

draft revised Puerto Rican parrot recovery plan. As the common name implies, the Puerto Rican parrot is a bird species endemic to the commonwealth of Puerto Rico. We solicit review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

**DATES:** We must receive comments on the draft recovery plan on or before a August 17, 1999 to receive consideration by us.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain a copy of the draft recovery plan by contacting Pablo Torres-Báez, Río Grande Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1600, Río Grande, Puerto Rico 00745 (telephone 787/887-8769). Send written comments and materials regarding the plan 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. Pablo Torres-Báez at the above address and telephone number (extension 226).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Restoring endangered or threatened animals or plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of our endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we are 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 recognizing 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, 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. We will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. We and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the

course of implementing approved recovery plans.

Despite intensive research and management efforts for more than 30 years, the survival of the Puerto Rican parrot is still perilous. Based upon available information concerning the range, biology, and threats to its continued survival, it is not yet possible to determine if or when full recovery of the Puerto Rican parrot is possible. This draft recovery plan outlines a mechanism that provides for the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of the only known wild population and the establishment of new wild populations in the future. We officially listed the Puerto Rican parrot as an endangered species in 1967 (32 FR 4001). The wild population reached an all time low of about 13 individuals in 1973. The same year, anticipating the possibility of losing the wild population to a catastrophic event, we initiated a captive breeding program to ensure survival of the species. Historically, the once abundant and widespread Puerto Rican parrot suffered from the negative effects of habitat loss, hunting, deleterious biological interactions, and the impact of hurricanes. We will use comments and information provided during this review in preparing the final recovery plan.

**Public Comments Solicited**

We solicit written comments on the recovery plan described. We will consider all comments received by the date specified above 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: June 14, 1999.

**Pablo Torres-Báez,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, (BLM), Montana, Billings and Miles City Field Offices, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council will have a meeting July 15, 1999 in Lame Deer, Montana at the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Headquarters starting at 8:00 a.m. Agenda topics include tribal concerns plus updates on access, travel management, and grazing permit renewals.

The meeting is open to the public and the public comment period is set for 10:00 a.m. on July 15. The public may make oral statements before the Council or file written statements for the Council to consider. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make an oral statement, a per person time limit may be established. Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marilyn Krause, Public Affairs Specialist, Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59031, telephone (406) 233-2831.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management. The 15 member Council includes individuals who have expertise, education, training or practical experience in the planning and management of public lands and their resources and who have a knowledge of the geographical jurisdiction of the Council.

Dated: June 9, 1999.

**Timothy M. Murphy,**

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**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Colorado: Filing of Plats of Survey**

June 10, 1999.

The plats of survey of the following described land will be officially filed in the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado, 80215-7093, effective 10 am, June 10, 1999. All inquiries should be sent to this address.

Township	Range	Meridian	Group No.	Approval date
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