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Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial properly such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Collaborations with NCBCs.

Date: September 11-12, 2007.

Time: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Malgorzata Klosek, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4188, MSC 7849, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-2211, klosekm@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Musculoskeletal, Oral and Skin Sciences Integrated Review Group, Arthritis, Connective Tissue and Skin Study Section.

Date: September 17-18, 2007.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Crowne Plaza—Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Contact Person: Aftab A. Ansari, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4108, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-6376, ansaria@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, PAR-06-473 Transitional Research on the Relationship of Anxiety and Depression (R21).

Date: September 19-20, 2007.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Maribeth Champoux, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3146, MSC 7759, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-3163, champoum@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Neuropsychiatric Mechanisms, Models and Pharmacology.

Date: September 20, 2007.

Time: 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Boris P. Sokolov, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5217A, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1197, bsokolov@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Resource for MRI of Neurodegenerative Disorders.

Date: September 23-24, 2007.

Time: 6 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Residence Inn Bethesda, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Behrouz Shabestari, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5106, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-2409, shabestb@csr.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for the City of Greeley Bellvue Filter Plant Raw Water Ponds Toe Drain Project, in Larimer County, CO

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of application.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the City of Greeley (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 Preble's meadow jumping mouse, *Zapus hudsonius preblei* (Preble's), federally-listed as threatened, through loss and modification of its habitat, periodically used for foraging, breeding and/or hibernation, associated with construction and installation of a toe drain around the base of the perimeter of two raw water storage ponds located at the City of Greeley's Bellvue Filter Plant in Larimer 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 Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan (LEHCP) for Preble's at the Bellvue Filter Plant site. The LEHCP fully describes the project and the measures the Applicant would undertake to minimize and mitigate project impacts to Preble's. A bald eagle nest also exists near the project area. In the LEHCP, the Applicant proposes to avoid all adverse impacts to the bald eagle through restrictions on the timing of the project, and thus does not seek coverage under the permit for the eagle.

The Service plans to process the application under a categorical exclusion from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 in accordance with our Habitat Conservation Planning and Incidental Take Permit Processing Handbook (November 1996). We request comments on the permit application, including the LEHCP.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 17, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Susan Linner, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Field Office, P.O. Box

25486, Denver, Colorado 80225. Comments also may be submitted by facsimile to (303) 236-4005. Individuals wanting copies of the LEHCP and associated documents for review should immediately contact the above office. The LEHCP and associated documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam Misztal, (303) 236-4753, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Field Office (see above).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 9 of the Act and implementing 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 a listed species under limited circumstances. Implementing regulations define "incidental taking" as any taking otherwise prohibited, if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are located at 50 CFR 17.32.

The project is located at the City of Greeley's Bellvue Filter Plant in Larimer County, Colorado; S½ of Section 14, in Township 8 North, Range 70 West. The Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates of the approximate center of the project area are Zone 13: 483780 mE, 4500530 mN. The Bellvue Filter Plant is the primary drinking water facility for the City of Greeley. The plant operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year-round. The project involves the construction of a buried toe drain around the perimeter of two raw water ponds located at the Bellvue Filter Plant. The project is located adjacent to riparian habitat along the Cache la Poudre River, which is potentially occupied by Preble's. The project will disturb a total of 0.10 hectare (0.24 acre) of Preble's habitat 0.04 hectare (0.09 acre) of permanent impact and 0.06 hectare (0.15 acre) of temporary impact. Greeley will complete the project consistent with this LEHCP, which contains provisions to enhance habitat for Preble's and lists conservation measures for Preble's and bald eagles. The project will provide a net benefit for nesting bald eagles over the long term by protecting the two raw water ponds at the site that provide potential foraging habitat for the eagles. Greeley

does not anticipate incidental take of bald eagles related to the project and, therefore, as noted above does not seek coverage for the eagle under the permit.

Development of the LEHCP identified three alternatives—(1) Construct the project while minimizing impacts to Preble's and avoid adverse impacts to bald eagles to the maximum extent practicable (Preferred Alternative); (2) Construct only that portion of the project more than 91 meters (300 feet) from the 100-year floodplain (no impact to Preble's habitat); and (3) No action. A fourth alternative, waiting for a regional section 10(A)(1)(B) permit, also was considered but not carried forward, because no regional permit is currently planned that would cover the project area.

To mitigate impacts that may result from incidental take, the LEHCP provides a conservation plan that will likely provide a net benefit to the Preble's mouse and other wildlife by enhancing certain riparian corridors on the plant site and associated wetland areas through revegetation efforts and the creation of new habitat. Project construction will disturb 0.10 hectare (0.24 acre) of riparian shrubs and trees that provide potentially suitable habitat for Preble's. Approximately 0.04 hectare (0.09 acre) of this disturbance would be permanent. To mitigate for potential impacts to Preble's, Greeley will enhance 0.16 hectare (0.40 acre) of riparian habitat. Enhancement of this acreage will include the creation of a travel corridor between two existing habitat areas. Greeley also will reseed with native grasses and revegetate with native shrubs and trees. In addition, a qualified biologist will monitor implementation of the LEHCP, including all mitigation efforts, and will prepare an annual report on the progress of habitat improvement measures for a minimum of three growing seasons, or until success criteria are met.

The Service has made the preliminary determination that approval of the LEHCP qualifies as a categorical exclusion under NEPA, as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1) and as a "low-effect" plan as defined by the Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook (November 1996). Determination of LEHCPs is based on the following three criteria: (1) Implementation of the LEHCP would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) implementation of the LEHCP would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) impacts of the

LEHCP, considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or other resources that would be considered significant.

Based on this preliminary determination, we do not intend to prepare further NEPA documentation. We will consider public comments in making the final determination whether to prepare such additional documentation.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act. We will evaluate the permit application, the LEHCP, and comments submitted herein to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of Preble's in conjunction with the construction and installation of the toe drain around the perimeter of the raw water ponds located at the Bellvue Filter Plant. The final permit decision will be made after public comments are considered.

Dated: July 31, 2007.

Susan C. Linner,

Colorado Field Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Little Sandy National Wildlife Refuge, Located in Wood County, TX

AGENCY: Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service, Southwest Region, intends to gather information necessary to prepare a CCP and EA for Little Sandy National Wildlife Refuge, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, to achieve the following:

- (1) Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions,
- (2) Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental document.

DATES: Special mailings, newspaper articles, postings, and media announcements will inform people of