

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

An individual requesting notification of the existence of records on himself or herself should send a signed, written inquiry to the System Manager identified above. The request envelope and letter should be clearly marked "PRIVACY ACT INQUIRY." A request for notification must meet the requirements of 43 CFR 2.235.

**RECORDS ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

An individual requesting access to records on himself or herself should send a signed, written inquiry to the System Manager identified above. The request envelope and letter should be clearly marked "PRIVACY ACT REQUEST FOR ACCESS." The request letter should describe the records sought as specifically as possible. A request for access must meet the requirements of 43 CFR 2.238.

**CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:**

An individual requesting corrections or contesting information contained in his or her records must send a signed, written request to the System Manager identified above. A request for corrections or removal must meet the requirements of 43 CFR 2.246.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Records in the system are obtained from DOI and other Federal officials, state, territorial and local government officials, non-governmental organizations, private parties, business and other entities, entrepreneurs, procurement officials, and individual members of the public who communicate or interact with OIA.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

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

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Draft Revised Supplement to the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of a draft Revised Supplement to the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan. Specifically, this

supplement proposes to revise the demographic recovery criteria for the Yellowstone Ecosystem. In the lower 48 States, Grizzly bears (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) are federally listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft revised plan.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft revised recovery plan must be received on or before May 21, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** An electronic copy of the draft Revised Supplement to the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan is available at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/species/recovery-plans.html>. Hard copies of the draft revised demographic criteria are available by request from the Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, University Hall, Room 309, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812; telephone 406-243-4903. Submit comments on the draft Revised Supplement to the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan to the Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator at this same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator, at the above address, or telephone 406-243-4903.

**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 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. The original plan for the species was approved in 1982 and revised in 1993. In 2007, we formally supplemented the 1993 Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan with revised demographic criteria for the Greater Yellowstone Area population. Since that time, new information relevant to these

demographic criteria has become available indicating that the current criteria no longer represent the best scientific approach to assess recovery of the Yellowstone grizzly bear population. Therefore, consistent with Task Y11 of the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan, the Service is proposing additional revisions to the demographic criteria. For additional information about the revisions, see the draft Revised Supplement to the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan available at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/species/recovery-plans.html> (as described in the **ADDRESSES** section above).

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. The Service will consider all information received during a public comment period when preparing each new or revised recovery plan for approval. The Service and other Federal agencies also will take these comments into consideration in the course of implementing approved recovery plans. It is our policy to request peer review of recovery plans. We will summarize and respond to the issues raised by the public and peer reviewers in an appendix to the approved recovery plan.

**Request for Public Comments**

The Service solicits public comments on a draft Revised Supplement to the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan. Specifically, this supplement proposes to revise the demographic recovery criteria for the Yellowstone Ecosystem. All comments received by the date specified in **DATES** will be considered prior to approval of the final Revised Supplement to the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to the Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator (see **ADDRESSES** section). Comments and materials received will be available, by appointment, for public inspection during normal business hours at the above address. If you submit a comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, 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: February 19, 2013.

**Noreen E. Walsh,**

*Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Plan for Rogue and Illinois Valley Vernal Pool and Wet Meadow Ecosystems

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of the approved Recovery Plan for Rogue and Illinois Valley Vernal Pool and Wet Meadow Ecosystems. The recovery plan addresses two endangered plant species that are endemic to southern Oregon, and also includes some recommendations for other species in these ecosystems. The plan includes recovery objectives and criteria, and prescribes specific recovery actions necessary to achieve downlisting and delisting of the species from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants.

**ADDRESSES:** An electronic copy of the recovery plan is available at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/species/recovery-plans.html> and <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/ecoservices/endangered/recovery/plans.html>. Copies of the recovery plan are also available by request from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Roseburg Field Office, 2900 NW. Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon 97470 (phone: 541-957-3474). Printed copies of the recovery plan will be available for distribution within 4 to 6 weeks of publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sam Friedman, Botanist, at the above Roseburg address.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Recovery of endangered or threatened animals and plants is the primary goal of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Recovery means improvement of the status of a federally listed species to the point at which listing it is no longer required under the criteria set forth in section 4(a)(1) of the Act and its

implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 424. The Act requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Recovery plans help guide the recovery effort by prescribing actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establishing criteria for downlisting or delisting listed species, and estimating time and cost for implementing the measures needed for recovery.

Section 4(f) of the Act requires public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment during recovery plan development. From September 22, 2006, through November 21, 2006, we provided the draft of this recovery plan to the public and solicited comments (71 FR 55508). We considered information we received during the public comment period and comments from peer reviewers in our preparation of the final recovery plan, and have summarized that information and our responses to comments in Appendix G of the approved recovery plan. We welcome continuing public comment on this recovery plan, and we will consider all substantive comments on an ongoing basis to inform the implementation of recovery activities and future updates to the recovery plan.

In this recovery plan, we describe our recovery strategies and objectives for two endangered plants: *Lomatium cookii* (Cook's desert-parsley) and *Limnanthes floccosa* ssp. *grandiflora* (equivalent to *Limnanthes pumila* ssp. *grandiflora* in current taxonomy) (large-flowered woolly meadowfoam). The plan also provides recommendations for recovery of the threatened vernal pool fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchi*) within Oregon, supplementing the existing rangewide recovery plan for the species that was published on March 7, 2006 (71 FR 11441). In addition, site-specific information and recommendations for long-term conservation are provided for seven species of conservation concern.

The species addressed in this recovery plan occur in vernal pool, swale, or seasonal wet meadow habitats within southern Oregon and are largely confined to limited areas by topographic constraints, soil types, and climatic conditions. Surrounding (or associated) upland habitat is critical to the proper ecological function of these vernal pool habitats. Most of the vernal pool plants and animals addressed in the recovery plan have life histories adapted to the short period for growth and reproduction within inundated or drying pools and meadows interspersed with long dormant periods and extreme

year-to-year variation in rainfall. All of the species addressed in this recovery plan are threatened by the continued degradation, loss, and fragmentation of their native vernal pool or wet meadow ecosystems.

The recovery actions described in this recovery plan include: (1) Protection, management, and restoration of vernal pool and wet meadow habitat; (2) population status surveys and monitoring; (3) research on biology and management of the species; and (4) enhancement of public awareness and participation in species recovery. The recovery strategy is oriented to adaptive management of vernal pool and wet meadow habitat, consistent with the Service's Strategic Habitat Conservation process, which calls for an iterative process of biological planning, conservation design, conservation delivery, and monitoring and research. The biological planning and conservation design set forth in this recovery plan lay out the criteria for recovery and identify localities for implementing actions, while the recovery actions describe a process for implementing conservation on the ground, outcome-based monitoring to assess success, and ongoing assumption-driven research to test biological hypotheses important to management. The objective of this recovery plan is to recover the two endangered plants and the threatened animal species sufficiently to warrant delisting, and to ensure the long-term conservation of the seven taxa of concern. An interim goal is to downlist *Lomatium cookii* and *Limnanthes floccosa* ssp. *grandiflora* from endangered to threatened status.

#### Authority

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

Dated: November 6, 2012.

**Richard R. Hannan,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Issuance of Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits.