

the Red River between Colfax, Louisiana, and the Arkansas state line, a distance of approximately 120 miles. the refuge growth will be strategically planned within the following five focus units:

- Lower Cane River (Natchitoches Parish).
- Spanish Lake Lowlands (Natchitoches Parish).
- Bayou Pierre Floodplain (Desoto and Red River Parishes).
- Headquarters Site (Bossier Parish).
- Wardview (Caddo Parish).

Currently, the refuge consists of 7,721 acres of fee title lands comprised of restored bottomland hardwood forest, moist soils, shrub/scrub, and fallow agricultural lands within four of the separate units. A headquarters/visitor center site is included near Shreveport/Bossier City. Another 1,100 acres of lands are under a management agreement at the Spanish Lake Lowlands Unit.

The Service will conduct a comprehensive conservation planning process that will provide opportunity for state and local government agencies, organizations, and the public to participate in issue scoping and public comment. Comments received by the planning team will be used as part of the planning process. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations [40 CFR 1506.6(f)].

Authority: This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105-57.

Dated: February 21, 2006.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Recovery Plan for *Hackelia venusta* (Showy Stickseed)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability for review and comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("we"), announce the availability of the Draft Recovery Plan for *Hackelia venusta* (Showy Stickseed), for public review and comment.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before May 12, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following location: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Central Washington Field Office, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801 (telephone: 509-665-3508). Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding this plan should be addressed to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services, at the above Wenatchee address. An electronic copy of the draft recovery plan is also available online at <http://endangered.fws.gov/recovery/index.html#plans>.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and our endangered species program. The ESA (16 U.S.C. 1533 (f)) requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Recovery plans help guide the recovery effort by describing actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establishing criteria for downlisting or delisting listed species, and estimating time and cost for implementing the measures needed for recovery (16 U.S.C. 1533 (f)).

Section 4(f) of the ESA also requires that public notice, and an opportunity for public review and comment, be provided during recovery plan development. We will consider all information presented during the public comment period in the development of each new or revised recovery plan. Comments received may result in changes to the draft recovery plan. Comments regarding recovery plan implementation may be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions. Individual responses to comments will not be provided.

Showy stickseed (*Hackelia venusta*) is a perennial plant with showy white or blue-tinged flowers in the forget-me-not plant family (Boraginaceae). The species is a narrow endemic, being known from

only 1 population of roughly 600 individuals in Chelan County, Washington. It occurs primarily on Federal lands, but a very small portion of the population is on private lands. Within its limited range, *Hackelia venusta* is found in open areas of steeply sloping, highly unstable granitic sand and granite cliffs. The common feature to its habitat appears to be the relatively sparse cover of other vascular plants and low canopy cover.

Hackelia venusta was listed as an endangered species on February 6, 2002 (67 FR 5515). The major threats to *Hackelia venusta* include collection and physical disturbance to the plants and habitat by humans, mass wasting (landslides), nonnative noxious weeds, competition and shading from native trees and shrubs due to fire suppression, some highway maintenance activities, and low seedling establishment. The small population size and limited geographic extent of the species exacerbates all of these threats, and renders *Hackelia venusta* highly vulnerable to extirpation or extinction from either human-caused or random natural events.

Objectives of a recovery plan would be to reduce the threats to *Hackelia venusta* and increase population size and geographic distribution. The first step in the recovery strategy for the species would be to protect and stabilize the existing population. This would include management to maintain an open habitat, noxious weed control, minimizing the damage of collection and trampling within the population, seed collection and long-term seed banking to protect the genetic resources of the species, and the development and implementation of management plans. In addition, to reduce the potential for extinction due to loss of the single population, recovery actions will likely require establishing additional populations within the estimated historical range of the species.

Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the draft recovery plan described in this notice. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered in the development of this plan.

Authority

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

Dated: December 6, 2005.

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

[CA-310-0777-XX]

Notice of Public Meeting: Northeast California Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northeast California Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday and Friday, April 20 and 21, 2006, in the Conference Room of the Bureau of Land Management Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Dr., Susanville, Calif. The meeting runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 20, and then reconvenes at 8 a.m. on April 21. Time for public comment is reserved for 11 a.m. on April 21.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Burke, BLM Alturas Field Office Manager, (530) 233-4666; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, (530) 252-5332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Northeast California and the northwest corner of Nevada. At this meeting, agenda topics will include a review of draft Resource Management Plans for the Alturas, Eagle Lake and Surprise field offices, a discussion on Stewardship Contracting and a discussion of the possibilities of land exchanges at Eagle Lake in Lassen County, Calif. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have time allocated for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Members of the public are welcome on field tours,

but they must provide their own transportation and lunch. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation and other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: March 3, 2006.

Joseph J. Fontana,

Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NMNM 0554560]

Public Land Order No. 7656; Revocation of Public Land Order No. 3620; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes, in its entirety, a public land order which withdrew 120 acres of public land and reserved it for use by the Forest Service as an administrative site. The land was never used for the intended purpose and the withdrawal is no longer needed.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 13, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gilda Fitzpatrick, BLM New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502, 505-438-7597.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service has determined that the withdrawal is no longer needed and has requested the revocation. The land will not be opened to surface entry or mining until completion of an analysis to determine if any of the land needs special designation.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

Public Land Order No. 3620 (30 FR 5379, April 15, 1965), which withdrew public land to protect a National Forest administrative site, is hereby revoked in its entirety.

Dated: February 27, 2006.

Mark Limbaugh,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU 42838]

Public Land Order No. 7657; Partial Revocation of Secretarial Order Dated December 15, 1906, and Revocation of Secretarial Order Dated July 27, 1907; Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes two Secretarial Orders insofar as they affect approximately 560 acres of National Forest System lands withdrawn for the protection of two Forest Service ranger stations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 13, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marsha Fryer, Forest Service, Intermountain Region, 324-25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401-2310, 801-625-5802.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service has determined that these lands no longer need to be withdrawn and has requested the revocation. The lands will not be opened to surface entry or mining until completion of an analysis to determine if any of the lands need special designation or protection.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Secretarial Order dated December 15, 1906, which withdrew National Forest System lands for protection of Ranger Station Nos. 4 and 6, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described lands:

Dixie National Forest (Formally Sevier National Forest)

Ranger Station No. 4 (Blue Spring Administrative Site)

Salt Lake Meridian

T. 36 S., R. 7 W.,
sec. 7, NE¹/₄SE¹/₄ and NE¹/₄SE¹/₄SE¹/₄.

Ranger Station No. 6 (Duck Creek Administrative Site)

T. 38 S., R. 8 W.,
sec. 12, lots 3 and 4 and W¹/₂SE¹/₄.

The areas described aggregate approximately 200 acres in Garfield and Kane Counties.

2. The Secretarial Order dated July 27, 1907, which withdrew the following described National Forest System lands for the protection of Ranger Station No. 4, is hereby revoked in its entirety: