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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.