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Susan K. Feldman,
Committee Management Officer, NIH.
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ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Notice of Public Hearing on ACIR Preliminary Report, The Role of Federal Mandates in Intergovernmental Relations

SUMMARY: The Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) will hold a public hearing on Friday, March 8, 1996, beginning at 9:00 AM and concluding no later than 4:00 PM in the Jefferson Auditorium, USDA, 14th and Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250. The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony on the Commission's preliminary report, The Role of Federal Mandates in Intergovernmental Relations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, 800 K Street, NW, Suite 450, South Tower, Washington, DC 20575, Phone: (202) 653-5540/FAX: 653-5429. Internet: ir002529@interramp.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by Section 302(c)(2), the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) will hold a public hearing to take testimony on the Commission's preliminary report, The Role of Federal Mandates in Intergovernmental Relations. Copies of the report can be obtained by calling ACIR at (202) 653-5640, faxing a request to (202) 653-5429, or accessing the ACIR Internet home page (www.access.gpo.gov/acir or www.access.gpo.gov:80/acir).

The public hearing will be held on March 8, 1996, in the Jefferson Auditorium, US Department of Agriculture (USDA), South Building, 14th and Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250. Persons desiring access to the Jefferson Auditorium should use the Wing 4 entrance to the USDA complex located in the center of the South Building on Independence Ave., SW. Wheelchair access is available at the Wing 1 entrance to the USDA complex on Independence Ave., SW. There is a self-operated lift for wheelchairs next to the steps at the corner of 12th and Independence Ave., SW. For further directions to the USDA complex, please call (202) 653-5912.

The hearing will be conducted beginning at 9:00 AM and concluding

no later than 4:00 PM. If all persons desiring to testify cannot be heard during those hours, an additional hearing will be scheduled at a later date. Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Written testimony in lieu of an oral statement and/or to supplement an oral statement will be accepted at the hearing. Individuals who wish to be scheduled in advance to testify should send a written request by mail or fax to: MacArthur C. Jones, ACIR, 800 K Street, NW, Suite 450, South Tower, Washington, DC 20575. The fax number is: (202) 653-5429. In the testimony request, please provide your name, address, telephone and fax or internet number, if available. Also, it would be helpful, if you included information such as the organization being represented and/or the primary topic in the ACIR report upon which you wish to testify. Individuals with special needs (e.g. sign language interpreters for the hearing impaired) are requested to indicate such in their written request to testify. People submitting advance written requests to testify will be scheduled for testimony in order of request receipt.

Dated: February 22, 1996.
William E. Davis,
Executive Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the Rare Species of Soldier Meadows for Review and Comment

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 a draft recovery plan for the threatened desert dace, *Eremichthys acros*, and the category 1 candidate Soldier Meadows cinquefoil, *Potentilla basaltica*. These species are endemic to Soldier Meadows, Humboldt County, Nevada. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before April 29, 1996, to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the State Supervisor,

Nevada State Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Building C-125, Reno, Nevada, 89502-5093 (Phone: 702-784-5227). Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be sent to Mr. Carlos H. Mendoza, State Supervisor, at the above address. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Selena Werdon at the above address, or telephone 702-784-5227.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) 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 the conservation of the species, establish criteria for reclassification or delisting, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (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 approved recovery plans.

Desert dace are endemic to Soldier Meadows, located in western Humboldt County, Nevada. The species occupies 10 thermal spring systems and approximately 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) of spring outflow stream habitat. No recent population estimate is available, but the species is considered to be relatively abundant in some spring systems. Threats to the species when listed included habitat modifications due to agricultural diversions, potential geothermal and/or mineral development; and introductions of nonnative fishes; and parasites.

Potential threats include trampling and overgrazing by livestock and wild horses and burros, and increasing recreational use of the species' habitat. Recovery efforts will focus on restoring historical habitat in one spring outflow, monitoring population stability and health, and eliminating threats from ongoing habitat modification and sympatric nonnative species. Habitat for desert dace is currently public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and private land under a conservation easement.

Soldier Meadows cinquefoil are also endemic to Soldier Meadows, although one additional population occurs in Ash Valley, Lassen County, California. In Soldier Meadows, the species occupies alkali meadow, seep, and marsh habitats bordering thermal springs, outflow streams, and depressions. Soldier Meadows contains 10 subpopulations of the cinquefoil. An estimated 84,650 individual plants are distributed on approximately 28 hectares (69 acres). Threats to the species include habitat modifications due to agricultural diversions, trampling and overgrazing by livestock and wild horses and burros, and recreational use; and competing nonnative plants. Conservation efforts will focus on eliminating threats from ongoing habitat modification and invading nonnative plants, and monitoring population stability and health. Habitat for Soldier Meadows cinquefoil in Soldier Meadows is currently public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and private land under a conservation easement.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the *Recovery Plan for the Rare Species of Soldier Meadows*. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1553(f).

Dated: February 9, 1996.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director.

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North American Wetlands Conservation Council; Meeting Announcement

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) will meet on March 13 to review proposals for funding submitted pursuant to the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Upon completion of the Council's review, proposals will be submitted to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission with recommendations for funding. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: March 13, 1996, 9:00 A.M.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area at a location yet to be determined. The North American Wetlands Conservation Council Coordinator is located at Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington Square Building, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 110, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Byron Kenneth Williams, Coordinator, North American Wetlands Conservation Council, (703) 358-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the North American Wetlands Conservation Council is a Federal-State-private body which meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement and management projects for recommendation to and final approval by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. The Council requires that proposals from State, Federal, and private sponsors contain a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds.

Dated: February 15, 1996.

John G. Rogers,

Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Geological Survey

Institute of Gas Technology; Radon Use in Natural Gas to Detect Water-Front Movement in Gas Reservoirs; Research

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the United States Geological Survey (USGS) is planning to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with the Institute of Gas Technology (IGT) to conduct research into the use of radon in natural gas to detect water-front movement in gas reservoirs. Any others wishing to pursue the possibility of a CRADA for

similar activities should contact the U.S. Geological Survey no later than 30 days from the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Information on the proposed CRADA is available to the public upon request at the following location: U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, MS 430, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 22092.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas F. Kraemer, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division at the address given above; telephone 703-648-5868; FAX 703-648-5484; email tkraemer@usgs.gov.

R. Hirsch,

Chief Hydrologist.

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Bureau of Land Management

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OMB Approval Number 1004-0103; Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information from applicants who apply for purchase of mineral materials from public lands under the 43 CFR 3600 regulations. Respondents supply information as to their identity and address and the location and amount of material desired for purchase. The information enables the authorized officer to identify and communicate with the applicant and to evaluate the effect of the proposal on the environment and land uses and to determine whether or not a mineral material contract may be granted.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by April 29, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WO140@attmail.com. Please include "ATTN: Patrick Boyd" and your name and return address in your Internet message. Comments may be hand-delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record,