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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 73**

[MM Docket No. 99-69, RM-9478]

**Radio Broadcasting Services; Giddings and Buda, TX****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition filed on behalf of LBSJ Broadcasting company, L.P. requesting the reallocation of Channel 268C1 from Giddings, Texas, to Buda, Texas, and modification of the license for Station KROX to specify Buda, Texas, as the community of license. The coordinates for Channel 268C1 at Buda are 29-57-00 and 97-22-13. In accordance with Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, we shall not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of Channel 268C1 at Buda.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before April 26, 1999, and reply comments on or before May 11, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Howard M. Weiss, Anne Goodwin Crump, Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P.L.C., 1300 North 17th Street, Eleventh Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-69, adopted February 24, 1999 and released March 5, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800, facsimile (202) 857-3805.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contact.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****50 CFR Part 17**

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Comment Period on Proposed Special Regulations for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse****AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Reopening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides notice that the comment period on the Service's proposal to establish special regulations for the conservation of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*) (63 FR 66777, December 3, 1998) is reopened as of March 16, 1999 and will remain open for 45 days through April 30, 1999. The Service notes that revisions of Mouse Protection Areas and Potential Mouse Protection Areas referenced in the December 3, 1998, proposed rule are available for review.

**DATES:** The public comment period is reopened for a period of 45 days and will close April 30, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and materials should be sent to the Colorado Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

Comments and materials received will be available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LeRoy W. Carlson, Colorado Field Supervisor, telephone 303/275-2370, facsimile 303/275-2371 (see ADDRESSES section).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The Preble's meadow jumping mouse, a small rodent in the family Zapodidae, is known to occur only in eastern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming. It lives primarily in heavily vegetated riparian habitats and immediately adjacent upland habitats. Habitat loss and degradation caused by agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial development have resulted in concern over its continued existence.

On May 13, 1998, the Service published a final rule (3 FR 26517) to list the Preble's meadow jumping mouse as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973 (16 U.S.C. sections 1531 to 1544) without critical habitat. At the time the Preble's was listed, a special rule for the conservation of the Preble's was not promulgated and therefore virtually all of the restrictions of the Act became applicable to the species. On December 3, 1998, the Service proposed a special rule under 4(d) of the Act to establish standards for the conservation of the Preble's for 18 months.

Some revisions have been made to the geographic locations of Mouse Protection Areas and Potential Mouse Protection Areas described in the December 3, 1998 proposed rule. These revisions, based on the best scientific information that is currently available, are maintained by the Service at addresses provided below. These geographic locations can be viewed at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado, telephone 303/275-2370 or at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wyoming Field Office, 4000 Morrie Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001, telephone 307/772-2374. Depictions of these geographic locations are also available on our internet home page ([www.r6.fws.gov/preble](http://www.r6.fws.gov/preble)).

A news release announcing the extension of the comment period is being published in newspapers concurrently with this **Federal Register** notice.