

from a significant portion of their historic ranges. The remaining natural communities are highly fragmented, and many sites are vulnerable to extirpation from edge effects, impaired dispersal, or changes in fire regime.

The objectives of this amendment are to: (1) Make available to the public a revised preserve recommendation for the Pine Hill formation of western El Dorado County and (2) correct mistakes in mapping of preserve areas that appeared in the draft plan. The amendment includes the revised preserve recommendation maps and portions of the recovery chapter, stepdown narrative, and implementation schedule that were changed to correspond to the revised recommendation. In this amendment we have not addressed the public comments that were previously submitted on the draft plan. Those comments will, however, be addressed in the final recovery plan.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the amendment described above. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the final recovery plan. Comments that were submitted to us during the March 8 to July 7, 1999, public comment period on the draft plan do not need to be resubmitted. These comments, as well as comments received on the amendment, will be addressed in the final recovery plan.

Authority

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

Dated: November 21, 2000.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) Meeting Announcement

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Council will meet at 1 p.m., December 6, 2000, to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) proposals for

recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: December 6, 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of the Interior, South Penthouse, 1849 C St., NW, Washington, DC 20240. The Council Coordinator is located at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 110, Arlington, Virginia, 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Smith, Council Coordinator, (703) 358-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection to be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313.

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection

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

Title: Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Contractee Perceptions on Environmental Benefits and Management.

OMB Approval No.: New collection.

Abstract: The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is the Nation's largest environmental program with enrollment currently over 30 million acres. Continuing refinement of conservation and management provisions by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) continue to give greater importance to wildlife habitat. Program participants who desire to renew contracts often are required to improve the quality or composition of vegetation on land enrolled in the program. An evaluation of contractee perceptions about the validity of these requirements will assist USDA in refinement of CRP management and conservation policies in the 2002 Farm Bill. Description of contractee opinions about personal, local, and regional effects of the program will be useful for documentation of environmental and social effects of the program.

Bureau Form No.: None.

Frequency: One time.

Description of Respondents: Individual or households.

Estimated Completion Time: 11.5 minutes per respondent (approximate).

Number of Respondents: 1400.

Burden hours: 268 hours. (The burden estimates are based on 11.5 minutes to complete each questionnaire and a 70% return rate.)

All comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Arthur W. Allen, Wildlife Biologist, (970-226-9312), (Arthur_allan@usgs.gov), U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, Social, Economic and Institutional Analysis Section, 4512 McMurry Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525-3400.

Bureau Clearance Officer: John Cordyack (703) 648-7313.

Dated: November 14, 2000.

Dennis B. Fenn,
Chief Biologist.

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