

Maui Nui, and Kauai. Additionally, sufficient suitable habitat must be identified, protected, and managed in perpetuity on each of these islands such that the species no longer requires protection under the Endangered Species Act.

The draft revised recovery plan specifies that nēnē can be considered for downlisting to threatened status when the following criteria have been reached and maintained for a period of 15 years: (1) Self-sustaining populations exist on Hawaii, Maui Nui (Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Kahoolawe), and Kauai; (2) sufficient suitable habitat for nesting, summer flocking, and migration is identified, protected, and managed in perpetuity to sustain the target population levels on each island; and (3) population size shows a stable or increasing trend after attaining the specified number of populations and individuals per island. Self-sustaining is defined in this case as maintaining (or increasing) population levels without additional releases of captive-bred nēnē. However, habitat manipulation, such as pasture management or predator control, may be necessary for populations to remain stable.

The draft revised recovery plan further specifies that nēnē can be considered for delisting when population levels on Hawaii, Maui Nui, and Kauai have each shown a stable or increasing trend (from downlisting levels) for an additional minimum of 15 years.

Public Comments Solicited

We will accept written comments and information during this comment period. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments and materials concerning this draft revised recovery plan by any of these methods:

1. You may submit written comments and information by mail, facsimile, or in person to: Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122, Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850 (facsimile: 808-792-9580).

2. You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: nene_rp@r1.fws.gov. If you submit comments by e-mail, please avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your e-mail message.

Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in preparation of the draft revised recovery plan, will be available for inspection, by appointment, during

normal business hours at the address under (1) above.

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

Dated: July 20, 2004.

David J. Wesley,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Final Recovery Plan for the Threatened Guajón (*Eleutherodactylus cooki*)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of the final recovery plan for the guajón (also referred to as the Puerto Rican demon). The guajón is one of sixteen species of frogs from the genus *Eleutherodactylus* (commonly known as “coquíes”) that inhabit the island of Puerto Rico, and is also the second largest species found on the island. The guajón is extremely limited in its geographic distribution. The species inhabits localities in the “Sierra de Panduras” mountain range, and the municipalities of Yabucoa, San Lorenzo, Humacao, Las Piedras, and west to Patillas-San Lorenzo. The guajón, named after the habitat it occupies, occurs at low and intermediate elevations, from 18 to 1,183 feet (5.5 to 360.6 meters) above sea level where it inhabits caves formed by large boulders of granite rock known as “guajonales” or streams with patches of rock without cave systems. The technical agency draft recovery plan includes specific recovery objectives and criteria to be met in order to delist the guajón under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). We solicit review and comment on this technical agency draft recovery plan from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of the recovery plan by contacting the Boquerón Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 491, Boquerón, Puerto Rico 00622 (telephone 787/851-7297), or by visiting our recovery plan Web site at <http://endangered.fws.gov/recovery/index.html#plans>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jorge Saliva at the above address (Telephone 787/851-7297, ext. 24).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

We listed the guajón as threatened on June 11, 1997, under the Act (62 FR 31757). The guajón may be the only species of *Eleutherodactylus* in Puerto Rico that exhibits differences in color between sexes. Females have solid brown coloration, with a uniformly white undersurface. They have white-rimmed eyes, and large, truncate disks on their feet. Males have yellow coloration extending from the vocal sac to the abdomen and flanks. Females are larger than males, with a mean size (snout-vent length) of 2.01 inches (in) (5.11 centimeters (cm)) for females and 1.71 in (4.34 cm) for males. The voice of the guajón is low and melodious.

For this species, deforestation and earth movement for agricultural, urban and rural development, and highway construction are likely the principal causes for decline. In addition, the guajón is threatened by the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers in adjacent areas, illegal garbage dumping, and the effects of catastrophic natural events such as droughts and hurricanes. Additional research is planned to look at these and other potential causes for decline.

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we are preparing recovery plans for most listed species. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting, and estimate time and cost for implementing recovery measures.

The 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 requires us to provide a public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment 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 take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The objective of this recovery plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of the guajón so that protection under the Act is no longer necessary. As

recovery criteria are met, the status of the species will be reviewed and they will be considered for removal from the *Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants* (50 CFR part 17).

Authority

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

Dated: August 31, 2004.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Deputy Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance: Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Calista Corporation. The lands are located in Tps. 22 and 23 N., R. 48 W., and T. 22 N., R. 49 W., Seward Meridian, in the vicinity of Donlin Creek, Alaska, and contain 17,207.68 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Tundra Drums*.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

(1) Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until October 25, 2004 to file an appeal.

(2) Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, # 13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Sitbon, by phone at (907) 271-3226, or by e-mail at *Chris_Sitbon@ak.blm.gov*. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may

call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Sitbon.

Chris Sitbon,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of Land Transfer Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-660-04-2822]

Notice of Extension of Emergency Temporary Closure (69 FR 16597, March 30, 2004) to Motorized and Mechanized Vehicle Use and Certain Other Uses on Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The BLM Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office is extending an emergency temporary closure order, which closes portions of public lands to motorized and mechanized vehicle use and prohibits or restricts certain other uses, in the South Coast Planning Area in San Diego County, California. The exception to the extended closure will be the Otay Mountain and Minnewawa Truck Trails. These roads will be opened to vehicle access. The extension of the closure is needed to protect stabilization treatments as recommended in the Department of the Interior's Burned Area Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (BAER). Extension of the closure will allow a seed treatment of native species to germinate and establish during one growing season without the threat of trampling from vehicle and other human activities.

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Plan for the Otay fire in San Diego County.

DATES: This extended emergency temporary closure will be in affect from October 30, 2004 until May 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the extended closure and a map of the closed areas can be obtained at the BLM, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 690 West Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, CA 92258, telephone (760) 251-4800; BLM, California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825, Telephone (916)

978-4600. BLM will also announce the extension of the closure through local media outlets, and by posting this notice with a map of the closed areas at key locations that provide access to the closure area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janaye Byergo, Bureau of Land Management, phone (858) 451-1767 or by e-mail at *Janaye_Byergo@ca.blm.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The same conditions and exceptions apply which were stated in the original temporary closure.

The emergency temporary closure is being extended as the conditions for ending the closure have not been met (69 FR 16599, March 30, 2004). Seeding treatments on 250 acres in Sycamore Canyon will be implemented in October 2004. The extension will protect the seeded area from off-highway (OHV) activity and other activities such as recreational target shooting and camping, allowing regeneration of native species. (43 CFR 8341.2, 43 CFR 8364.1)

Gail Acheson,

Palm Springs-South Coast Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of competitive coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the West Roundup Tract described below in Campbell County, WY, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 27, 2004. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Tuesday, October 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107), of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.