

www.endangered.fws.gov/recovery/index.html#plans.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Steeck, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Ventura address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring 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. The Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Recovery plans help guide the recovery effort by describing actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establishing criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimating time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

Section 4(f) of the Act requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. In fulfillment of this requirement, the Draft Recovery Plan for Five Plants from Monterey County, California, was available for public comment from May 13, 2002, through July 12, 2002 (67 FR 32003). Information presented during the public comment period has been considered in the preparation of this final recovery plan, and is summarized in the appendix to the recovery plan. We will forward substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions.

The five plants addressed in this final recovery plan are threatened by one or more of the following: alteration, destruction, and fragmentation of habitat resulting from urban and golf course development; recreational activities; competition with nonnative plant species; herbivory from native or nonnative species; demographic stochasticity; modifications in hydrology; loss of individuals from roadside maintenance activities; and disruption of natural fire cycles due to fire suppression associated with increasing residential development around and within occupied habitat.

The objective of this plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of these species so that protection by the Act is no longer necessary. Actions necessary to accomplish this objective

include: (1) Permanent protection of habitat presently occupied by the species and the surrounding ecosystem on which they depend, with long-term commitments to conserving the species; (2) in protected habitat, successful control of invasive nonnative plants and successful management of other problems through at least 12 years; (3) development of management strategies that include results from research on the life histories of the taxa, and results from monitoring the species' responses to vegetation management; (4) surveys for additional populations, and successful reintroductions or establishment of populations for *Astragalus tener* var. *titi*, *Potentilla hickmanii*, and *Trifolium trichocalyx*, with populations of all five species assured of long-term survival; (5) establishment of seed banks; and (6) existing populations of *Cupressus goveniana* ssp. *goveniana* are assured of long-term survival, including successful recruitment and reproduction. Once these criteria have been met, *Cupressus goveniana* ssp. *goveniana* may be considered for delisting and *Astragalus tener* var. *titi*, *Piperia yadonii*, *Potentilla hickmanii*, and *Trifolium trichocalyx* may be considered for downlisting.

Authority: The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: August 19, 2004.

Steve Thompson,

Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Recovery Plan for *Chorizanthe robusta* var. *robusta* (Robust Spineflower)

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("we") announces the availability of the Recovery Plan for *Chorizanthe robusta* var. *robusta* (Robust Spineflower). This plant taxon is found along the central coast of California, primarily in Santa Cruz and Marin Counties. Historically, this plant also occurred in San Francisco, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Monterey Counties, California.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this recovery plan are available by request from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ventura Fish

and Wildlife Office, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, California 93003 (telephone: 805-644-1766). An electronic copy of the recovery plan is also available at: <http://endangered.fws.gov/recovery/index.html#plans>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Connie Rutherford, Botanist, at the above Ventura address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring 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. To help guide the recovery effort, we are working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act (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 that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Draft Recovery Plan for *Chorizanthe robusta* var. *robusta* was available for public comment from September 19, 2000, through November 20, 2000 (65 FR 56590). Information presented during the public comment period has been considered in the preparation of this final recovery plan, and is summarized in Appendix C of the recovery plan. We will forward substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation to appropriate Federal or other entities so they can take these comments into account in the course of implementing recovery actions.

Chorizanthe robusta var. *robusta* was listed as endangered in 1994, and 190 hectares (469 acres) of critical habitat were designated in 2002. *Chorizanthe robusta* var. *robusta* is restricted to sandy soils along the coast and near-coastal areas in Santa Cruz County, and from the Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County, California.

Chorizanthe robusta var. *robusta* is threatened by urban development, recreational activities, and competition with non-native vegetation. In addition, some of the populations contain very

low numbers of individuals, which put them at great risk of extinction due to random naturally occurring (stochastic) events.

The objective of this plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of *Chorizanthe robusta* var. *robusta* so that protection by the Act is no longer necessary. Actions necessary to accomplish this objective include: (1) Protect existing habitat; (2) manage existing habitat through implementation plans; (3) conduct research on the taxonomy, ecology, biology, and management of *Chorizanthe robusta* var. *robusta*; (4) establish new populations within the historical range of the species; (5) review and revise recovery guidelines; and (6) develop and implement an outreach program to provide information to the public.

Authority: The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: August 23, 2004.

Steve Thompson,

Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes an Approval of the Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact between the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians and the State of California.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 20, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary-Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This Amendment increases the number of gaming devices that the Tribe may operate and extends the term of the Compact until December 31, 2025.

The Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, is publishing notice that the Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact between the State of California and the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians is in effect.

Dated: December 6, 2004.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the Approval of the Tribal-State Compact between Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians and the State of California.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 20, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary-Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The compact allows for one gaming facility and authorizes up to 2,000 gaming devices, any banking or percentage card games, and any devices or games authorized under state law to the state lottery. Finally, the term of the compact is extended until December 31, 2025. The Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, is publishing notice that the Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact between the State of California and the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians is now in effect.

Dated: December 6, 2004.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the Approval of the Tribal-State Compact between the State of California and the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 20, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary-Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The compact allows for one gaming facility and authorizes up to 1,500 gaming devices, any banking or percentage card games, and any devices or games authorized under state law to the state lottery. Finally, the term of the compact is until December 31, 2025. The Amendment, also, authorizes annual payments to the State for geographical exclusivity. The Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, is publishing notice that the Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact between the State of California and the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe is now in effect.

Dated: December 6, 2004.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the Approval of the Tribal-State Compact