

the appraised values for the parcels of land.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The appraised fair market value of the land described in 51 FR 27090-27091, 52 FR 28488-28489, and 52 FR 32064-32066 has been reevaluated. Please contact the Platte River Resource Area Office for current appraisal information.

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Donald D. Whyde,

Acting District Manager.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the Mexican Spotted Owl for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for the Mexican spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) which the Service listed as a threatened species on March 16, 1993 (58 FR 14271). The Mexican spotted owl is one of three spotted owl subspecies recognized by the American Ornithologists' Union. This subspecies was originally described from a specimen collected at Mount Tancitaro, Michoacan, Mexico. The Mexican spotted owl is a medium-sized bird found from parts of central Colorado and Utah south through Arizona, New Mexico, and western Texas to the State of Michoacan, Mexico. This owl commonly inhabits mountains and canyons containing dense, multistoried forests with closed canopies. Its survival is threatened by destruction and modification of habitat caused by timber harvest, forest fires, and increased predation associated with habitat fragmentation. The draft recovery plan recommends management actions to be taken by Federal, State, and tribal land management agencies to remove recognized threats and recover the spotted owl. 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 June 26, 1995, to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Supervisor, Ecological Services State Office, 2105 Osuna Road NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to the Regional Director 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:

Jennifer Fowler-Propst, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (see **ADDRESSES** section) (telephone 505/761-4525; facsimile 505/761-4542).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened plant or animal 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 is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe site-specific management actions considered necessary for conservation and survival of the species; establish objective, measurable criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting species; and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (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 public comment 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.

The recovery plan provides a basis for management actions to be undertaken by Federal, State, and tribal land management agencies to remove threats to the Mexican spotted owl's continued existence. The recovery plan contains six basic elements: 1. A recovery goal

and set of delisting criteria that will allow the Mexican spotted owl to be removed from the endangered species list; 2. strategies for management that provide varying levels of habitat protection depending on the owl's needs and habitat use; 3. recommendations for population and habitat monitoring; 4. research to address critical information needs to better understand the owl's life history; 5. implementation procedures that specify oversight and coordination responsibilities for the owl's recovery; and 6. information on the approximate costs of carrying out the tasks set forth in the draft recovery plan.

The Mexican spotted owl recovery plan has been prepared by a team of experts on the owl and its habitat requirements. This recovery plan will be finalized and approved following incorporation of comments and materials received during this comment period.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to the approval of the plan.

Authority

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

Dated: March 7, 1995.

James A. Young,

Acting Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 2.

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Geological Survey

Notice

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Geological Survey is planning to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with a geophysical data processing company (Paterson, Grant and Watson Limited) and mining and petroleum companies. The purpose of the CRADA is to reprocess the magnetic-anomaly data base on the United States and produce a more consistent and accurate data set in the form of a one-kilometer grid that will be made available to the general public. All magnetic survey data will be continued to a surface at 1000 feet above the ground and an appropriate reference field will be removed. Paterson, Grant and Watson Limited will be responsible for acquiring funding from petroleum and mining companies for this