

1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*):

PRT-810689

**Applicant:** Mr. Raymond L. Tremblay, Department of Biology, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect leaves and flowers, and conduct pollination studies) the endangered plant *Lepanthes eltoroensis* on the Caribbean National Forest, Puerto Rico for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

PRT-810743

**Applicant:** The Nature Conservancy of Georgia, John Doresky, Director, Fort Benning, Georgia.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass during the installation of artificial nesting cavities) red-cockaded woodpeckers, *Picoides borealis*, in Georgia for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Written data or comments on these applications should be submitted to: Regional Permit Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist). Telephone : 404/679-7313; Fax 404/679-7081.

Dated: February 2, 1996.

Noreen K. Clough,

*Regional Director.*

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#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the Delhi Sands Flower-loving Fly for Review and Comment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for the Delhi sands flower-loving fly (*Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis*). The Delhi sands flower-loving fly occurs on State, local (city

and county), and private lands in southwestern San Bernardino County, California. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this plan.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before April 12, 1996, to receive consideration by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Field Supervisor at the following address: Carlsbad Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Telephone requests may be made by calling (619) 431-9440. Comments and material received are available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Nagano at the above address and (619) 431-9440.

#### 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife 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 actions considered necessary for conservation of the species. They establish criteria for the recovery levels necessary for downlisting or delisting the species. They also provide an estimation of time and cost of implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (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, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice, to provide an opportunity for public review and comment, be given during plan development. The Service will consider all significant information presented during a public comment period, prior to the approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. The Service and other Federal agencies also will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The Delhi sands flower-loving fly has an extremely limited distribution; only ten confirmed or possibly extant populations are known. The animal

occurs only in patches of fine, sandy soils of the Delhi series, in southwestern San Bernardino County, California. The threats to the species include habitat loss and invasive exotic species.

Protection and management of its habitat and restoration of wild populations by establishing a captive breeding program are the primary goals of the recovery effort.

#### Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All significant 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 of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1533(f)).

Dated: February 1, 1996.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

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

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#### National Park Service

##### Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service announces the publication of "A Draft Environmental Assessment to Provide Additional Housing for the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida". The location addressed is in the Special Use Permit Area of Everglades National Park, along the north boundary, near State Highway 41.

**DATES:** Copies of the assessment will be available for review beginning February 15, 1996, and comments must be submitted on or before April 15, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the assessment may be obtained from, and comments submitted to the Public Affairs Office, Everglades National Park, 40001 State Road 9336, Homestead, FL 33034.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Cook, Public Affairs Officer, (305) 242-7700.

Richard G. Ring,

*Superintendent.*

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#### Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.