

an opportunity to review and comment on draft recovery plans. We consider all information presented during the comment period prior to approving any new or revised recovery plan. We and other Federal agencies also consider these comments when implementing approved recovery plans.

Holy Ghost ipomopsis was given endangered status under the Act on March 23, 1994 (59 FR 13840). It is known from a single canyon in the Santa Fe National Forest in northwestern San Miguel County, New Mexico. An estimated 2,500 plants occupy about 80 hectares (200 acres) along a U.S. Forest Service road. Impacts from road maintenance, recreation, and catastrophic forest fire are immediate management concerns. In the long term, present land uses influence management away from frequent disturbances that produce the preferred habitat for this species.

Recovery will focus on protecting and enhancing the existing population. Additional recovery work will include research to determine the biological and ecological requirements of the species, establishment of a botanical garden population and a seed bank, and establishment of seven more populations in suitable habitat in the upper Pecos River Basin.

#### Public Comments Solicited

We are soliciting written comments on the draft Holy Ghost Ipomopsis Recovery Plan. 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. 1533(f).

Dated: February 3, 1999.

**Lynn B. Starnes,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

The following applicant has applied for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected in accordance with the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, 50 CFR 15.26(c).

*Applicant:* Judith A. Robben, Goddard, KS. The applicant wishes to

establish a cooperative breeding program for the Roseifron conure (*Pyrrhura picta roseifrons*), the Rose-crowned conure (*Pyrrhura rhodocephala*) and the Fiery-shouldered conure (*Pyrrhura egregia egregia* and *Pyrrhura egregia obscura*). Ms. Robben wishes to be an active participant in this program with five other private individuals. The Coastal Carolina Bird Society has assumed the responsibility for the oversight of the program.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director 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, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2095); FAX: (703/358-2298).

Dated: February 17, 1999.

**Dr. Rosemarie Gnam,**

*Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Oil and Gas Management Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Padre Island National Seashore, Texas

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

**ACTION:** Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Oil and Gas Management Plan for Padre Island National Seashore, Texas.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Oil and Gas Management Plan (DEIS/OGMP) for Padre Island National Seashore, Texas.

**DATES:** The DEIS/OGMP will remain available for public review through May 12, 1999. If any public meetings are held concerning the DEIS/OGMP, they will be announced at a later date.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the DEIS/OGMP should be sent to the Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, P.O. Box 181300, Corpus Christi, Texas 78480-1300. Public reading copies of the DEIS/OGMP will be available for review at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, 20301 Park Road 22, Corpus Christi, Texas, Telephone: 361-949-8173

Office of Minerals/Oil and Gas Support, Intermountain Support Office-Santa Fe, National Park Service, 1100 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, Telephone 505-988-6095

Planning and Environmental Quality, Intermountain Support Office-Denver, National Park Service, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228, Telephone: (303) 969-2851

Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets NW, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone: (202) 208-6843

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Oil and Gas Management planning objectives are: 1) identify which park resources and values are most sensitive to oil and gas exploration and development disturbance, and define impact mitigation requirements to protect such resources, 2) establish reasonable oil and gas exploration and development performance standards to protect park resources and values, and 3) provide pertinent information to oil and gas operators that will facilitate operations planning and compliance with all applicable regulations. Three alternatives are analyzed in the DEIS/OGMP for managing surface uses associated with the exploration, development, and transportation of nonfederal oil and gas underlying Padre Island National Seashore. Under Alternative A: Proposed Action, there would be no surface occupancy in some sensitive resource areas that have important natural, cultural and visitor use values. Alternative B is the No Action/Current Management alternative that provides for the continuing evaluation and permitting of operations on a case-by-case basis. Under Alternative C: Maximum Protection Alternative there would be no access in any sensitive resource area for any type of nonfederal oil and gas activity.

The DEIS/OGMP evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed action and the other alternatives on oil and gas exploration and development, soil and water resources, wetlands, cultural resources,