and development, fire management, poaching, and predation. Strategically, these issues can be reduced to two overriding concerns: loss of habitat and plague. The recovery strategy for the Utah prairie dog focuses on the need to address colony loss and disease through a program that encompasses threats abatement, population management, research, and monitoring. We emphasize conserving extant colonies, many of which occur on non-Federal lands; establishing additional colonies on Federal and non-

Federal lands via habitat improvement or translocations; controlling the transmission of plague; and monitoring habitat conditions.

Authority

We developed our final recovery plan under the authority of section 4(f) of the Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f). We publish this notice under section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 20, 2012.

Stephen Guertin,

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Indian Reservation Roads; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is seeking comments on renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collection of information for Indian Reservation Roads. The information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0161, which expires July 31, 2012.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 25, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to LeRoy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW., MS-4513 MIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 219-1193 email: LeRoy.Gishi@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LeRoy Gishi, (202) 513-7711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This collection allows Federally recognized Tribal governments to participate in the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program as defined in 25 U.S.C. 204(a)(1). The information collected determines the allocation of IRR program funds to Indian tribes as described in 25 U.S.C. 202 (d)(2)(A).

II. Request for Comments

The BIA requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personally identifiable information, you should be aware that your entire comment—including you personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076-0161.

Title: 25 CFR Part 170, Indian Reservation Roads.

Brief Description of Collection: Some of the information such as the application of Indian Reservation Roads High Priority Projects (IRRHPP) (25 CFR 170.210), the road inventory updates (25 CFR 170.443), the development of a long range transportation plan (25 CFR 170.411 and 170.412), the development of a tribal transportation improvement program and priority list (25 CFR 170.420 and 170.421) are mandatory for consideration of projects and for program funding from the formula. Some of the information, such as public hearing requirements, is necessary for public notification and involvement (25 CFR 170.437 and 170.439). While other information, such as data appeals (25 CFR 170.231) and requests for design exceptions (25 CFR 170.456), are voluntary.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Federally recognized Indian Tribal governments who have transportation needs associated with the IRR Program as described in 25 CFR part 170.

Number of Respondents: Varies from 10 to 350.

Frequency of Response: Annually or on an as needed basis.

Estimated Time per Response: Reports require from 30 minutes to 40 hours to complete. An average would be 16 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 4,120 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost Burden: \$0.

Dated: April 23, 2012.

Alvin Foster,

Assistant Director for Information Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Wheatgrass Ridge Wind Project, Fort Hall Indian Reservation, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) intends to cancel all work on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Wheatgrass Ridge Wind Project on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. B. J. Howerton, Environmental Services Manager, telephone (503) 231-6749.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BIA is canceling work on this EIS because the proponent of the Wheatgrass Ridge Wind Project, the Wheatgrass Ridge Wind, LLC., has formally withdrawn the proposal. The notice of intent to prepare the EIS, which included a description of the proposed action, was published in the **Federal Register** on June 2, 2011 (76 FR 31975). The Draft EIS had not been published.

Dated: April 3, 2012.

Donald E. Laverdure,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Spokane Tribe of Indians West Plains Casino and Mixed Use Project, City of Airway Heights, Spokane County, WA

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is reopening the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Spokane Tribe of Indians West Plains casino and mixed use project, City of Airway Heights, Spokane County, Washington.

DATES: Comments on the DEIS are due on May 16, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. B.J. Howerton at (503) 231-6749.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BIA published the original Notice of Availability for the DEIS in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 2012 (77 FR 12873) and provided for the comment period to end on April 16, 2012. The BIA is re-opening the comment period to end on May 16, 2012.

Please refer to the March 2, 2012 Notice of Availability (77 FR 12873) for project details and instructions for submitting comments. The BIA will consider all previously submitted comments, as well as any additional comments.

The DEIS remains available for review at the Airway Heights Branch of the Spokane County Library District located at 1213 South Lundstrom St. Airway Heights, Washington 99001 and the Spokane Public Library located at 906 West Main Street, Spokane, Washington 99201. The DEIS is also available online at: <http://www.westplainseis.com>.

Dated: April 20, 2012.

Donald E. Laverdure,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Renewal of Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.