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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: September 23, 2004.

**Mark R. Johnston,**

*Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge, Walden, CO

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Summary for Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge is available. This CCP, prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, describes how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to manage this Refuge for the next 15 years.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Plan or Summary may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 457, 953 Jackson County Road #32, Walden, Colorado 80480-0457; or download from <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/planning>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Timberman, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 457, 953 Jackson County Road #32, Walden, Colorado 80480-0457. Phone 970-723-

8202; fax 970-723-8528; or e-mail: [ann\\_timberman@fws.gov](mailto:ann_timberman@fws.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), comprised of 23,243 acres, is long and narrow and is nearly bisected throughout its length by the Illinois River, within the headwaters of the North Platte River basin, in Jackson County, northern Colorado. The Refuge is situated in a high valley locally known as North Park where the native upland plant community is dominated by sagebrush and grasses, and bottomland plant associations include grassy wet meadows and willow-dominated riparian habitats, as well as natural and man-made wetlands. Over 250 species of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes utilize, occur at, or migrate through this Refuge as well as over 390 species of plants, including one federally endangered species endemic only to North Park. Arapaho NWR was established by Congress in 1967 with two purposes: “\* \* \* for uses as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds (Migratory Bird Conservation Act); and “\* \* \* for the development, advancement, management, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources \* \* \*” and “\* \* \* for the benefit of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in performing its activities and services.”

The availability of the Draft CCP and Environmental Assessment (EA) for 30-day public review and comment was announced in the **Federal Register** on August 13, 2003, in Volume 68, Number 156. The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated four alternatives for managing Arapaho NWR for the next 15 years. Alternative 1, the No Action Alternative, would have continued current management of the Refuge. Alternative 4 (Preferred Alternative) emphasizes achieving the biological potential of the Refuge through restoration of riparian habitat functions, enhancement and protection of wet meadow and wetland habitats and research on upland sage-steppe habitats within the Refuge as well as promoting partnerships and cooperating with other agencies and groups to enhance wildlife-dependent activities throughout North Park. Alternative 2 would have emphasized working on achieving the purposes of the Refuge through activities at the North Park landscape level while Alternative 3 would have maximized wildlife benefits by focusing on habitat restoration, enhancement and

protection and de-emphasizing public use opportunities at the Refuge.

Based on this assessment and comments received, the Preferred Alternative 4 was selected for implementation. The preferred alternative was selected because it best meets the purposes and goals of the Refuge, as well as the goals of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The preferred alternative will also benefit prairie dogs, large ungulates, shore birds, migrating and nesting waterfowl, and neotropical migrants, as well as improvements in water quality from riparian habitat restoration. Environmental education and partnerships will result in improved wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities throughout North Park. Cultural and historical resources will be protected.

Dated: August 11, 2004.

**John A. Blankenship,**

*Regional Director, Region 6, Denver, Colorado.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Recovery Plan for *Sidalcea oregana* var. *calva* (Wenatchee Mountains Checker-mallow)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (we) announces the availability of the final Recovery Plan for *Sidalcea oregana* var. *calva* (Wenatchee Mountains Checker-mallow). This recovery plan describes the status of the species, recovery objectives and criteria, and conservation measures needed to lessen the threats faced by the plant and bring it to the point where it no longer needs Endangered Species Act (ESA) protection.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the recovery plan are available by request from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Central Washington Field Office, 215 Melody Lane, Suite 119, Wenatchee, Washington 98801 (telephone: 509-665-3508). An electronic copy of this recovery plan is also available at <http://endangered.fws.gov/recovery/index.html#plans>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim McCracken, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Wenatchee address and telephone number.

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

Recovery of endangered or threatened animals and plants is a primary goal of the ESA and our endangered species program. Recovery means improvement of the status of listed species to the point at which listing is no longer required under the criteria set out in section 4(a)(1) of the Act. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting listed species, and estimate time and cost for implementing the measures needed for recovery.

The ESA requires the development of a recovery plan for endangered or threatened species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of the 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 *Sidalcea oregana* var. *calva* was available for public comment from October 15, 2003, to December 15, 2003 (68 FR 59414). 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 agencies or other entities so they can take these comments into account in the course of implementing recovery actions.

*Sidalcea oregana* var. *calva* was listed as an endangered species on December 22, 1999 (64 FR 71680). This rare, attractive member of the mallow family (Malvaceae) is endemic to Chelan County, Washington, where it is found in wetlands and moist meadows of the Wenatchee Mountains. Just five populations are known, and four of these five number from only eight to a few hundred individuals. Populations occur on a mixture of private, State, and Federal lands. Critical habitat was designated for this species on September 6, 2001 (66 FR 46536).

The primary threats to *Sidalcea oregana* var. *calva* include habitat fragmentation, degradation, or loss due to conversion of native wetlands to orchards and other agricultural uses; rural residential development and associated impacts; altered hydrology; competition from native and nonnative plants; recreational impacts; woody plant encroachment; and activities associated with fire suppression. To a lesser extent the species is threatened by

livestock grazing, road construction, and timber harvesting and associated impacts including changes in surface runoff. The species is highly vulnerable to extirpation from demographic factors or random, naturally occurring events due to the very small size of most of the remaining populations.

The primary objective of this recovery plan is to recover the plant to the point that it can be delisted under the ESA. Actions necessary to achieve this objective include: (1) Maintaining the current geographical distribution of the species through effective management and coordination with private landowners and other agencies; (2) identifying potential habitat and developing a sound protocol for reintroducing the species within its historical range; (3) conducting research and monitoring essential to the conservation of the species; (4) collecting seed representing the genetic diversity of the species across its range and storing it in a secure facility; (5) surveying to identify potential additional populations; and (6) developing outreach materials to provide information about the species, its habitat, and management recommendations to local landowners.

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

Dated: July 22, 2004.

**David J. Wesley,**

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

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

**[WO-310-1310-01-PB-241A and OMB Control Number 1004-0034]**

**Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted the proposed collection of information listed below to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On February 7, 2003, BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 6505) requesting comments on the collection. The comment period closed on April 8, 2003. BLM received one comment. You may obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and related explanatory material by contacting the

BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration, your comments and suggestions on the requirements should be directed within 30 days to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0034), at OMB-OIRA via facsimile to (202) 395-6566 or e-mail to [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov). Please provide a copy of your comments to the BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630) Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

*Nature of Comments:* We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;
3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
4. Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Oil and Gas Lease Transfers by Assignment of Record Title or Operating Rights (Sublease) (43 CFR 3106, 3135, 3216).

*OMB Approval Number:* 1004-0034.

*Abstract:* Respondents supply information on these forms (3000-3 and 3000-3a) to assign/transfer an interest in an oil and gas or geothermal lease.

*Form Numbers:* 3000-3 and 3000-3a.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals, small businesses, large corporations.

*Estimated Completion Time:* 30 minutes each form.

*Annual Responses:* 60,000.

*Filing Fee Per Response:* \$25 for oil and gas and \$50 for geothermal.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 30,000.

*Bureau Clearance Officer:* Ian Senio, (202) 452-5033.