

Permanency-Related Outcome 6: Increase Placement Stability

During a specified reporting period:

- For all children who had been in foster care for longer than 3 months, what percentage had not more than two placement settings during their most recent episode?

Note: This outcome addresses the objective of reducing the number of placement settings in a single-foster care episode. The measure acknowledges that in many States a large percentage of children will experience at least two placements because of the use of emergency foster care services at the time of removing a child from the home.

Permanency-Related Outcome 7: Reduce Placements of Children in Group Homes, Institutions, and Out-of- State Care

During a specified reporting period:

- For all children who were younger than age 12 when they were placed in their current foster care settings, what percentage had a current placement in a group home? What percentage had a current placement in an institution?
- For all children who were 12 years of older when they were placed in their current foster care settings, what percentage had a current placement in a group home? What percentage had a current placement in an institution?
- For all children whose current placement settings are group homes or institutions, what percentage was placed out of State?

Note: This outcome reflects the objective of placing most children in family foster homes and in placements that are in close proximity to their families. It is acknowledged that for some children, particularly adolescents, group homes, institutions, or out-of-State placements may be appropriate.

Dated: January 26, 1999.

Patricia Montoya,

Commissioner, Administration on Children,
Youth and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of February 1999.

Name: National Advisory Council (NAC) on the National Health Service Corps (NHSC).

Date and Time: February 18, 1999; 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m., February 19, 1999; 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., February 20, 1999; 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., February 21, 1999; 8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Place: Residence Inn by Marriott, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, Phone: (301) 718-0200.

Agenda: In preparation for the year 2000 reauthorization, the NAC has developed a draft position paper, "The National Health Service Corps for the 21st Century." Agenda items include staff from Capitol Hill and representatives from HRSA field offices convening separate panels to provide comments. Representatives from the central office will present their comments to the Council as well. Other agenda items include updates on the NHSC program. Copies of the draft paper will be available at the meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. For further information, call Ms. Eve Morrow, Division of National Health Service Corps, at (301) 594-4144.

Dated: January 28, 1999.

Jane M. Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and
Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the San Benito Evening-Primrose for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces the availability for public review of a draft Recovery Plan for the San Benito evening-primrose (*Camissonia benitensis*). This California plant occurs mostly on stream terraces whose soils are derived from serpentine rock near San Benito Mountain in southern San Benito County and western Fresno County.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan received by April 5, 1999 will be considered by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following location: Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, California 93003.

Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding this plan should be addressed to Diane K. Noda, Field Supervisor, at the above Ventura address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Thomas, Botanist, at the above Ventura address (phone: 805/644-1766).

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 the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is 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, 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. Section 4(f) of the Act as amended in 1988 requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during the public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. Substantive technical comments will result in changes to the plans. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plans, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions. Individualized responses to comments will not be provided.

This annual herb is listed as endangered. It occurs largely on lands managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, where it is threatened by off-highway vehicle recreation and the resultant accelerated erosion in its habitat. Its habitat consists of mostly alluvial terraces in areas of serpentine rock. This rock type is rather toxic to most plants because it provides an unusual balance of plant nutrients. Serpentine areas generally have sparse vegetation. Serpentine dust is toxic to people because it contains asbestos.

The objective of this plan is to conserve the plant so that protection by the Act is no longer necessary. Actions necessary to accomplish this objective include prevention of additional degradation and loss of the plant's habitat, partly by developing and

implementing an off-highway vehicle management plan. The plan also seeks to protect populations of the plant on private lands, protect populations from activities other than off-highway vehicular recreation, and to develop a public awareness program.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on this draft recovery plan. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to final approval of this plan.

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

Dated: January 25, 1999.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the La Rue Housing/Bowley Center Projects, Yolo County, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Receipt of Application.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the University of California, Davis (University), has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take of the valley elderberry longhorn beetle (*Desmocerus californicus dimorphus*), federally listed as threatened, and modification of its habitat during construction of a new student housing facility and a greenhouse/education facility on the University campus in Yolo County, California. The permit would be in effect for 10 years.

The Service announces the receipt of the University's incidental take permit application which includes the proposed "Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle at the La Rue Student Housing and Bowley Center Projects, University of California, Davis." The proposed habitat conservation plan (Plan) is available for public comment. The Plan fully

describes the proposed project and the measures the University would undertake to minimize and mitigate project impacts to the valley elderberry longhorn beetle. The Service has made a preliminary determination that the University's Plan qualifies as a "low-effect" habitat conservation plan eligible for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act. We explain the basis for this determination in an Environmental Action Statement, which is also available for public review. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application and Plan should be received on or before March 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the permit application or the Plan should be addressed to Wayne White, Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 130, Sacramento, California 95821-6340. Comments may be sent by facsimile to (916) 979-2744.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Brian Twedt or Mr. William Lehman, Fish and Wildlife Biologists, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office; telephone (916) 979-2129.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Document Availability

Individuals wishing copies of the Plan and associated documents for review should immediately contact the above office. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

Background

Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulation prohibit the "take" of a species listed as endangered or threatened, respectively (take is defined under the Act, in part, as to kill, harm, or harass a federally listed species). However, the Service may issue permits to authorize "incidental take" (defined by the Act as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity) of listed species under limited circumstances. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.32; regulations governing permits for endangered species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.22.

The La Rue Student Housing Project would be located in the western portion of the University's Central Campus and composed of four or more "neighborhoods." Approximately 16 studio, 40 one-bedroom, 64 two-bedroom, 52 three-bedroom, and 20

four-bedroom units would be divided among the "neighborhoods." Buildings would range from one to three stories in height. This project would provide housing for between 550 and 750 students.

The Bowley Center would consist of a Plant Science Teaching Center and would include laboratories, greenhouses, offices, and a lecture room. This facility would be located in the western portion of the Central Campus. It would integrate lecture, greenhouse, field, and dry lab facilities in a single site, allowing for a more efficient use of time.

In May, 1997, the proposed project area was surveyed for potential habitat for rare, threatened, or endangered species and other biological features that could be affected by the project. Only one federally listed species, the threatened valley elderberry longhorn beetle (beetle), has the potential to occur on the project site and to be directly impacted by the proposed project. The University has agreed to implement the following measures to minimize and mitigate impacts that may result from incidental take of the beetle: (1) mitigation and monitoring of transplanted elderberry shrubs and supplemental plantings would be conducted according to the Service's Mitigation Guidelines for the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle, dated September 19, 1996; (2) 14 affected elderberry shrubs would be transplanted to a mitigation site along Putah Creek on Russel Ranch, on property owned by the University; (3) 336 additional elderberry cuttings would be planted to compensate for any adverse impacts to the 14 elderberry shrubs resulting from the proposed project; and (4) the mitigation area would be managed for the purpose of long-term protection of valley elderberry longhorn beetle habitat.

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the University's Plan qualifies as a "low-effect" habitat conservation plan as defined by the Service's Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook (November 1996). Low-effect habitat conservation plans are those involving: (1) minor or negligible effects on federally listed and candidate species and their habitats; and (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources. The La Rue Housing/Bowley Center Plan qualifies as a low-effect habitat conservation plan for the following reasons:

1. Approval of the Plan would result in minor or negligible effects on the beetle and its habitat. The Plan may, in fact, result in a beneficial effect to the