

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R3-ES-2009-N0065; 30120-1113-0000 D3]

**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan for Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)****AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of availability of post-delisting monitoring plan.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of the final post-delisting monitoring plan (PDM Plan) for the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*). The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires that we implement a system, in cooperation with the States, to monitor effectively for at least 5 years the status of all species that have been recovered and no longer need ESA protection. In 2007, we removed the bald eagle in the contiguous 48 States from the Federal List of Threatened and Endangered Wildlife and Plants (delisted) due to recovery. Over a 20-year period, we will monitor the status of the bald eagle, at 5-year intervals.

**ADDRESSES:** To request a copy of the final PDM Plan, write to Jody Millar at our Rock Island Field Office: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1511 47th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265; or call (309) 757-5800. You may also request copies by e-mailing us at [baldeaglePDM@fws.gov](mailto:baldeaglePDM@fws.gov). Specify whether you want to receive a hard copy by U.S. mail or an electronic copy by e-mail. The final PDM Plan may also be downloaded from our regional Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered> or our bald eagle Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/baldeagle.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jody Millar (see **ADDRESSES**). Individuals who are hearing-impaired or speech-impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8337 for TTY assistance, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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

In the 1970s, bald eagle surveys conducted by the Service, other cooperating agencies, and conservation organizations revealed that the bald eagle population was declining throughout the contiguous 48 States. On December 31, 1972, DDT was banned from use in the United States by the Environmental Protection Agency. The

following year, the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544) was passed. In 1978, the bald eagle was listed throughout the contiguous 48 States as endangered except in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Washington, and Oregon, where it was listed as threatened (43 FR 6233, February 14, 1978).

Listing the eagle under the ESA and banning of DDT and other harmful organochlorine chemicals resulted in significant increases in the breeding population of the species throughout the contiguous 48 States. On July 6, 1999, we published a proposed rule (64 FR 36454) to delist the bald eagle in the contiguous 48 States. This document included a draft monitoring plan and requested public comments. Slightly more than 10 percent of all comments we received on that proposal were concerned with post-delisting monitoring and the draft monitoring plan. Since then, we have revised the monitoring plan in response to the comments we received.

We published the notice of availability for the revised draft monitoring plan and the final rule on delisting simultaneously in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 37346) on July 9, 2007. After the comment period closed on October 9, 2007, we reviewed each comment we received and addressed those comments in the final bald eagle post-delisting monitoring plan that we make available now through this notice.

Section 4(g)(1) of the ESA requires that we implement a system, in cooperation with the States, to effectively monitor for not less than 5 years the status of all species that have been recovered and delisted. In order to meet the ESA's monitoring requirement and to facilitate efficient data collection, we have designed a sampling method capable of detecting substantial changes in the bald eagle population in the contiguous 48 States.

Monitoring will consist of collecting information on the number of nesting bald eagles in the contiguous 48 States using State collected data and stratified sampling based on density of identified bald eagle nest sites. Our Bald Eagle Monitoring Team will work cooperatively with the States, Tribes, other agencies, and partners to collect this information. We will analyze the information after each monitoring effort and will propose adjustments to the sampling design, if necessary. At the end of each 5th-year monitoring event, we will review all available information to determine the status of the bald eagle. If these data indicate that the estimated bald eagle population is experiencing significant decreases, we will initiate more intensive review or studies to

determine the cause, or take action to re-list the bald eagle under Section 4 of the ESA, if necessary.

Monitoring under the post-delisting monitoring plan began in spring of 2009. We will publish a report on the results of the 2009 monitoring event within 1 year of survey and data analysis completion. This will be the first of our 5-year reports. The reports will be posted on our Web sites, <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered> and <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/baldeagle.htm>.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the information collection and recordkeeping requirements included in the PDM Plan have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB control number 1018-0143, which expires on November 30, 2012. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Author**

The primary author of this document is Jody Millar (see **ADDRESSES**).

**Authority**

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: May 28, 2010.

**Lynn Lewis,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Ft. Snelling, MN.*

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

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**Notice of filing of plats**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plats.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is publishing this notice to inform the public of the intent to file the land survey plats listed below, and to afford all affected parties a proper period of time to protest this action, prior to the plat filing.

**DATES:** Unless there are protests of this action, the filing of the plats described in this notice will happen on July 6, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** BLM, Colorado State Office, Cadastral Survey, 2850 Youngfield

Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215–7093.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Randy Bloom, Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado, (303) 239–3856.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurveys and surveys in Township 8 South, Range 96 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on January 12, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurvey in Township 2 North, Range 72 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on January 20, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurvey, in Sections 12 and 13, Township 2 North, Range 72 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on January 20, 2010.

The plat of Protraction Diagram 53, of Township 38 North, Range 8 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted on March 24, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurvey, in Section 14, Township 1 North, Range 72 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on March 31, 2010.

The supplemental plat of Section 11 in Township 1 North, Range 72 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted on April 9, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurvey and surveys, in Township 4 South, Range 94 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on April 12, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the corrective dependent resurvey, in Township 9 North, Range 79 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on April 16, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurvey, in Township 3 South, Range 73 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on April 28, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurvey, in Township 3 North, Range 72 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on May 4, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurvey in Township 7 South, Range 99 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on May 5, 2010.

The plat of Protraction Diagram 54, of Township 11 South, Range 86 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted on May 5, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurveys of mineral surveys in Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 71 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on May 19, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurveys of mineral surveys in Section 13, Township 1 North, Range 72 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on May 19, 2010.

The supplemental plat of Section 13 in Township 1 North, Range 72 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted on May 20, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurvey in Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 80 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on May 21, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurvey of certain mineral surveys in Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 80 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on May 21, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 6 South, Range 91 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on May 25, 2010.

The plat and field notes, of the dependent resurvey in Township 1 South, Range 77 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on May 26, 2010.

If a protest of any of these projects is received prior to the date of the official filing, the official filing of that project will be stayed pending consideration of the merits of the protest.

**Randy Bloom,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Montana**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plats of survey.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, July 6, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Montoya, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101–4669, telephone (406) 896–5124 or (406) 896–5009.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was executed at the request of the Superintendent, Fort Peck Agency, through the Rocky Mountain Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and was necessary to determine boundaries of trust or tribal interest lands.

The lands we surveyed are:

**Principal Meridian, Montana**

T. 28 N., R. 53 E.

The plat, in 1 sheet, representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the south and west boundaries and the subdivisional lines, the adjusted original meanders of the former left bank of the Missouri River, downstream, through sections 30 and 31, a portion of the subdivision of sections 30 and 31, and the subdivision of sections 30 and 31 and the survey of the meanders of the present left bank of the Missouri River, downstream, through sections 30 and 31, the left bank of a relicted channel of the Missouri River, downstream, through sections 30 and 31, the medial lines of two relicted channels of the Missouri River, through sections 30 and 31, a division of accretion line, certain partition lines and an island (Tract 37), Township 28 North, Range 53 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted May 25, 2010.

We will place a copy of the plat, in 1 sheet, and related field notes we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information. If the BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, in 1 sheet, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest. We will not officially file this plat, in 1 sheet, until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions or appeals.

**Authority:** 43 U.S.C. Chap 3.

Dated: May 27, 2010.

**James D. Claffin,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with