

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Restoring endangered or threatened animals or plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the Act and our endangered species program. The Act 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 necessary recovery measures.

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 technical agency draft recovery plan for the Spring Creek bladderpod was available for public comment from September 12, 2005, through November 14, 2005 (70 FR 53808). We received no comments from interested parties. We received comments from the three Spring Creek bladderpod experts who served as official peer reviewers of the recovery plan. The comments and information submitted by peer reviewers were considered in the preparation of this final plan and, where appropriate, were incorporated into the plan.

The Spring Creek bladderpod was listed as endangered on January 22, 1997 (61 FR 67493). This annual plant, endemic to the Central Basin in Tennessee, is restricted to the floodplains of three creeks (Bartons, Spring, and Cedar) in Wilson County, Tennessee. It can be found in agricultural fields, pastures, glades, and disturbed areas. The Spring Creek bladderpod requires some degree of disturbance, such as scouring from natural flooding or plowing of the soil, to complete its life cycle.

Factors contributing to its endangered status are an extremely limited range and loss of habitat. The main threat is the loss of habitat by conversion of land to uses other than cultivation of annual crops, primarily rapid commercial, residential, and industrial development occurring throughout Wilson County. Encroachment of more competitive herbaceous and woody plants also presents a threat.

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

recovery plan includes specific recovery objectives and downlisting and delisting criteria. As recovery criteria are met, the status of the species will be reviewed and it will be considered for removal from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants (50 CFR 17.12). Actions needed to recover the Spring Creek bladderpod include: (1) Protect and manage existing occurrences and habitats; (2) develop and implement management strategies for the species; (3) develop communication with local officials to coordinate county planning; (4) utilize existing environmental laws to protect the plant and its floodplain habitat; (5) conduct monitoring at all sites; (6) conduct seed ecology studies; (7) search for new populations; (8) establish new occurrences within the historic range; (9) maintain seed source ex situ; (10) develop and implement public education plans; (11) annually assess the success of recovery efforts for the species.

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

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Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Integrated Resource Management Plan for the Spokane Indian Reservation, Stevens County, WA**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), in cooperation with the Spokane Tribe of Indians (Tribe), intends to file a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) for the Spokane Indian Reservation, Washington, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and that the DEIS is now available for public review. The purpose of the proposed action is to update the Tribe's existing IRMP, in order to provide for the development of long-term resource management policies that will ensure direction and stability for sustained growth of reservation economics, compatible with traditional values and needs for a quality human environment.

This notice also announces a public hearing to receive public comments on the DEIS.

DATES: Written comments must arrive by November 6, 2006. The public hearing will be held September 27, 2006, starting at 5:30 p.m. and continuing until all those who wish to make statements have been heard.

ADDRESSES: You may mail, hand carry, or fax written comments to Donna R. Smith, Geologist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Spokane Agency, Agency Square, Building 201, P.O. Box 389, Wellpinit, Washington 99040, fax (509) 258-7542. Please include your name and mailing address with your comments so documents pertaining to this project may be sent to you. You may also e-mail comments to irmp@spokanetribe.com.

The public hearing will be at the Alfred McCoy Building, Ford/Wellpinit Road, Wellpinit, Washington.

Persons wishing copies of this DEIS should immediately contact the Spokane Tribe of Indians, Attention: Rudy Peone, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 480, Wellpinit, Washington 99040; Telephone (509) 258-9042. The DEIS is also available on line at http://www.spokanetribe.com/d_n_r_.htm. An abstract of the DEIS has been sent to all agencies and individuals who participated in the scoping process and to all others who have already requested copies of the document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rudy Peone, (509) 258-9042.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed BIA action is approval of the Tribe's updating and implementation of an IRMP. The proposed IRMP covers a period of 10 years and addresses resources of value on all of the approximately 157,000 acres within the boundaries of the Spokane Indian Reservation and/or under the jurisdiction of the Tribe, including, but not limited to, air quality, cultural resources, fisheries, wildlife, timber, surface and ground water resources, range, agriculture, recreation, mining, residential development, economic development land uses, and infrastructure. The updated IRMP would be implemented in fiscal year 2007 by both the BIA and Spokane Tribe.

