Rental and Royalty

The lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3.00 per acre or fraction thereof and a royalty payable to the United States of 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.

Notice of Availability

Bidding instruction for the offered tract are included in the Detailed Statement of Coal Lease Sale. Copies of the statement and the proposed coal lease are available upon request in person or by mail from the Colorado State Office at the address given above. The case file is available for inspection in the Public Room, Colorado State Office, during normal business hours at the address given above.

Dated: November 21, 1995. Karen A. Purvis, Solid Minerals Team, Resource Services. [FR Doc. 95–28989 Filed 11–27–95; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310–JB–M

Fish and Wildlife Service Availability of Draft Recovery Plan

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 the draft recovery plan for *Jacquemontia* reclinata. *Jacquemontia* restricted to the barrier islands of Florida's southeastern coast from Palm Beach County to Miami.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before January 29, 1996 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Copies can be obtained from Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6620 Southpoint Drive, South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. Comments and material received are available upon request for public inspection at the above addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. L. Karolee Owens at 904/232–2580.

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 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 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 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 take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

Jacquemontia reclinata was listed as an endangered species on November 24, 1993. Fewer than 1000 individual plants are presently found in small, widely separated populations in Broward, Dade, and Palm Beach Counties in Florida. The primary habitat is beach strand and maritime hammock vegetation. Its range has been further limited by habitat loss resulting from urban development, beach erosion, invasion of exotic plant species, and

park maintenance activities, including mowing and herbicide use. *J. reclinata* does not tolerate shade and requires open areas, which were maintained historically by hurricanes and, possibly, by fire. The ecological characteristics and requirements, population structure and dynamics, and responses to habitat changes and management manipulations by *Jacquemontia reclinata* are not known.

Public Comments Solicited

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

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

Dated: November 9, 1995.

David J. Wesley, Field Supervisor.

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Notice of Intent To prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Acquisition of Lands for the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge in Counties Adjacent to the Missouri River From the Confluence of the Kansas and Missouri Rivers Near Kansas City, Missouri, to the Confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers Near St. Louis, Missouri

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the acquisition of lands for the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge (refuge) in Missouri. Public "open house" meetings will be held. Dates, times, and locations of the open house scoping meetings will be published in local media in advance.

This notice is being furnished as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (40 CFR 1501.7) to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Comments and participation in this scoping process are solicited.

DATES: Written comments should be received by March 27, 1996. Public open house meetings will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as follows: January 8, 1996, Park Place Hotel, 1601 Universal, Kansas City, Missouri 64120.

January 9, 1996, Marshall Inn, Highway 65 Bypass, Marshall, Missouri 65340. January 10, 1996, Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 West McCarty, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

January 11, 1996, Jaycees Hall, City park, Washington and 11th Streets, Hermann, Missouri 65041.

January 12, 1996, The Heart of St. Charles Banquet Center, 1400 South 5th Street, St. Charles, Missouri 63301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

J.C. Bryant, Project Leader, Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, 4200 New Haven Road, Columbia, Missouri 65201–9643; Telephone 1–800–611– 1826

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: R. Wayne Weier, Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 24385 State Highway 51, Puxico, Missouri 63960 is the primary author of this document.

Proposed Action

The Service proposes to acquire 60,000 acres, more or less, of Missouri River floodplain land at multiple sites along the Kansas City to St. Louis reach (Map 1) for management as a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The project area encompasses River Miles 367 to 0 and includes the lower 10 miles of tributary streams and rivers. Land would be acquired from willing sellers through fee less, easement, or other property transfer arrangements. The project would involve less than ten percent of the floodplain in this river reach if the entire acreage were acquired.

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