

Dickinson Co: Hettinger ND 58647–  
Landholding Agency: GSA  
Property Number: 549610009  
Status: Excess  
Comment: 6900 sq. ft. bldg. in good condition  
on 10 acres of land GSA Number: 7–D–  
ND–0497.

#### Unsuitable Properties

##### *Buildings (by State)*

#### Maryland

Bldg. 6  
U.S. Coast Guard Yard, 2401 Hawkins Point  
Rd.

Baltimore MD 21226–1797  
Landholding Agency: DOT  
Property Number: 879620001  
Status: Excess

Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material  
Secured Area.

Bldg. 59  
U.S. Coast Guard Yard, 2401 Hawkins Point  
Rd.

Baltimore MD 21226–1797  
Landholding Agency: DOT  
Property Number: 879620002  
Status: Excess

Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material  
Secured Area

#### New Hampshire

Bldg. 248  
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard  
Portsmouth NH 03804–5000  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779620002  
Status: Unutilized

Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material  
Secured Area.

Bldg. 338  
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard  
Portsmouth NH 30804–500  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779620003  
Status: Unutilized

Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material  
Secured Area.

#### North Carolina

Bldg. CR115, Camp Lejeune  
Camp Lejeune Co: Onslow NC 28542–0004  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779620001  
Status: Unutilized

Reason: Secured Area  
Extensive deterioration.

#### Virginia

Bldg. 444  
Norfolk Naval Shipyard  
Portsmouth VA 23709–5000  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779620004  
Status: Unutilized

Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material  
Secured Area.

Bldg. 459  
Norfolk Naval Shipyard  
Portsmouth VA 23709–5000  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779620005

Status: Unutilized  
Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material  
Secured Area.

Bldg. 462  
Norfolk Naval Shipyard  
Portsmouth VA 23709–5000  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779620006  
Status: Unutilized

Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material  
Secured Area.

Bldg. 495  
Norfolk Naval Shipyard  
Portsmouth VA 23709–5000  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779620007  
Status: Unutilized

Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material  
Secured Area.

Bldg. 761  
Norfolk Naval Shipyard  
Portsmouth VA 23709–5000  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779620008  
Status: Unutilized

Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material  
Secured Area.

Bldg. 1438  
Norfolk Naval Shipyard  
Portsmouth VA 23709–5000  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779620009  
Status: Unutilized

Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material  
Secured Area.

Bldg. 1442  
Norfolk Naval Shipyard  
Portsmouth VA 23709–5000  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779620010  
Status: Unutilized

Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material  
Secured Area.

##### *Land (by State)*

#### Arizona

ARCO Surplus Land  
20-foot strip, 53rd Ave.  
Phoenix Co: Maricopa AZ 85043–  
Landholding Agency: Interior  
Property Number: 619620001  
Status: Unutilized

Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or  
explosive material  
Secured Area.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Proposed Issuance of a Permit to Authorize Incidental Take of Threatened and Endangered Species on Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P., Lands in the I–90 Corridor, King and Kittitas Counties, Washington

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed issuance of a permit to authorize incidental take of threatened and endangered species to Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P. (Applicant), is available for review. The Applicant has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (together Services) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Applicant has also requested an unlisted species agreement and a provision reflecting the “Safe Harbor” concept to cover vertebrate species which may be found in the planning area. The term of the proposed permit, which includes this provision, would be 100 years. The application has been assigned permit number PRT–808398. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**DATES:** Completion of the Record of Decision and permit decision will occur no sooner than May 13, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Individuals wishing copies of the application or Final EIS for review should immediately contact William Vogel, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Northwest Habitat Conservation Plan Program, 3704 Griffin Lane S.E. Suite 102, Olympia, Washington 98501–2192; (360) 534–9330. Documents will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday) at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Vogel, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or Steve Landino, National Marine Fisheries Service, at the office listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Under section 9 of the Act and its implementing regulations, "taking" of threatened and endangered species is prohibited. However, the Services, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take threatened or endangered wildlife species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are in 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22.

The Applicant has addressed species conservation and ecosystem management on approximately 170,000 acres of its land in the Cascade Mountains of Washington. The subject ownership occurs in a "checkerboard" pattern in an area commonly referred to as the I-90 Corridor. The term "checkerboard" refers to alternate sections of public and private land.