The DEIS analyzes a range of feasible alternatives to address both current and projected needs over the next 10 years. These alternatives are as follows:

(1) No Action, which would continue the existing IRMP with no change in management style;

(2) Preservation and Cultural Emphasis, which would provide the

greatest level of environmental and cultural protection;

(3) Preservation of All Future Uses (preferred alternative), with outcome based performance which would balance ecological and cultural values with the need for income;

(4) Growth and Economic Emphasis, which would allow decisions to be driven by economics; and

(5) Individual Freedom Emphasis, which would allow individuals maximum freedom to develop land within the current regulatory framework.

Other government agencies and members of the public have contributed to the scoping of these alternatives and the preparation of the DEIS. A Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS for the proposed IRMP for the Spokane Indian Reservation, inviting comments on the scope and content of the EIS, was published in the **Federal Register** on January 9, 2003 (68 FR 1190). A public scoping meeting followed on January 23, 2003, in Wellpinit, Washington, in order to obtain further input from the Tribe, from Federal, State, and local Agencies, and from the interested public.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of

authority delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: August 23, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice to the Public of Temporary Public Lands Closures and Prohibitions of Certain Activities on Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office, NE

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of temporary closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain lands located in northwestern Nevada partly within the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area will be temporarily closed or restricted and certain activities will be temporarily prohibited in and around the Burning Man event site administered by the BLM Winnemucca Field Office in Pershing County, Nevada.

The specified closures, restrictions and prohibitions are made in the interest of public safety at and around the public lands location of an event known as the Burning Man Festival. This event is authorized on public lands under a special recreation permit and is expected to attract approximately 37,000 participants this year.

In summary, these lands will be closed or restricted with regard to the following:

- August 11, 2006 through September 18, 2006 inclusive: Discharge of firearms, possession of weapons, waste water disposal, camping, and circumstances and procedures for eviction of persons from public lands.
- August 25, 2006 through September 4, 2006 inclusive: Aircraft landing, possession of fireworks, possession of alcohol by minors, vehicle use, and all public uses.

1. Public Closure Area: Within the Following Legally Described Locations

Mount Diablo Meridian

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 24 E., secs. 1 and 2, portion west of the east playa road; sec. 3; sec. 4, portion east of County Rd.

34; sec. 5, E¹/₂, portion east of County Rd. 34; sec. 10, N¹/₂; sec. 11; E¹/₂, portion west of the east playa road.

Unsurveyed T. 33¹/₂ N., R. 24 E., secs. 25 and 26; sec. 28, portion east of the west playa road; sec. 33, portion east of County Rd. 34 and east of the west playa road; secs. 34, 35 and 36.

Unsurveyed T. 34 N., R. 24 E., sec. 34, S¹/₂, portion east of the west playa road; sec. 35, S¹/₂; sec. 36, S¹/₂.

T. 33 N., R. 25 E., sec. 4, Lots 3, 4 and 5; portions west of the east playa road. Unsurveyed T. 34 N., R. 25 E., sec. 33, SW¹/₄.

1.1. Between August 11, 2006 and September 18, 2006 Inclusive

1.1.1. Public Use

Public use is prohibited except as provided within the Event Area as described below.

1.1.2. Public Camping

Public camping is prohibited except as provided within the Event Area as described below.

1.1.3. Aircraft Landing

Aircraft are prohibited from landing, taking off, or taxiing. The following exceptions apply: Aircraft operations conducted through the authorized event landing strip and such ultralight and helicopter take-off and landing areas for Burning Man event staff and participants as may be included in the annual operation plan submitted by Black Rock City, LLC and approved by the authorized officer; and law enforcement, and emergency medical services aircraft such as Care Flight, Sheriff's Office, or Medical Ambulance Transport System helicopters engaged in official business may land in other locations when circumstances require it.

Note: The authorized event airstrip and adjacent designated ultra-light and helicopter landing areas are the only location where Burning Man event staff and participant aircraft may land or take off.

1.1.4. Possession of Alcohol

Possession of alcohol by minors is prohibited.

- The following are prohibited:
 - Consumption or possession of any alcoholic beverage by a person under 21 years of age on public lands.
 - Selling, offering to sell, or otherwise furnishing or supplying any alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 years of age on public lands.
 - This section does not apply to the selling, handling, serving or transporting of alcoholic beverages by a person in the course of his lawful employment by a licensed manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer of alcoholic beverages.