

such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act requires that public notice, and an opportunity for public review and comment, be provided during recovery plan development. The draft recovery plan for *Fritillaria gentneri* was available for public comment from November 22, 2002 through January 21, 2003 (67 FR 70452). Information presented during the public comment period has been considered in the preparation of this final recovery plan, and is summarized in the appendix to the recovery plan. We will forward substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation to the appropriate Federal or other entities so they can take these comments into account in the course of implementing recovery actions.

Fritillaria gentneri, also known as Gentner's fritillary and/or Gentner's mission-bells, is a rare, red-flowered member of the lily family (Liliaceae). This species is found primarily in very small, scattered occurrences in Jackson and Josephine Counties in southwestern Oregon; one small additional population was recently discovered in northern California, near the Oregon border. *Fritillaria gentneri* is threatened by a variety of factors including habitat loss associated with rapidly expanding residential and agricultural development, alteration of habitat by invasive weeds and successional encroachment by trees and brush, habitat disturbance from timber harvest and recreational activities, and vulnerability associated with extremely small population sizes. Other potential threats to *Fritillaria gentneri* include bulb collecting for gardens, and herbivory by deer and livestock.

Recovery of *Fritillaria gentneri* will be based on the conservation of the species through protected populations ("Fritillaria management areas") distributed in natural densities across the historical range of the species in four designated recovery units. Recovery units are geographically bounded areas containing extant *Fritillaria gentneri* populations that are the focus of recovery actions. Recovery units include lands both essential and not essential to the long-term conservation of *Fritillaria gentneri*.

The overall objective of this recovery plan is to reduce the threats to *Fritillaria gentneri* to the point where it can be reclassified (downlisted) to threatened, with the ultimate goal of being removed from the Act's protection entirely (delisted). The recovery measures identified include: (1) Establishing, managing, and maintaining a minimum number of *Fritillaria* management areas

within the four designated recovery units, to be achieved through protection of existing populations, population augmentation, and reintroduction at historically occupied sites; (2) providing information to private landowners to assist with the identification of *Fritillaria gentneri* and management of its habitat; (3) conducting surveys and research essential to the conservation of the species; and (4) development of off-site germplasm banks to maintain reproductive materials.

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

Dated: July 21, 2003.

David J. Wesley,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service.

[FR Doc. 03-22000 Filed 8-27-03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-55-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Meetings of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to continue providing recommendations from the affected interests to the Department of the Interior on implementation of their program to restore anadromous fisheries, including salmon and steelhead, of the Klamath River in California and Oregon.

DATES: The first meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on February 18, 2004, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on February 19, 2004. The second meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 23, 2004, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 24, 2004. The third meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 13, 2004, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on October 14, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting will be held at the Best Western Beachfront Inn, 16008 Boat Basin Road, Brookings, Oregon. The second meeting will be held at the Olympic Inn, 2627 South 6th Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon. The third meeting will be held at the Convention

Center, Best Western Miner's Inn, 112 E. Miner Street, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Detrich, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1829 South Oregon Street, Yreka, California 96097, telephone (530) 842-5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For background information on the Task Force, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).

Dated: August 22, 2003.

John Engbring,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations, Fish and Wildlife Service.

[FR Doc. 03-22062 Filed 8-27-03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-55-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-360-1430-EU; CACA-42659]

Notice of Realty Action, Noncompetitive Sale of Public Land in Siskiyou County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice to Withdraw Lands from Exchange Proposal, Opening of Public Land Notice of Segregation for Exchange, Notice of Segregation for Sale and Sale of Public Land.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management has withdrawn certain lands in Siskiyou County from proposed land exchange CACA-41373. This notice terminates the temporary segregation of those lands for exchange effective August 28, 2003. Notice is also hereby given that those same certain lands have been found suitable for direct sale at not less than the estimated fair market value of \$7,250.00.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 14, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susie Rodriguez, Redding Field Office, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA 96002; 530-224-2142.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the regulations contained in 43 CFR 2091.3-2(b), the following described land will be relieved of the temporary segregative effect of the exchange application CACA-41373. The following public land has been found suitable for direct sale under section 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713). Mount Diablo