

Channel Polar population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

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: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: June 18, 1999.

**Pamela Hall,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Revised Recovery Plan for *Liatris helleri* (Heller's Blazing Star) 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 revised recovery plan for *Liatris helleri* (Heller's blazing star). Heller's blazing star is a perennial herb that grows on high cliffs, rock ledges, and balds in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina. We solicit review and comments from the public on this draft revised plan.

**DATES:** Your comments on the draft revised recovery plan must be received on or before August 23, 1999 in order to receive consideration..

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to review the draft revised recovery plan, you may

obtain a copy by contacting the Asheville Field Office. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 160 Zillicoa Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801 (Telephone 828/258-3939). Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to the 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. Nora Murdock at the address and telephone number shown in the ADDRESSES section (Ext. 231).

#### 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 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 the conservation of the species, criteria for recognizing the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 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 a 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 the 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 primary species considered in this draft revised recovery plan is *liatris helleri* (Heller's blazing star). The areas of emphasis for recovery actions are the North Carolina counties of Avery, Caldwell, Burke, and Ashe. Habitat protection, population augmentation and reintroduction, and the preservation of genetic material are the major objectives of this recovery plan.

#### Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments

received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the final plan.

#### Authority

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

Dated: June 16, 1999.

**Nora A. Murdock,**

*Acting State Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### National Wildlife Refuge System Design Symbol

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice serves to designate the "Blue Goose" as the official design symbol for the National Wildlife Refuge System. We will use this design symbol on boundary markers for National Wildlife Refuges, and in conjunction with the Service shield, on signs at entrances and exits and on refuge-specific and Refuge System-specific publications. This action accomplishes the official designation of the symbol in current use. The Service Sign Committee and Publication Design Standards Committee are drafting specific guidelines for use of the Blue Goose on entrance and exit signs and on publications.

**DATES:** Effective June 24, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doug Staller; telephone (703) 358-2029; FAX (703) 358-1826; e-mail Doug\_Staller@fws.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We prescribe the "Blue Goose" design symbol as the official symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior. We intend to use, but not limit the use, of this design symbol to indicate boundary markers for the National Wildlife Refuge System, and in conjunction with the Service shield, on signs at entrances and exits and on refuge-specific and Refuge System-specific publications. We use this symbol in a specified blue color.

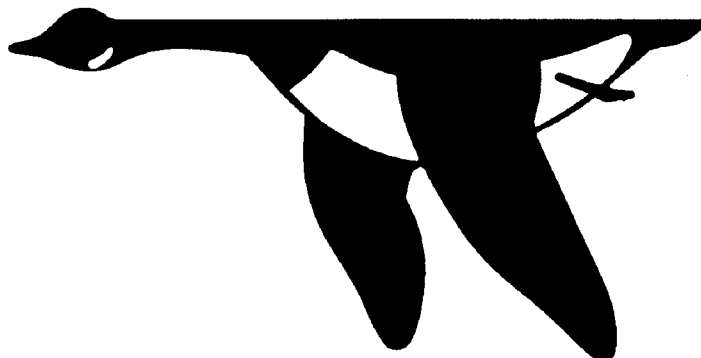
In making this prescription, we give notice that whoever manufactures, sells or possesses this design symbol, or any colorable imitation thereof, or photographs, prints or in any other manner makes or executes any engraving, photograph or print, or

impression in the likeness of this design symbol, or any colorable imitation thereof without authorization from the

Director is subject to the penalty provisions of section 701 of title 18 of the United States Code.

We depict the design symbol for the National Wildlife Refuge System below:

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Dated: June 17, 1999.

**Jamie Rappaport Clark,**

*Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-00-P; AA-8096-03]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulations 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(e) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, (ANCSA), 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(e) will be issued to Chugach Alaska Corporation. The land is described as Lot 1, Sec. 32, T. 8 S., R. 3 E., Copper River Meridian, Alaska, containing 360.23 acres.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Anchorage Daily News*. A copy of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, shall have until July 26, 1999 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements in 43 CFR part 4, subpart

E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**Christine Sitbon,**

*Land Law Examiner, Branch of 962 Adjudication.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-070-99-1990-00]

#### Area Closure to All Unauthorized Public Uses of the Devil's Elbow Recreation Area Located on Hauser Lake, 12 Miles Northeast of Helena, MT

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of immediate area closure to all public uses including motorized travel within the Devil's Elbow Recreation Site while construction work is underway.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that effective immediately all public lands and roads within the Devil's Elbow Site are closed to all public uses in portions of:

#### Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 11 N., R. 2 W.,  
Secs. 14, 23 and 24;

During construction of this new recreation site. Construction activities include roads, toilets, camping units, parking lots, boat ramp, docks, waterbreak, trails, tables and grills, water, electrical and septic systems, day-use picnic and swimming sites, ramadas and an administration site.

This closure shall remain in effect until completion of Phases I and II of the scheduled construction work which is expected to be completed in July, 2000.

Persons exempt from this closure order include contractors, BLM personnel, inspectors and other individuals escorted by BLM employees.

Reasons for the closure are to provide for the safety of the public, expedite construction work, and protect construction equipment and materials. Authority for this closure is cited under 43 CFR, Subpart 8364.1.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Merle Good, Field Manager, P.O. Box 3388, Butte, Montana 59702, 406-494-5059.

Dated: June 15, 1999.

**Merle Good,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-910-0777-26-262F]

#### Notice of Relocation/Change of Address/Office Closure; Montana

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given that, on July 28, 1999, the Bureau of Land Management's Montana State Office will collocate with the Billings Field Office and move to a new facility.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 28, 1999.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet Singer, Deputy State Director, Division of Support Services 406-255-2742, or Trudie Olson, Supervisory Public Affairs Specialist 406 255-2913, BLM Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107.