

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Availability of a Technical/ Agency Draft Revised Recovery Plan for the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) for Review and Comment**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and public comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability for public review of the technical/agency draft revised recovery plan for the red-cockaded woodpecker. The red-cockaded woodpecker is a bird species endemic to the southeastern United States. We solicit review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: We must receive comments on the draft recovery plan on or before November 13, 2000 to receive consideration by us.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of the draft recovery plan by contacting Ralph Costa, Clemson Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina 29634 (telephone 864/656-2432). Send written comments and materials regarding the plan to the Field Supervisor at the above address. Comments and materials received are available upon request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ralph Costa at the above address and telephone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Restoring endangered or threatened animals or plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of our endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we are working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria 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. We will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. We and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

Red-cockaded woodpeckers are endemic to mature pine woodlands of the southeastern United States. Because of habitat loss and alteration, the species suffered severe declines throughout the first three quarters of the twentieth century. We officially listed the red-cockaded woodpecker as an endangered species in 1970 (35 FR 16047). Intensive research has greatly increased our understanding of the ecology of red-cockaded woodpeckers and has provided powerful management tools that have been highly successful in reversing the widespread declines of past decades. With appropriate management, the species can achieve full recovery. This draft revised recovery plan describes in detail the ecology and management of red-cockaded woodpeckers, and outlines a mechanism to recover the species based on new insight into population and species viability. We will use comments and information provided during this review in preparing the final recovery plan.

Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the recovery plan described. We will consider all comments received by the date specified above 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: September 7, 2000.

Ralph Costa,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Emergency Motor Vehicle Closure of BLM-Administered Public Lands, Sweetwater County, Wyoming; Correction

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Motor Vehicle Closure of BLM-Administered Public Land Disturbed or Damaged by Wildfire Suppression Activity Within the Wildhorse Basin Wildfire, Black Butte Wildfire, Sage Creek Wildfire, and Sheep Mountain Wildfire areas; BLM Rock Spring Field Office, Wyoming; correction.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management published a document in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2000, in FR doc. 00-22288, concerning closure of public lands. The document contained incorrect words.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stan McKee, Field Manager, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901. Telephone: (307) 352-0201.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of August 31, 2000, in FR doc. 00-22288, on page 53029, in the second column, in the **SUMMARY**, correct lines 2 and 3 to read: "that, effective immediately, all tracks and land surface disturbance made by fire."

Dated: September 6, 2000.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 303-TA-21 (Review) and 731-TA-451, 461, and 519 (Review)]

Gray Portland Cement and Cement Clinker from Japan, Mexico, and Venezuela¹

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Revised schedule for the subject reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 7, 2000.

¹ The investigation numbers are as follows: Japan is 731-TA-461 (Review); Mexico is 731-TA-451 (Review); and Venezuela is 303-TA-21 (Review) and 731-TA-519 (Review).