American requirements with respect to work, using CFRFC grant funds, based on the fact that the inclusion of the domestic equivalent of the manufactured goods (AKW Mullen shower stalls) would have increased the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.


Sandra B. Henriquez,
Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Royalty Policy Committee (RPC) Notice of Renewal

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the Royalty Policy Committee.

SUMMARY: The Royalty Policy Committee provides advice to the Secretary of the Interior on the management of Federal and Indian mineral leases and revenues under the laws governing the Department of the Interior. The Committee will also review and comment on revenue management and related mineral and energy-related policies, and provide a forum to convey views representative of mineral lessees, operators, revenue payors, revenue recipients, governmental agencies, and public interest groups. The Royalty Policy Committee reports to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Minerals Management Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Gina Dan, Minerals Revenue Management, Minerals Management Service; Denver, Colorado 80225–0165; telephone number (303) 231–3392.

Certification

I hereby certify that the renewal of the Royalty Policy Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by 43 U.S.C. 1331 et. seq.

Dated: March 26, 2010.

Ken Salazar,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Notice of Availability of a Technical Agency Draft Recovery Plan for Pyne’s Ground-Plum (Astragalus bibullatus) for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and opening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of the technical agency draft recovery plan for Pyne’s ground-plum (Astragalus bibullatus), a species endemic to the Central Basin in Tennessee. The draft recovery plan includes specific recovery objectives and criteria the species would have to meet in order for us to downlist it to threatened status or delist it under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). We request review and comment on this draft recovery plan from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public.

DATES: In order to be considered, we must receive comments on the draft recovery plan on or before June 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to review the draft recovery plan, you may obtain a copy by contacting the Tennessee Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 446 Neal Street, Cookeville, TN 38501 (telephone 931/528–6481), or by visiting our recovery plan Web site at http://endangered.fws.gov/recovery/index.html#plans. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods:

1. You may submit written comments and materials to the Field Supervisor, at the above address.
2. You may hand-deliver written comments to our Tennessee Field Office at the above address, or fax your comments to 931/528–7075.
3. You may send comments by e-mail to geoff_call@fws.gov.

For additional information about submitting comments, see the “Request for Public Comments” section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Geoff Call at the above address (telephone 931/528–6481, ext. 213).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

We listed Pyne’s ground-plum as an endangered species under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), on September 26, 1991 (56 FR 48748). This species is a rare perennial member of the pea family (Fabaceae) endemic to the limestone cedar glades in the Central Basin Section of the Interior Low Plateau (Tennessee). It is currently known from only eight extant occurrences (specific locations or sites) located within 90 square miles in Rutherford County, Tennessee, within a short distance of the rapidly growing city of Murfreesboro.

Factors contributing to its endangered status are an extremely limited range and loss of habitat. The primary threat is the loss of habitat from residential, commercial, or industrial development; livestock grazing; woody encroachment; and recreational uses such as all terrain vehicles.

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 technical agency draft plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of this species so that protection under the Act is no longer necessary. Pyne’s ground-plum will be considered for reclassification to threatened status when there are nine occurrences that are distributed throughout the cedar glade ecosystem of the Stones River Basin within Davidson, Rutherford, and Wilson Counties. Each occurrence should have at least 100 plants, be maintained for at least 5 years, have a cooperative management agreement in place, and be located on lands owned and managed by a public agency, or located on private lands protected by a permanent conservation easement. Pyne’s ground-plum will be considered for delisting when there are