

Program Narrative Report), 81–63 (Cause of Loss and Subrogation Report), 81–96 (Mobile Home Worksheet), 81–98 (Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) Adjuster Report), 81–109 (Adjuster Preliminary Damage Assessment), 81–110 (Adjuster Certification Application).

**Abstract:** In order to document and pay claims made against the National Flood Insurance Program Direct Business this information is collected and reviewed as part of the claims handling process by the servicing company under contract to FEMA.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 19,605.

**Number of Respondents:** 5,000.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion, dependent on weather and related flooding conditions.

**Estimated Hours Per Respondent:** The average time required for the adjuster for each claim filed and the policyholder to list the items damaged in the flood and meet with the adjuster concerning the loss is estimated to be 4 hours. Burden hours are derived from the reports of the Adjusters who meet with the policyholders, from local community officials, and from DHS–FEMA staff's personal experience.

**Estimated Total Cost to Respondents:** \$405,412.00.

**Estimated Total Cost to the Government:** The adjusters are paid from a fee schedule based on the gross amount of the claim. The average adjuster payment was \$500.00 per claim. The number of claims annually varies with the weather and related flooding conditions. We estimate 5,000 claims, which provides, reimbursements to adjusters for expenses incurred in accordance with NFIP standards to evaluate the loss and obtain a proof of loss signed by the claimant, of approximately \$2,500,000.00. All these costs are paid by the National Flood Insurance Program and by the government.

**Comments:** Written comments are solicited to (a) Evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) evaluate the accuracy of the estimated costs to respondents to provide the information to the agency; (d) enhance the quality, utility, and

clarity of the information to be collected; and (e) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Branch, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472, or e-mail address:

*Muriel.Anderson@dhs.gov*, or facsimile number (202) 646–3524.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information contact James S.P. Shortley, Director of Claims, Mitigation Division, Risk Insurance Branch at (202) 646–3418. Contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed collection of information.

Dated: December 9, 2003.

**Edward W. Kernan,**

*Division Director, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Invasive Species Advisory Committee; Request for Nominations

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, National Invasive Species Council, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Request for Nominations for the Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

**Note:** This is a republication of the notice published December 1, 2003 (68 FR 67202). It contains a correction to the date for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Interior, on behalf of the interdepartmental National Invasive Species Council, proposes to appoint new members to the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC). The Secretary of the Interior, acting as administrative lead, is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the ISAC.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received by January 15, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Lori Williams, Executive Director,

National Invasive Species Council (OS/SIO/NISC), 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelsey Brantley, Program Analyst, at (202) 513–7243, fax: (202) 371–1751, or by e-mail at *Kelsey\_Brantley@ios.doi.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Advisory Committee Scope and Objectives

The purpose and role of the ISAC are to provide advice to the Invasive Species Council (Council), as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues including preventing the introduction of invasive species, providing for their control, and minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. The Council is Co-chaired by the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce. The duty of the Council is to provide national leadership regarding invasive species issues. Pursuant to the Executive Order, the Council developed a National Invasive Species Management Plan. The Plan is available on the Web at <http://www.invasivespecies.gov>. The Council is responsible for effective implementation of the Plan. The Council coordinates Federal agency activities concerning invasive species; prepares, revises, and issues the National Invasive Species Management Plan; encourages planning and action at local, tribal, State, regional and ecosystem-based levels; develops recommendations for international cooperation in addressing invasive species; facilitates the development of a coordinated network to document, evaluate, and monitor impacts from invasive species; and facilitates establishment of an information-sharing system on invasive species that utilizes, to the greatest extent practicable, the Internet.

The role of ISAC is to maintain an intensive and regular dialogue regarding the aforementioned issues. ISAC provides advice in cooperation with stakeholders and existing organizations addressing invasive species. The ISAC meets up to four (4) times per year.

