

2. In the heading on page 46137, in the second column, replace the Agency Docket Number with USCG-1999-6095.

3. On page 46137, in the second and third columns, under the **ADDRESSES** and "Request for Comments" headings respectively, replace (USCG-1999-6713) with (USCG-1999-6095).

Dated: August 9, 2000.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Chapter I

[CC Docket No. 94-54; FCC 00-253]

#### CMRS Interconnection and Resale Obligations

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; denial.

**SUMMARY:** This document considers whether facilities-based commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers should be required to interconnect with CMRS resellers' switches or with each others' networks. Specifically, the Commission denies requests for mandatory interconnection between resellers' switches and CMRS providers' networks. This action is taken to resolve issues raised in the Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this proceeding concerning whether facilities-based commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers should be required to interconnect with CMRS resellers' switches or with each others' networks.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peter Wolfe, 202-418-1310.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Fourth Report and Order (Fourth R&O) in CC Docket No. 94-54; FCC 00-253, adopted July 20, 2000, and released July 24, 2000. The complete text of this Fourth R&O is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Courtyard Level, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC, and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services (ITS, Inc.), CY-B400, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC.

#### Synopsis of the Fourth R&O

1. The Commission, in this Fourth R&O resolves issues raised in 1995 in the Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in this proceeding (60 FR 20949, April 28, 1995) concerning whether facilities-based commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers should be required to interconnect with CMRS resellers' switches or with each others' networks. Specifically, the Commission adopts its tentative conclusion in the NPRM and denies requests for mandatory interconnection between resellers' switches and CMRS providers' networks. In the absence of any specific State interconnection requests pending before the Commission, we also decline to take action preempting state requirements. Finally, the Commission adopts its tentative conclusion in the NPRM and decline to impose general interconnection obligations between the networks of facilities-based CMRS providers. Consistent with the interconnection provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, as interpreted in the First Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 95-185 (61 FR 45476, August 29, 1996), the Commission concludes generally that efficient CMRS interconnection will be achieved between facilities-based CMRS providers through voluntary agreements.

#### Ordering Clauses

2. Accordingly, the Cellular Service Inc. and ComTech Mobile Telephone Company request for a policy statement recognizing the right of resellers to interconnection is denied.

3. This proceeding is terminated.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

**RIN 1018-AGO4**

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of the Comment Period on the Proposed Listing of the Buena Vista Lake Shrew

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), provide notice of the reopening of the comment period for the proposed listing of the Buena Vista Lake shrew (*Sorex ornatus relictus*) as endangered. The comment period has been reopened in order to provide all interested parties additional opportunity to submit oral or written comments on the proposal, and request a public hearing, on the proposed rule. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted as they will be incorporated into the public records as a part of this reopening and will be fully considered in the final rule.

**DATES:** We will accept comments from all interested parties until October 13, 2000. Public hearing requests must be received by September 28, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments and materials concerning this proposal by any one of several methods.

1. You may submit written comments and information to the Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605, Sacramento, California 95825.

2. You may hand-deliver written comments to our Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605, Sacramento, California 95825.

3. You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to fw1bvshrew@fws.gov. Please submit comments in ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and encryption. Please include "Attn: RIN 1018-AGO4" and your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly by calling our Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, at telephone 916-414-6600.

Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in the preparation of this proposed rule, will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605, Sacramento, California 95825.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dwight Harvey, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) (telephone 916/414-6600; facsimile 916/414-6710).

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

The Buena Vista Lake shrew is found in marshes and sloughs within a site formerly known as the Kern Lake Preserve, Kern County, California. This subspecies may also occur in the Tulare Basin and at Kern National Wildlife Refuge, but the status and identity of animals at these other sites is unknown. No more than 38 individuals have been observed at Kern Lake Preserve since 1986. The only known extant Buena Vista Lake shrew population is threatened primarily by agricultural activities and potential impacts to local hydrology, uncertainty of water delivery, possible toxic effects from selenium poisoning, and random naturally occurring events.

We intend that any final action resulting from this proposal will be as accurate and as effective as possible. Therefore, comments or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested party concerning this proposed rule are sought. Comments are sought particularly regarding:

(1) Biological, commercial, or other relevant data concerning any threat (or lack thereof) to the Buena Vista Lake shrew;

(2) The location of any additional populations of this subspecies and habitat association (including specific vegetation and soil type), and the reasons why any habitat should or should not be determined to be critical habitat as provided by section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*);

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

(4) Current or planned activities in the subject area and their possible impacts on this subspecies; and

(5) Additional relevant information concerning the life-history, habits, and dispersal of this subspecies.

We published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 35033) on June 1, 2000 to list the Buena Vista Lake shrew (*Sorex ornatus relictus*) as endangered. The original comment period closed on July 31, 2000. We are reopening the comment period in order to provide the public an additional opportunity to provide written or oral comment on the proposal.

Our practice is to make comments available for public review during regular business hours, including names and home addresses of respondents. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will

honor to the extent allowable by law. In some circumstances, we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Author: The primary author of this notice is Dwight Harvey (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.*).

Dated: August 4, 2000.

**Elizabeth H. Stevens,**  
*Manager-California/Nevada Operations*  
*Office.*

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

**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Announcement of Public Informational Meetings and Public Hearings for the Proposal to Reclassify and Remove the Gray Wolf From the List of Endangered and Threatened Species and To Establish Special Regulations for Threatened Gray Wolves**

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of public informational meetings and public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the locations and times of public informational meetings that have been scheduled to provide information on the proposal to reclassify and delist the gray wolf and establish special regulations for threatened gray wolves. We also are announcing the locations and times of public hearings scheduled to receive verbal public comments on the proposal.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct all comments, questions or requests for additional information to us

by using the Gray Wolf phone line: 612-713-7337, facsimile: 612-713-5292, electronic mail: graywolfmail@fws.gov, website: <http://midwest.fws.gov/wolf>, or write to Gray Wolf Questions, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We will hold public informational meetings at the following locations. All meetings will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. and will use an open house format, including a slide presentation that will run approximately every half hour.

Denver, Colorado, on August 15, 2000, at the Holiday Inn at Hampden, 7390 W. Hampden Avenue, (Lakewood).

Grand Junction, Colorado, on August 16, 2000, at the Holiday Inn, 755 Horizon Drive.

Salt Lake City, Utah, on August 17, 2000, at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center, 255 South West Temple.

Helena, Montana, on August 31, 2000, at Cavanaugh's Colonial Hotel-Best Western, 2301 Colonial Drive.

Kalispell, Montana, on September 6, 2000, at the West Coast Inn, 20 North Main Street.

Missoula, Montana, on September 7, 2000, at the Best Western Grant Creek Inn, 5280 Grant Creek Road.

Casper, Wyoming, on September 12, 2000, at the Casper Events Center, #1 Events Drive.

Bozeman, Montana, on September 14, 2000, at the Wingate Inn, 2305 Catron Street.

We will hold public hearings at the following locations. All hearings will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.

Salt Lake City, Utah, on October 12, 2000, at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center, 255 South West Temple.

Helena, Montana, on October 18, 2000, at Cavanaugh's Colonial Inn—Best Western, 2301 Colonial Drive.

Denver, Colorado, on October 26, 2000, at the Holiday Inn at Hampden, 7390 W. Hampden Avenue, (Lakewood).

**Background**

On July 13, 2000, we published a proposed regulation (65 FR 43450) to reclassify and remove the gray wolf from the list of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants. The proposal also includes three special regulations for those distinct populations segments of gray wolves that would become classified as threatened. This proposal would affect all the conterminous 48 States except Minnesota. Due to the complexity and