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Th primary species considered in this draft recovery plan is Cumberland rosemary (*Conradina verticillata*). It is a small shrub in the mint family (Lamiaceae), known only from the banks of short reaches of three river systems in north-central Tennessee and adjacent Kentucky. The species is found within small areas of the following counties: Cumberland, Fentress, Morgan, Scott, and White Counties, Tennessee, and McCreary County, Kentucky. It is always found growing in close association with the floodplain of watercourses. Specific areas supporting the species include boulder bars, sand bars, gravel bars, terraces of sand on gradually sloping riverbanks and islands, and pockets of sand between large boulders on islands and stream banks. This species' distribution has probably been reduced by such factors as dam construction and the general deterioration of water quality resulting from silt and other pollutants contributed by coal mining, poor land use practices, and waste discharges. Many of these factors continue to impact the species and its habitat. Because the colonies inhabit only short river reaches, they are vulnerable to extirpation from accidental toxic chemical spills. Direct habitat destruction by recreational visitors to the species' habitat is a significant threat to its survival. Hikers, campers, white-water enthusiasts, and off-road-vehicle users all impact the species and its habitat. Habitat protection, searches for new populations, the implementation of appropriate management actions, the completion of biological and genetic studies, and the preservation of genetic material are the major objectives of this recovery plan.

Public Comments Solicited

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

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

Dated: September 8, 1995.

Robert R. Currie,

Acting Field Supervisor.

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Notice of Availability of the Agency Draft Recovery Plan for Cumberland Sandwort for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of an agency draft recovery plan for Cumberland sandwort (*Arenaria cumberlandensis*). This endangered species is known from five populations in Tennessee and Kentucky. It is restricted to sandstone ledges and rock houses in the Cumberland Plateau Province of south-central Kentucky and north-central Tennessee. Specialized habitat requirements, in combination with habitat alteration, are the primary limiting factors for the species. Threats to its continued existence include trampling of its habitat by recreational users and habitat alteration caused by timber harvesting on adjacent lands. The Service solicits review and comments from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: Comments on the agency draft recovery plan must be received on or before December 13, 1995, to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the agency draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Asheville Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 160 Zillicoa Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801 (Telephone 704/258-3939). Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to the Field Supervisor at the above address. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Currie at the address and telephone number shown above (Ext. 224).

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, to establish criteria for recognizing the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and to estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, 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 a public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to the approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The primary species considered in this draft recovery plan is Cumberland sandwort (*Arenaria cumberlandensis*). The area of emphasis for recovery actions is the Cumberland Plateau Province of south-central Kentucky and north-central Tennessee. The species is currently known from four counties in Tennessee (Pickett, Scott, Fentress, and Morgan) and one county in Kentucky (McCreary). A majority of the sites are found in sandstone rock houses or on ledges or solution pockets on sandstone rock faces. All known sites are within the Big South Fork watershed of the Cumberland River. Habitat requirements include shade, moisture, relatively constant cool temperatures, and high humidity. *Arenaria cumberlandensis* is endangered directly and indirectly by human activities in and adjacent to its unique habitat. Significant threats include trampling by hikers, campers, picnickers, individuals rappelling down the sandstone cliffs, and "pot hunters" digging within rock houses for Native American artifacts. Some sites are potentially threatened by timber removal in or adjacent to the areas supporting the species. Increased sunlight on the plants and the

subsequent alteration of the moisture conditions would probably lead to extirpation of *Arenaria cumberlandensis* from the timbered area. Habitat protection, searches for new populations, the implementation of appropriate management actions, and the preservation of genetic material are the major objectives of this recovery plan.

Public Comments Solicited

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

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

Dated: September 8, 1995.

Robert R. Currie,

Acting Field Supervisor.

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Notice of Receipt of Applications for Approval

The following applicants have applied for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected in accordance with the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, 50 CFR 15.26(c).

Applicant: Kevin M. Gorman, Director, AFA Red Siskin Recovery Project, Rochester, NY. The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for the Red Siskin (*Carduelis cucullata*). Mr. Gorman wishes to be an active participant in this program with three other private individuals. The American Federation of Aviculture has assumed the responsibility for the oversight of the program.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 420C, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for

a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 420C, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: September 8, 1995.

Margaret Tieger,

Chief, Branch of Permits Office of Management Authority.

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Bureau of Land Management

[ES-960-1910-00-4041; ES-047545, Group 94, Arkansas]

Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Arkansas

The plat of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east boundary; a portion of the south boundary; a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the survey of the subdivision of certain sections; Township 15 North, Range 23 West, Fifth Principal Meridian, Arkansas, will be officially filed in Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia at 7:30 a.m., on October 20, 1995.

The survey was requested by the National Park Service.

All inquiries or protests concerning the technical aspects of the survey must be sent to the Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Eastern States, Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, prior to 7:30 a.m., October 20, 1995.

Copies of the plat will be made available upon request and prepayment of the reproduction fee of \$2.75 per copy.

Dated: September 5, 1995.

Corwyn J. Rodine,

Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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[CA-942-5700-001]

Filing of Plats of Survey; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested state and local government officials of the latest filing of Plats of Survey in California.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Unless otherwise noted, filing was effective at 10:00 a.m. on the

next federal work day following the plat acceptance date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lance J. Bishop, Acting Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room E-2845, Sacramento, CA 95825, 916-979-2890.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plats of Survey of lands described below have been officially filed at the California State Office of the Bureau of Land Management in Sacramento, CA.

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

T. 1 S., R. 19 E.,

Supplemental plat of the NW¹/₄ of section 11, accepted May 4, 1995, to meet certain administrative needs of the U.S. Forest Service, Stanislaus National Forest.

T. 10 N., R. 20 E.,

Supplemental plat of the NW¹/₄ of section 2, accepted July 5, 1995, to meet certain administrative needs of the U.S. Forest Service, Toiyabe National Forest.

T. 10 S., R. 23 E.,

Dependent resurvey, (Group 1180) accepted July 5, 1995, to meet certain administrative needs of the U.S. Forest Service, Sierra National Forest.

T. 33 N., R. 2 E.,

Dependent resurvey and subdivision of section 3, (Group 1049) accepted July 10, 1995, to meet certain administrative needs of the U.S. Forest Service, Lassen National Forest.

T. 2 N., R. 14 E.,

Supplemental plat of the NE¹/₄ of section 24, accepted July 24, 1995, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

T. 13 S., R. 34 E.,

Dependent resurvey and subdivision of section 1, (Group 1175) accepted July 26, 1995, to meet certain administrative needs of the BIA, Central California Agency.

T. 40 N., R. 9 W.,

Dependent resurvey and subdivision of sections, (Group 1053) accepted July 26, 1995, to meet certain administrative needs of the U.S. Forest Service, Klamath National Forest.

San Bernardino Meridian, California

T. 16 S., R. 5 E.,

Supplemental plat of the SE¹/₄ of section 6, accepted July 21, 1995, to meet certain administrative needs of the U.S. Forest Service, Cleveland National Forest.

All of the above listed survey plats are now the basic record for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. The survey plats have been placed in the open files in the BLM, California State Office, and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the survey plats and related field notes will be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fee.