Terms for approximately half of the current members of the ISAC will expire in March 2004. Current members of the ISAC are eligible for reappointment. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint members to ISAC in consultation with the Secretaries of Agriculture and Commerce. The Secretary of Interior actively solicits new nominees to the ISAC. Members of ISAC should be

knowledgeable in and represent one or more of the following communities of interests: weed science; fisheries science; rangeland management; forest science; entomology; nematology; plant pathology; veterinary medicine; the broad range of farming or agricultural practices; biodiversity issues; applicable laws and regulations relevant to invasive species policy; risk assessment; biological control of invasive species; public health/epidemiology; industry activities; international affairs or trade; tribal or state government interests; environmental education; ecosystem monitoring; natural resource database design and integration; and internet-based management of conservation issues.

Members should also have practical experience in one or more of the following areas: representing sectors of the national economy that are significantly threatened by biological invasions (e.g. agriculture, fisheries, public utilities, recreational users, tourism, etc.); representing sectors of the national economy whose routine operations may pose risks of new or expanded biological invasions (e.g. shipping, forestry, horticulture, aquaculture, pet trade, etc.); developing natural resource management plans on regional or ecosystem-level scales; addressing invasive species issues, including prevention, control and monitoring, in multiple ecosystems and on multiple scales; integrating science and the human dimension in order to create effective solutions to complex conservation issues including education, outreach, and public relations experts; coordinating diverse groups of stakeholders to resolve complex environmental issues and conflicts; and complying with NEPA and other federal requirements for public involvement in major conservation plans. Members will be selected in order to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints, so to effectively address invasive species issues under consideration. No member may serve on the ISAC for more than three (3) consecutive terms. All terms will be limited to two (2) years in length.

Members of the ISAC and its subcommittees serve without pay. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services of the ISAC, members shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the government service, as authorized by section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code.

### Submitting Nominations

Nominations should be typed and should include the following:

1. A brief summary of no more than two (2) pages explaining the nominee's suitability to serve on the ISAC.
2. A resume or curriculum vitae.
3. At least two (2) Letters of reference.

Nominations should be sent no later than January 15, 2004, to Lori Williams, National Invasive Species Council (OS/SIO/NISC), 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240.

To ensure that recommendations of the ISAC take into account the needs of the diverse groups served, the Department of the Interior is actively soliciting nominations of qualified minorities, women, persons with disabilities and members of low income populations.

Dated: December 9, 2003.

**Lori C. Williams,**

*Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **Draft Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for Elizabeth Cross Roads Property, Town of Elizabeth, Elbert County, CO**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that Elizabeth Cross Roads LLC (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*) (Preble's), federally-listed as threatened, through loss and modification of its habitat associated with construction of the Elizabeth Cross Roads Business Park, a commercial development, and an associated utility line in Elizabeth, Elbert County, Colorado. The duration of the permit would be 10 years from the date of issuance.

We announce the receipt of the Applicant's incidental take permit application, which includes a combined Environmental Assessment/Habitat

Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the Preble's for the Elizabeth Cross Roads Property. The proposed EA/HCP is available for public review and comment. It fully describes the proposed project and the measures the Applicant would undertake to minimize and mitigate project impacts to the Preble's.

The Service requests comments on the EA/HCP and associated documents for the proposed issuance of the incidental take permit. All comments on the EA and permit application will become part of the administrative record and will be available to the public. We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(a) of the Act and the National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application and EA/HCP should be received on or before February 17, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the permit application and EA/HCP should be addressed to Susan Linner, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado 80215. Comments also may be submitted by facsimile to (303) 275-2371.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kathleen Linder, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Colorado Field Office, telephone (303) 275-2370.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Document Availability**

Individuals wishing copies of the EA/HCP and associated documents for review should immediately contact the above office. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

##### **Background**

Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulations prohibit the "take" of a species listed as endangered or threatened. Take is defined under the Act, in part, as to kill, harm, or harass a federally listed species. However, the Service may issue permits to authorize "incidental take" of listed species under limited circumstances. Incidental take is defined under the Act as take of a listed species that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity under limited circumstances. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.32.

The Elizabeth Cross Roads Property is located at the northwest corner of Highway 86 and County Road 17, along Running Creek, in the Town of Elizabeth, Elbert County, Colorado. The