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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We announce the availability of our final recovery plan, first revision, for the Mexican Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*). The revised recovery plan was prepared by a team of experts from both the United States and Mexico; team members were appointed by the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Southwest Region. We made the draft plan available via a **Federal Register** notice published on June 24, 2011 (76 FR 37141); this notice opened a comment period that ran through August 23, 2011, and requested comments from local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public. We considered information we received from these entities, as well as that obtained from three independent peer reviewers, in finalizing this revised recovery plan.

Background

Recovery of 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 our endangered species program and the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Recovery means improvement of the status of listed species to the point at which listing is no longer appropriate under the criteria set out in section 4(a)(1) of the Act. The Act requires the development of recovery plans for listed species, unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species.

Species' History

We listed the Mexican spotted owl as a threatened species under the Act on March 16, 1993 (58 FR 14248). We designated critical habitat on August 31, 2004 (69 FR 53182). We originally completed a recovery plan for the Mexican spotted owl on October 16, 1995. However, updates on status information and experience in implementing the original recovery plan led to our determination that revision was warranted.

The Mexican spotted owl nests and roosts in forested areas exhibiting multilayered, unevenly aged tree structure, and in steep, rocky canyonlands. Forested habitats used by the owl vary throughout the species'

range and by activity (nesting, roosting, foraging, dispersal/migration). However, the forest types believed most important to Mexican spotted owls are mixed conifer, pine-oak, and riparian habitats.

At the time of the species' listing, chief threats to the owl's population in the United States were commercial-based timber harvest; however, at this time, the risk of stand-replacing wildfire has come into prominence. The revised recovery plan recommends protection of currently occupied home ranges, plus development of replacement nesting/roosting habitat over time. The plan recognizes the need to manage these forest landscapes to minimize the effects of large, stand-replacing wildfires, believed to be the greatest current threat to the species.

Recovery Plan Goals

The objective of an agency recovery plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of a species so that protection under the Act is no longer necessary. A recovery plan includes scientific information about the species and provides criteria and actions necessary for us to be able to remove it from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (List). Recovery plans help guide our recovery efforts by describing actions we consider necessary for the species' conservation, and by estimating time and costs for implementing needed recovery measures. To achieve its goals, this recovery plan identifies the following objectives:

- Support the population of the Mexican spotted owl for the foreseeable future.
- Maintain habitat conditions necessary to provide roosting and nesting habitat for the Mexican spotted owl through time.

The revised recovery plan contains recovery criteria based on maintaining and/or increasing population numbers and habitat quality and quantity. The revised recovery plan focuses on protecting populations, managing threats, maintaining habitat, monitoring progress, and building partnerships to facilitate recovery.

As the subspecies meets recovery criteria, we will review the subspecies' status and consider removal from the List.

Authority

We developed our recovery plan under the authority of section 4(f) of the Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f). We publish this notice under section 4(f) Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 5, 2012.

Joy E. Nicholopoulos,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Land Acquisitions; Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of final agency determination.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 127.65 acres of land in trust for the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma on December 6, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Bureau of Indian Affairs, MS-3657 MIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1, and is published to comply with the requirements of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land in trust. On December 6, 2012, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs decided to accept approximately 127.65 acres of land into trust for the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465, described as:

The 127.65 acres are located approximately 6 miles from the tribal headquarters in Kay County, Oklahoma, and described as follows:

A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 26 North, Range 1 West of the Indian Meridian, Kay County, State of Oklahoma and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 26 North, Range 1 West; thence North 89 deg. 02 min. 51 sec. East along the North line of said Section 31, for a distance of 800 feet; thence South 0 deg. 57 min. 09 sec. East 430 feet; thence North 89 deg. 02 min. 51 sec. East, 1423.15 (Measured) feet to a point on the West right of way line of Interstate Highway 35; thence South 14 deg. 10 min. 32 sec. East, 687.71 feet along said West right of way line; thence South 14 deg. 10 min. 32 sec. East, 687.71 feet along said West right of

way line; thence South 0 deg. 46 min. 24 sec. East, 1540.52 along said West right of way line to the intersection with the South line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 31; thence South 89 deg. 03 min. 54. sec. West along the South line of said Northwest Quarter of said Section 31, 2385.25 (Measured) feet to the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of Section 31; thence, North 0 deg. 44 min. 38 sec. West along the West line of said Northwest Quarter of Section 31, 2639.27 (Measured) feet to the true point of beginning.

