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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Information

This document solicits biological or other data or information on the status of, and potential threats to, the northern Rocky Mountain DPS of the fisher, a medium-sized mammal of the mustelid family. This information, along with other sources of data, will be used to determine if the northern Rocky Mountain DPS of the fisher warrants listing as an endangered or a threatened species under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). We request any new information concerning the status of the northern Rocky Mountain DPS of the fisher. Information submitted since the 2011 status review (which culminated in our 12-month finding published on June 30, 2011, at 76 FR 38504) and the 2016 90-day petition finding (81 FR 1368; January 12, 2016) will be considered and need not be resubmitted. We will base our status review on the best scientific and commercial information available, including all information received as a result of this publication. We are soliciting information and supporting data on the northern Rocky Mountain DPS of the fisher; we specifically seek information on the following:

(1) Information regarding the species' historical and current population status, distribution, abundance, and trends; biology and ecology; and habitat selection.

(2) Information on the effects of potential threat factors that are the basis for a species' listing determination under section 4(a)(1) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1533(a)(1)), which are:

(a) The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of the species' habitat or range;

(b) Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;

(c) Disease or predation;

(d) Inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; and

(e) Other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence.

(3) Scientific and commercial data to assist in development of any proposed critical habitat designation that we may make, including:

(a) Whether the designation of critical habitat for the northern Rocky Mountain DPS of the fisher would be beneficial to the conservation of the species or whether the identification of specific

areas as critical habitat may increase threats to the species or its habitat;

(b) Habitat selection and use, and any changes or trends in the amount and distribution of habitat for the northern Rocky Mountain DPS of the fisher;

(c) Habitat requirements for feeding, breeding, and sheltering, including particular physical or biological features that are essential to the conservation of the species and where such physical or biological features are found;

(d) Whether any of these features may require special management considerations or protection;

(e) What areas that are currently occupied and contain the physical or biological features essential to the conservation of the species should be included in the critical habitat designation and why;

(f) What areas not currently occupied at the time of listing are essential for the conservation of the species and why; and

(g) The possible benefits and impacts (including probable economic impacts) of a possible critical habitat designation for the northern Rocky Mountain DPS of the fisher.

(4) Biological, commercial trade, or other relevant data concerning any threats (or lack thereof) to this species and regulations that may be addressing those threats.

(5) Any information on the biological or ecological requirements of the species and ongoing conservation measures for the species and its habitat.

(6) Information on land use designations and current or planned activities in the areas occupied by the northern Rocky Mountain DPS of the fisher or areas that may be important for its conservation, and possible impacts of these activities on this species and these areas.

(7) Information on the projected and reasonably likely impacts of climate change on the northern Rocky Mountain DPS of the fisher and its habitat.

(8) Information on any foreseeable economic, national security, or other relevant impacts that may result if we designate any area as critical habitat. We are particularly interested in any potential impacts on small entities, and the benefits of including or excluding areas from any possible future proposed designation that are subject to these impacts.

Please support submissions with documentation such as maps; bibliographic references; methods used to gather and analyze the data; or copies of pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources. We request data from systematic surveys, studies, or analyses of data regarding

population size or trends, biology or ecology of the species, effects of current land management on population distribution and abundance, current condition of habitat, and conservation measures that have been implemented to benefit the species. We also request information on the current distribution of populations and threats to the species in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the Act).

Comments merely stating support for or opposition to a particular action without providing supporting data may not meet the standard of information required by section 4(b)(1)(A) of the Act, which directs that determinations as to whether any species is an endangered or a threatened species must be made "solely on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available."

You may submit your comments and materials concerning this proposed rule by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. We request that you send comments only by the methods described in **ADDRESSES**.

If you submit information via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire submission—including any personal identifying information—will be posted on the Web site. If your submission is made via a hardcopy that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will post all hardcopy submissions on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Authors

The primary authors of this document are staff of the Montana Ecological Services Field Office.

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

Dated: January 5, 2017.

Stephen Guertin,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Reservation Proclamations

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of procedural guidance.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has updated its Fee-to-Trust Handbook to include procedural guidance for its employees on processing reservation proclamations, including simultaneous requests for trust acquisition and reservation proclamations.

ADDRESSES: The updated Fee-to-Trust Handbook is available at the following link: <http://www.bia.gov/WhatWeDo/Knowledge/Directives/Handbooks/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sharlene Round Face, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, (202) 208-3615, sharlene.roundface@bia.gov, or Ms. Tana Fitzpatrick, Counselor, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, (202) 208-7163, tana.fitzpatrick@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BIA has updated its Fee-to-Trust Handbook to establish procedures for BIA to process simultaneous requests for trust land acquisitions under 25 CFR part 151 and reservation proclamations under the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984; 25 U.S.C. 467). This Handbook revision will provide flexibility for Tribes who wish to submit their requests simultaneously. BIA has also updated the Handbook to include guidance for processing reservation proclamations where the land has already been acquired in trust.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 25 U.S.C. 2; 25 U.S.C. 9; 25 U.S.C. 467.

Dated: December 30, 2016.

Lawrence S. Roberts,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Renewal of Approved Information Collection; OMB Control No. 1004-0042

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to continue the collection of information from those who wish to adopt and obtain title to wild horses and burros. The OMB previously approved

this information collection activity, and assigned it control number 1004-0042.

DATES: The OMB is required to respond to this information collection request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration, written comments should be received on or before February 13, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB #1004-0042), Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, fax 202-395-5806, or by electronic mail at OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please provide a copy of your comments to the BLM. You may do so via mail, fax, or electronic mail.

Mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240.

Fax: to Jean Sonneman at 202-245-0050.

Electronic mail: jesonnem@blm.gov.

Please indicate “Attn: 1004-0042” regardless of the form of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Holle Hooks, at 405-234-1860. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, to leave a message for Ms. Hooks. You may also review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521) and OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 provide that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond. In order to obtain and renew an OMB control number, Federal agencies are required to seek public comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d) and 1320.12(a)).

As required at 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the BLM published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 2016 (81 FR 64502), and the comment period ended November 21, 2016. The BLM received two non-substantive public comments, which did not address, and were not germane to, this information collection. Therefore, the BLM has not changed the collection in responses to the comments.

The BLM now requests comments on the following subjects:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper

functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of the BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Please send comments as directed under **ADDRESSES** and **DATES**. Please refer to OMB control number 1004-0042 in your correspondence. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The following information pertains to this request:

Title: Protection, Management, and Control of Wild Horses and Burros (43 CFR part 4700).

Forms: Form 4710-10, Application for Adoption of Wild Horse(s) or Burro(s).

OMB Control Number: 1004-0042.

Abstract: This notice pertains to the collection of information that enables the BLM to administer its private maintenance (*i.e.*, adoption) program for wild horses and burros. The BLM uses the information to determine if applicants are qualified to provide humane care and proper treatment to wild horses and burros in compliance with the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (16 U.S.C. 1331-1340).

Frequency: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: Those who wish to adopt and obtain title to wild horses and burros.

Estimated Number of Responses Annually: 7,093.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden Annually: 3,545.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden Annually: \$2,400.

The estimated burdens are itemized in the following table: