

1988, and extended through Public Law 105–355, November 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: C. Allen Sachse, Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission, 1 South Third Street, 8th Floor, Easton, PA 18042, (610) 923–3548.

Dated: December 21, 2004.

C. Allen Sachse,

Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary is announcing a public meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee.

DATES: January 27, 2005, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Anchorage, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Mutter, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 “C” Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501, (907) 271–5011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Public Advisory Committee was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91–081 CV. The meeting agenda will feature an orientation for new Committee members and discussions about the Trustee Council’s proposed invitation to bid on projects for fiscal year 2006.

Dated: December 21, 2004.

Willie R. Taylor,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Recovery Plan for *Deinandra conjugens* (Otay tarplant)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (we) announces the availability of the Recovery Plan for *Deinandra* [= *Hemizonia*] *conjugens* (Otay tarplant). This plant species is found in southwestern San Diego County, California, and northwestern Baja California, Mexico.

ADDRESSES: Printed copies of this recovery plan are available by request from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, California 92009 (telephone: 760–431–9440). An electronic copy of the recovery plan is available on the World Wide Web at: <http://endangered.fws.gov/recovery/index.html#plans>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Field Supervisor, at the above Carlsbad address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Recovery of endangered or threatened animals and plants is a primary goal of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our endangered species program. Recovery means improvement of the status of listed species to the point at which listing is no longer required under the criteria set out in section 4(a)(1) of the Act. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting listed species, and estimate time and cost for implementing the measures needed for recovery.

The ESA requires the development of a recovery plan for endangered or threatened species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of the species. Section 4(f) of the ESA requires that public notice, and an opportunity for public review and comment, be provided during recovery plan development. The Draft Recovery Plan for *Deinandra conjugens* was available for public comment from December 18, 2003, to March 2, 2004 (68 FR 70526). Information presented during the public comment period has been considered in the preparation of this final recovery plan.

We listed *Deinandra conjugens* as a federally threatened species on October 13, 1998 (63 FR 54938); we designated critical habitat on December 10, 2002 (67 FR 76030). *Deinandra conjugens* is annual plant typically found on clay soils in grasslands, open coastal sage scrub, and maritime succulent scrub. It is restricted to southwestern San Diego County, California, and northwestern Baja California, Mexico; its status in Mexico is unclear.

Urban development and agricultural activities, invasion of nonnative species, and habitat fragmentation and degradation have resulted in the loss of suitable habitat across the *Deinandra conjugens*’ range. The species annual habit and self-incompatible breeding system potentially create additional threats from population fluctuations, reduced populations of pollinators, and a decline in genetic variation. Maintenance of the genetic variability within the species, through cross-pollination, may be critical to long-term survival. The extensive fragmentation of remaining populations may exacerbate these threats by reducing connectivity between populations and potentially limiting suitable pollinators, and hence gene flow between populations. *Deinandra conjugens* is a species that receives benefit from multi-species preservation and management under the Multiple Species Conservation Program, a regional habitat conservation program in southwestern San Diego County, California.

The objective of this plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of *Deinandra conjugens* so that protection by the ESA is no longer necessary. Actions necessary to accomplish this objective include: (1) Stabilize and protect habitat supporting known populations; (2) assess the status of all known populations; (3) conduct surveys to search for new populations and implement actions to protect populations outside of established reserves when necessary; (4) adaptively manage and monitor conserved areas; (5) identify research needs and conduct studies on the biology and ecology of *Deinandra conjugens*; and (6) develop and implement a community outreach program.

Authority

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

Dated: December 3, 2004.

Steve Thompson,

*Manager, California/Nevada Operations
Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 106-503, the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) will hold its ninth meeting. The meeting location is the U.S. Geological Survey, John Wesley Powell National Center, Rm. 3B457, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192. The Committee is comprised of members from academia, industry, and State government. The Committee shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

The Committee will review the overall direction of the U.S. Geological Survey's Earthquake Hazards Program in the current and next fiscal years. They will also discuss the reauthorization of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

Meetings of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee are open to the public.

DATES: January 11, 2005, commencing at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 5 p.m. on January 12, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Applegate, U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-6714.

Dated: December 17, 2004.

James F. Devine,

Senior Advisor for Science Applications.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting and tour of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC).

The business meeting will be held on January 25, 2005, at the Bureau of Land Management National Training Center located at 9828 North 31st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. It will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. The agenda items to be covered include: Review of the October 27, 2004, Meeting Minutes; BLM State Director's Update on Statewide Issues; RAC Orientation on BLM Programs and Arizona BLM Priorities, Presentations on Transportation and Rights-of-Way, and Collecting and Interpreting Rangeland Health Monitoring Data; Arizona Land Use Planning Updates; RAC Questions on Written Reports from BLM Field Managers; Field Office Rangeland Resource Team Proposals; Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Use, Public Relations, Land Use Planning and Tenure, and Wild Horse and Burro Working Groups; Reports from RAC members; and Discussion of future meetings. A public comment period will be provided at 11:30 a.m. on January 25, 2005, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203, (602) 417-9215.

Elaine Y. Zielinski,

Arizona State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Plan of Operations, Environmental Assessment, and Draft Floodplains and Wetlands Statements of Findings, Big Thicket National Preserve, TX; Correction

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; correction.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) published a Notice of Availability on November 24, 2004 in accordance with Section 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9, Subpart B, of a Plan of Operations submitted by Sanchez Oil and Gas Corporation for drilling and production

of the WM Rice #1 Well from a surface location north of County Road 4825 within Big Thicket National Preserve, Tyler County, Texas. The notice also announced the availability of an accompanying Environmental Assessment and draft Floodplain and Wetland Statements of Findings. These documents are not, in fact, yet ready for review. When they are available, another notice will be published.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dusty Pate, Range Technician, Big Thicket National Preserve, 3785 Milam Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, Telephone: 409 839-2689 ext. 232, e-mail at Haigler_Pate@nps.gov.

Dated: November 30, 2004.

Stephen P. Martin,

Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Plan of Operations, Environmental Assessment, Big Thicket National Preserve, Texas

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment for a 30-day public review at Big Thicket National Preserve.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9, Subpart B, that the National Park Service (NPS) has received from Famcor Oil Inc., a Plan of Operations to directionally drill the Roberts/Duke #1 flowline beneath the Menard Creek Corridor Unit of Big Thicket National Preserve, within Liberty and Polk Counties, Texas. The NPS has prepared an Environmental Assessment on this proposal.

DATES: The above documents are available for public review and comment through January 27, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment are available for public review and comment in the Office of the Superintendent, Art Hutchinson, Big Thicket National Preserve, 3785 Milam Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701. Copies of the Plan of Operations are available, for a duplication fee; and copies of the Environmental Assessment are available upon request, and at no cost, from the Superintendent, Art Hutchinson, Big