Dated: December 6, 2012.

Kevin K. Washburn,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Amended Proposed Withdrawal; Partial Termination of Segregative Effect; Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget has approved an amendment to a previously filed application to withdraw public lands in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the public land laws, including the United States mining laws, on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to protect and preserve Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) for future solar energy development. This Notice amends the prior proposal notice of which was published in the **Federal Register** on April 21, 2011 (76 FR 22414), to increase the proposed withdrawal term from 5 to 20 years, decrease the acreage proposed for withdrawal, and provide revised legal descriptions for the 17 remaining SEZs presented in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States (Programmatic EIS). This Notice also terminates the segregative effect as to lands no longer included in the application. The purpose of the proposed withdrawal has also changed so that the lands would now be protected for future solar energy development.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 18, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the BLM Director, 1849 C Street NW. (WO-350), Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ray Brady, BLM, by telephone at 202-912-7312, or by email at rbrady@blm.gov; or one of the BLM state offices listed below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant is the BLM at the address above, and its amended application requests the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget to withdraw, subject to valid existing rights, approximately 303,900 acres of public lands located in the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the public land laws, including the United States mining laws, but not the mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, or the mineral material laws. Copies of maps depicting the revised land descriptions are available at the Programmatic EIS Web site (<http://solareis.anl.gov>) and are also available from the BLM offices listed below:

Arizona State Office, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004; California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1623, Sacramento, California 95825; Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215; Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada 89502; New Mexico State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508; Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

The proposed SEZs depicted on the maps are described as follows:

ARIZONA—AZ 035131

Gila and Salt River Meridian

Brenda SEZ

T. 5 N., R. 15 W.,

Sec. 31, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 4 N., R. 16 W.,

Sec. 1, lots 3 and 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$; Secs. 2, 3, and 4;

Sec. 9, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 11, NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate approximately 3,343 acres.

Gillespie SEZ

T. 2 S., R. 6 W.,

Sec. 6, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 7, N $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 8, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 9, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 15, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 16, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 22, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 23, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 24, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed.

T. 2 S., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate approximately 2,607 acres.

CALIFORNIA—CA 050951

San Bernardino Meridian

Riverside East SEZ

T. 4 S., R. 15 E.,

Sec. 25, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, excluding fee easement CARI 07041;

Sec. 26, N $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, excluding fee easements CALA 053581 and CARI 07041;

Sec. 27, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, excluding the Chuckwalla Desert Wildlife Management Area (DWMA) and fee easements CALA 053581 and CARI 07041;

Sec. 34, E $\frac{1}{2}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, excluding the Chuckwalla DWMA;

Sec. 35, lot 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, excluding fee easements CALA 053581, CARI 07041, and CALA 057221.

T. 5 S., R. 15 E.,

Sec. 3, lot 1 in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 2 in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, excluding the Chuckwalla DWMA;

Sec. 10, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, excluding the Chuckwalla DWMA;

Sec. 13, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 14, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 15, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, excluding the Chuckwalla DWMA;

Sec. 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, excluding the Chuckwalla DWMA;

Sec. 23, N $\frac{1}{2}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 25, those portions of N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, northerly of right-of-way boundary CACA 18888;

Sec. 27, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, northerly of the northern ROW boundary CARI 07303, excluding the Chuckwalla DWMA;

T. 4 S., R. 16 E.,

Sec. 31, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 3 in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, excluding fee easement CALA 053581;