

cave (Bear Hollow) is privately owned. The surrounding watershed and recharge area of both caves is in private ownership. This species is listed as endangered without critical habitat. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before November 30, 1995, to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Jackson Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Suite A, Jackson, Mississippi 39213. 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: Ms. Theresa Jacobson at the above address (601/965-4900).

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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife 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 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 of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), 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 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 species considered in this draft recovery plan is *Cambarus aculabrum*.

This cave crayfish inhabits streams and pools located in two Ozarkian solution channels (caves) in the Mississippian cherty-limestone Boone Formation of Benton county, Arkansas. Cave crayfish (troglobites) are highly specialized for living in stable cave environments with low light and low temperatures and as such are unable to cope with changes in their habitats that may be induced by human activities. The cave crayfish was listed as endangered in 1993 due to its limited distribution, with only two known populations containing a small number of individuals; its limited reproductive potential; the potential for take by humans; and threat of water quality degradation.

The objective of this proposed plan is reclassification of the cave crayfish to threatened status. Reclassification will be considered when the two known populations are self-sustaining and are protected to the degree that they are secure from present or foreseeable threats. Actions needed to reach this goal include: (1) protecting populations and habitat, (2) educating the public on sensitivity of groundwater and fauna to pollution, (3) monitoring populations and habitat, including water quality, (4) searching for additional populations, (5) studying species biology, and (6) monitoring and studying troglomorphic competitors and predators (non-obligate cave inhabitants).

This Plan is being submitted for agency review. After consideration of comments received during the review period, it will be submitted for final approval.

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 11, 1995.

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Acting Field Supervisor.

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Notice to Extend the Public Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Proposed Water Rights Acquisition for Lahontan Valley Wetlands, Churchill County, Nevada

AGENCIES: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (lead agency); Nevada Division

of Wildlife, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Naval Air Station—Fallon, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribes, and Churchill County, Nevada (cooperators).

ACTION: Notice to extend the public comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the public comment period has been extended for an additional 30 days for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Water Rights acquisition for Lahontan Valley Wetlands, Churchill County, Nevada.

DATES: Public comments on the Draft EIS are requested by October 20, 1995. This 30-day extension of the comment period provides the public a 90-day review period for the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to:

Project Leader, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1236, Fallon, NV 89407.

Copies of the Draft EIS may be inspected at the following locations:

Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, 1000 Auction Road, Fallon, NV 89406

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Refuge and Wildlife, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232

Churchill County Public Library, 553 South Maine St., Fallon, NV 89406

Nevada State Library and Archives, Reference Desk, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701

Reno Branch, Washoe County Public Library, 301 S. Center Street, Reno, NV 89501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ron Anglin, Project Leader, or Gary Shellhorn, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1236, Fallon, NV 89407, (702) 423-5128.

Individuals desiring a copy of the draft EIS for review should immediately contact the above individuals. Copies have been sent to agencies and individuals who participated in the scoping process and to those people that requested to be added to the mailing list.

Dated: September 1, 1995.

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Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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