The Applicant is proposing to implement a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) which was designed to complement the Federal Northwest Forest Plan, and includes various forms of mitigation which are integral parts of the HCP. It also includes a schedule of habitat amounts to be provided for the 100-year plan. These habitats include eight stand-structure types (ranging from early-successional stages, such as stand initiation, to late-successional stages, such as old growth) and habitat for northern spotted owls (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) (owls). Owl-habitat projections include projections for nesting, roosting, and foraging habitat and for foraging and dispersal habitat. Mitigation for gray wolves (*Canis lupus*) and grizzly bears (*Ursus arctos* = *U.a. horribilis*) include avoidance of timber harvest and road construction in certain habitats, limits to road densities, provision of visual cover, and other specific management prescriptions. The Applicant plans to avoid or minimize the take of marbled murrelets (*Brachyramphus marmoratus marmoratus*), but has included murrelets in the permit application in case some incidental take occurs. Minimum prescriptions are also provided for riparian and wetland areas, and watershed analyses will be completed on an accelerated basis. Specific prescriptions will also be implemented for a number of other species and special habitats. The underlying purpose or goal of the proposed action is to develop a management plan for these lands upon which incidental take of listed species can be based so that economic benefits can be realized from those lands while

providing necessary habitat for listed and unlisted wildlife species.

**Development of the Final EIS**

In development of this Final EIS, the Services have initiated action to ensure compliance with the purpose and intent of NEPA. Scoping activities were undertaken preparatory to developing the Draft EIS. A Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS was published in the February 8, 1995, Federal Register (60 FR 7577). This was followed by a Notice of Availability of a Draft EIS and receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit published in the November 17, 1995, Federal Register (60 FR 57722).

Potential consequences, in terms of adverse impacts and benefits associated with the implementation of each alternative, were described in the Draft EIS. Key issues addressed in the Draft and Final EIS are identified as the effects that implementation of the various alternatives would have upon: (1) Threatened and endangered species; (2) other wildlife and their habitats; (3) surrounding and intermingled land uses; and (4) other aspects of the physical and the human environment. Each alternative was evaluated for its potential to result in significant adverse impacts, and the adequacy or inadequacy of the proposed measures to avoid, minimize, and substantially reduce the effects.

The Services received 166 letters (representing 260 groups and individuals) and 424 pre-printed cards (representing 477 individuals) providing comment on the Draft EIS. A total of 737 signatures were represented in letters, cards, and attached petitions. Comments were varied. Topics covered in the comments included the range of alternatives, length of the comment period, adequacy of mitigation, credibility of the science relied upon in developing conservation strategies, adequacy of the impacts analysis, population viability of the subject species, uncertainty surrounding alternatives, assurances provided to the Applicant, and permit issuance criteria. The Final EIS contains summaries of, and responses to, all comments received during the comment period. Issues and potential consequences remain constant from the Draft to the Final EIS.

**Alternatives Analyzed In the Final EIS**

The Draft EIS considered nine alternatives, but only advanced four for further detailed study. Alternatives considered but not advanced for detailed analysis included the following: (1) no harvest on Plum Creek land; (2) compliance with Federal Aquatic Conservation Strategies; (3)

land exchanges; (4) retention of unroaded areas in Plum Creek ownership; and (5) inclusion of all Plum Creek properties within the general planning area. Four alternatives were advanced for detailed analysis. Under the No-action Alternative, the Applicant would avoid the take of any and all Federally listed species and no permit would be issued. Under the Riparian Alternative, emphasis for conservation of fish and wildlife species would be placed in riparian and wetland areas; other portions of the ownership would be managed for aggressive timber harvest. Under the Dispersal Alternative, riparian areas would continue to be managed for fish and wildlife; but, in addition, upland areas would be managed to provide dispersal habitat for owls. The Proposed Action builds upon the benefits of the previous alternatives. It, too, places emphasis for conservation on riparian and wetland areas; but, in addition, commits to implementation of the Applicant's Environmental Principles; provision of nesting, roosting, and foraging habitat for owls; and provision of habitat deferrals for owls and northern goshawks. It includes specific mitigation for other wildlife such as the gray wolf, grizzly bear, Larch Mountain salamander, and other species and special habitats. The Proposed Action remains the Services' preferred alternative.

The Final EIS contains minor modifications to the Draft EIS and also highlights minor changes made to the HCP in response to public comments. Additional information regarding these changes may be obtained from the Services at the above address.

Dated: March 26, 1996.

Thomas J. Dwyer,  
Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Portland,  
Oregon.

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**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Closure of Public Lands; Oregon**

April 3, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, the area as legally described below is closed to all motorized vehicle use year-long.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** This closure order applies to all areas within Township 17