

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4980-N-48]

**Federal Property Suitable as Facilities
To Assist the Homeless**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 2, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: November 23, 2005.

Mark R. Johnston,

Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
**Notice of Availability of a Final
Recovery Plan for Six Mobile Basin
Aquatic Snails**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of the final recovery plan for six Mobile Basin aquatic snails. The six snails included in the recovery plan are: the endangered

cylindrical lioplax (*Lioplax cyclostomaformis*), flat pebblesnail (*Lepyriam showalteri*), and plicate rocksnail (*Leptoxis ampla*); and the threatened painted rocksnail (*Leptoxis taeniata*), round rocksnail (*Leptoxis ampla*), and lacy elimia (*Elimia crenatella*). All are endemic to the Mobile River Basin (Basin) where they inhabit shoals, rapids and riffles of large streams and rivers above the Fall Line. All six species have disappeared from more than 90 percent of their historic ranges as a result of impoundment, channelization, mining, dredging, and pollution from point and non-point sources. The final recovery plan includes specific recovery objectives and criteria to be met in order to reclassify (downlist) the cylindrical lioplax, flat pebblesnail, and plicate rocksnail to threatened species and for the eventual delisting of all six species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act).

ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of this recovery plan by contacting the Jackson Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Jackson, MS 39213 (telephone 601/965-4900), or by visiting our recovery plan Web site at <http://endangered.fws.gov/recovery/index.html#plans>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Hartfield (telephone 601/321-1125).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 28, 1998, (63 FR 57610), we listed six aquatic snails, in the Mobile River Basin, as threatened (painted rocksnail, round rocksnail, lacy elimia) or endangered (cylindrical lioplax, flat pebblesnail, plicate rocksnail) under the Act. These six snails are endemic to portions of the Mobile River Basin in central Alabama. The cylindrical lioplax, flat pebblesnail, and round rocksnail are found in the Cahaba River drainage; the lacy elimia and painted rocksnail are in the Coosa River drainage; and the plicate rocksnail is in the Black Warrior River drainage. These snails require rock, boulder, or cobble substrates and clean, unpolluted water and are found on shoals and riffles of large streams and rivers. Impoundment and water quality degradation have eliminated the six snails from 90 percent or more of their historic habitat. Known populations are restricted to small portions of stream drainages. These surviving populations are currently threatened by pollutants such as sediments and nutrients that wash into streams from the land surface.

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we are preparing recovery plans for most listed species. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting, and estimate time and cost for implementing recovery measures.

The 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 us to provide public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment during recovery plan development. A notice of availability of the technical agency draft recovery plan for six Mobile Basin aquatic snails was published in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 2005 (70 FR 2879). A 60-day comment period was opened with the notice, closing on March 21, 2005. We received comments from two interested parties. Comments and information submitted were considered in the preparation of this final plan and, where appropriate, incorporated.

The cylindrical lioplax, flat pebblesnail, and plicate rocksnail, will be considered for reclassification to threatened status when the following criteria are met:

1. The existing population has been shown to be stable or increasing over a period of 10 years (2 to 5 generations). This may be measured by numbers/area, catch per unit/effort, or other methods developed through population monitoring, and must be demonstrated through annual monitoring.

2. There are no apparent or immediate threats to the listed population (see Listing/Recovery Criteria, below).

3. A captive population has been established at an appropriate facility, and the species has been successfully propagated.

4. A minimum of two additional populations have been established (or discovered) within historic range.

The lacy elimia, round rocksnail, painted rocksnail, cylindrical lioplax, flat pebblesnail, and plicate rocksnail will be considered for delisting when:

1. A minimum of three natural or re-established populations have been shown to be persistent (i.e., stable or increasing) for a period of 10 years (2 to 5 generations).

2. There are no apparent or immediate threats to the populations (see Listing/Recovery Factor Criteria, below).

The objective of this final plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of these six aquatic snails so that protection under the Act is no longer necessary. As reclassification and recovery criteria are met, the status of these species will be reviewed and they will be considered for reclassification or removal from the *Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants* (50 CFR part 17).

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

Dated: September 8, 2005.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-038-1220-AL; HAG 06-0011]

Notice of Call for Nominations for the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management is requesting public nominations to fill an unexpired term on the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board. The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board provides advice regarding management, use, and further development of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. The Bureau of Land Management will consider public nominations until January 17, 2006.

DATES: Send all nominations to the address listed below no later than January 17, 2006.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the location to send nominations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Robbins, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208, (503) 808-6306, e-mail: pam_robbins@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1730) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board is a

citizen-based advisory council that is consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Members serve without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for government employees. As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, board membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of public lands. The unexpired term to be filled is a representative of trail advocacy groups. The term expiration is December 29, 2006. Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board. Nominees must be residents of Oregon. The Bureau of Land Management will evaluate nominees in coordination with the Governor of the State of Oregon, based on their education, training, and experience and their knowledge of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. The Bureau of Land Management will forward recommended nominations to the Secretary of the Interior, who has responsibility for making the appointments. The following must accompany all nominations:

- Letters of reference from trail advocacy group(s),
- A completed background information nomination form,
- Any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Nomination forms are available from Pam Robbins, P.O. Box 2965, 333 SW., First Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965, (503) 808-6306, email: pam_robbins@blm.gov. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

Dated: October 20, 2005.

David R. Henderson,

Vale District Manager, OR/WA BLM.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-060-1990]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement To Analyze the Proposed Amendment to the Pipeline/South Pipeline Plan of Operations (NVN-067575) for the Cortez Hills Expansion Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

COOPERATING AGENCY Nevada Department of Wildlife. Consultation is ongoing with the Environmental Protection Agency on Cooperating Agency status.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the Proposed Amendment to the Pipeline/South Pipeline Plan of Operations (NVN-067575) for the Cortez Hills Expansion Project, Lander and Eureka Counties, Nevada, and notice of scoping period.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500-1508 Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, and 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3809, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Battle Mountain Field Office will be directing the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze proposed pit and process facility expansions and development of a new open-pit gold mine and associated facilities, in Lander and Eureka counties, Nevada. The EIS will be prepared by a third-party contractor directed by the BLM and funded by the proponent, Cortez Gold Mines. The project will involve public and private lands in Lander and Eureka counties, Nevada. The BLM invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on the scope of the EIS can be submitted in writing to the address below and must be post-marked or otherwise delivered by 4:30 p.m. on January 3, 2006. Scoping meetings will be held in Crescent Valley and in Battle Mountain, Nevada. All scoping meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters or flyers, at least 15 days prior to each event. The minutes and list of attendees for each meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participants who wish to clarify the views they expressed.

The purpose of the public scoping meetings is to identify issues to be addressed in the EIS, and to identify potentially viable alternatives that address these issues. BLM personnel will be present to explain the NEPA process, mining regulations, and other requirements for processing the proposed Plan of Operations Amendment and the associated EIS. Representatives of Cortez Gold Mines will also be available to describe their proposal.

ADDRESSES: Written scoping comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land