time will be needed to complete all of
the projects identified in the GLFCS.
Existing CAs have had a large
influence in protecting redband trout
and the habitat they require for survival.
These efforts continue to improve
habitat, provide for passage over
barriers, screen diversions, and survey
for redband trout. Cooperative efforts
involving all parties are excellent
venues for restoring habitat and species.

We have carefully assessed the best
available scientific and commercial
information available, and we find that
listing the Great Basin redband trout as
a threatened or endangered species is
not warranted at this time because it is
not in danger of extinction or likely to
become so within the foreseeable future.
This conclusion is based on information
on Great Basin redband trout
populations within the historic range of
redband trout, as reported and
summarized in the Great Basin redband
trout status review (Service 2000).
However, in the event that conditions
change and the species becomes
imperiled due to the factors discussed in
this finding, or other unforeseen
factors, we would propose to list the
species under the Act or, if
circumstances warranted, invoke the
emergency listing provisions of the Act.

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Service (see ADDRESSES section).

AUTHORITY
The authority for this action is the
Endangered Species Act of 1973, as
amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).
Jamie Rappaport Clark,
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
50 CFR Part 17
RIN 1018–AE30
Endangered and Threatened Wildlife
and Plants; Reopening of Comment
Period on Proposed Endangered
Status for the Southern California
Distinct Population Segment of the
Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog
AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.
ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of
reopening of comment period.
SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife
Service (Service), pursuant to the
Endangered Species Act of 1973, as
amended (Act), reopen the comment
period on the proposed rule to list the
southern California distinct population
segment (DPS) of the mountain yellow-
legged frog (Rana muscosa) as an
endangered species. The comment
period is reopened in response to
requests from the public for additional
time to obtain biological information
regarding the frog and formulate
comments on the proposed rule. In
addition, reopening of the comment
period will allow further opportunity
for all interested parties to submit
comments on the proposal, which is
available (see ADDRESSES section). We
are seeking comments or suggestions
from the public, other concerned
governmental agencies, the scientific
community, industry, or any other
interested parties concerning the
proposed rule. Comments already
submitted on the proposed rule need
not be resubmitted as they will be fully
considered in the final determination.
DATES: The reopened comment period
closes April 19, 2000.
ADDRESSES: Comments and materials
concerning this proposal should be sent
to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and
Wildlife Office, 2730 Loker Avenue
West, Carlsbad, California, 92008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Glen Knowles at the above address, telephone

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background
On December 22, 1999, the Service
published a rule proposing endangered
status for the southern California DPS of
the mountain yellow-legged frog (Rana
muscosa) in the Federal Register (64 FR
71714). The original comment period
closed on February 22, 2000. The
comment period now closes on April
19, 2000. Written comments should be
submitted to the Service (see ADDRESSES
section).

The mountain yellow-legged frog is a
true frog in the family Ranidae. The
southern California mountain yellow-
legged frog can still be found in four
small streams in the San Gabriel
mountains, San Bernardino mountains,
and the San Jacinto mountains. In
addition to predation from trout and
other widespread factors, the few
remaining frogs are threatened by
recreation (i.e. suction dredging,
campgrounds, day use areas), the
introduction of non-native competitors
and predators, and demographics
associated with small populations.

Comments from the public regarding the
accuracy of this proposed rule are sought,
especially regarding:

(1) Biological, commercial trade, or
other relevant data concerning any
threat (or lack thereof) to this species;

(2) The location and status of any
additional occurrences of this species
and the reasons why any habitat should
or should not be determined to be
critical habitat pursuant to section 4 of
the Act;

(3) Additional information concerning
the range, distribution, and population
size of this species;

(4) Current or planned activities in the
subject area and their possible impacts
on the mountain yellow-legged frog or
its habitat.

Author:
The primary author of this notice is
Glen Knowles (see ADDRESSES section).

Authority
The authority for this action is the
Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16
U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Elizabeth H. Stevens,
Acting Manager, California/Nevada
Operations Office.

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