

will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Service has already solicited information from the public via open houses, meetings, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and announcements will continue to inform people in the general area near the refuges of the time and place of opportunities for further public input to the CCP.

The Eastern Massachusetts NWR Complex is a diverse group of coastal and inland refuges. Habitats include forest, field, riparian, barrier island beach, freshwater marsh, and pond. Monomoy NWR contains 7,604 acres in a combination of land and open water. With the exception of approximately 300 acres, all of the land area is a designated Federal Wilderness Area. Nomans Land Island NWR contains 628 acres.

Review of this project will be in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), other appropriate laws and regulations, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations. Concurrent with the CCP process we will conduct a wilderness review of Nomans Land Island and the non-wilderness portion of South Monomoy Island and incorporate a summary of the review into the CCP. Wilderness review is the process we use to determine if we should recommend National Wildlife Refuge System lands and waters to Congress for wilderness designation.

We estimate that the draft environmental documents will be available December 2005 for public review and comment.

Dated: October 1, 2004.

Marvin E. Moriarty,

Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan for the Tinian Monarch (*Monarcha takatsukasae*)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability for review and comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (we) announces the availability of the Draft Post-delisting Monitoring Plan for the Tinian Monarch (*Monarcha takatsukasae*) (Monitoring Plan). We propose to monitor the status of the Tinian monarch over a 5-year period from 2005 to 2010 through regular field surveys of the distribution and abundance of the Tinian monarch, regular field surveys for brown treesnakes (*Boiga irregularis*) on Tinian, and tracking of land use and development on Tinian. We solicit review and comment on this Monitoring Plan from local, State and Federal agencies, and the public.

DATES: We will accept and consider all public comments received on or before January 12, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Monitoring Plan are available by request from Dr. Eric VanderWerf, Hawaiian Bird Recovery Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850 (telephone: (808) 792–9400; fax: (808) 792–9580). This Monitoring Plan is also available on the World Wide Web at <http://pacificislands.fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Eric VanderWerf, Hawaiian Bird Recovery Coordinator, at the above Honolulu address or at (808) 792–9400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Tinian monarch, or Chuchurican Tinian in the Chamorro language, is a forest bird endemic to the island of Tinian in the Mariana Archipelago in the western Pacific Ocean. The Tinian monarch inhabits a variety of forest types on Tinian, including native limestone forest, secondary vegetation consisting primarily of non-native plants, and nearly pure stands of introduced tangantangan (*Leucaena leucocephala*).

The Tinian monarch was listed as endangered on June 2, 1970 (35 FR 8491), because its population was reported to be critically low due to the destruction of native forests by pre-World War II (WW II) agricultural practices, and by military activities during WW II. We conducted forest bird surveys on Tinian in 1982, which resulted in a population estimate of 39,338 Tinian monarchs. On November 1, 1985, we published a proposed rule to delist the Tinian monarch (50 FR 45632). Based on comments received, we instead downlisted the Tinian

monarch, and a final rule reclassifying it from endangered to threatened was published on April 6, 1987 (52 FR 10890). There is no recovery plan specifying delisting criteria for the Tinian monarch. A study of Tinian monarch breeding biology in 1994 and 1995 resulted in a population estimate of approximately 52,900 birds. In 1996, a replication of the 1982 surveys yielded a population estimate of 55,720 birds. The 1996 survey also found a significant increase in forest density since 1982, indicating an improvement in Tinian monarch habitat quality.

On February 22, 1999, we published a proposed rule to remove the Tinian monarch from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife (64 FR 8533). That proposal was based primarily on information from population surveys and demographic research, which indicated the Tinian monarch has increased in number or is stable, and that the primary listing factor, loss of habitat, has been ameliorated. On September 21, 2004, we published a final rule removing the Tinian monarch from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife (69 FR 65367).

Section 4(g)(1) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires that we implement a system, in cooperation with the States, to monitor for no fewer than 5 years the status of all species that have recovered and been removed from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants. The purpose of post-delisting monitoring is to verify that a species delisted due to recovery remains secure from risk of extinction after it has been removed from the protections of the Act.

On December 7, 2002, we mailed letters to 18 scientific experts on the Tinian monarch and the brown treesnake, asking for scientific review of the Monitoring Plan. We received nine responses to our request. We carefully considered the comments of the reviewers and used them to improve the Monitoring Plan.

We propose to monitor the status of the Tinian monarch over a 5-year period from 2005 to 2010 in cooperation with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Division of Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Navy through regular field surveys of the distribution and abundance of the Tinian monarch, regular field surveys for brown treesnakes on Tinian, and by tracking changes in land use and development on Tinian. If data from this monitoring effort, or from some other source, indicate that the Tinian

monarch is experiencing significant declines in abundance or distribution or that it requires protective status under the Act for some other reason, we can initiate listing procedures including, if appropriate, emergency listing.

Public Comments Solicited

We will accept written comments and information during this comment period. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments and materials concerning this monitoring plan by any of these methods:

1. You may submit written comments and information my mail, facsimile, or in person to the Hawaiian Bird Recovery Coordinator at the above Honolulu address (*see ADDRESSES*).

2. You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: *monarch_pdmp@r1.fws.gov*. If you submit comments by e-mail, please submit them as an ASCII file and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your e-mail message.

Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in preparation of the Monitoring Plan, will be available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above Honolulu address (*see ADDRESSES*).

Author

The primary author of this document is Dr. Eric A. VanderWerf, Hawaiian Bird Recovery Coordinator (*see ADDRESSES*).

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: November 15, 2004.

David Wesley,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field

tour of the BLM-administered public lands on Friday, January 7, 2005, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and meet in formal session on Saturday, January 8, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Saturday meeting will be held in the Pinnacles Room in the Kerr McGee Community Center, located at 100 W. California Avenue, Ridgecrest, California.

The Council and interested members of the public will depart for a field tour at 7:30 a.m. from the parking lot of the Heritage Inn Hotel, which is located at 1050 North Norma in Ridgecrest, California. The public is welcome to participate in the tour, but should plan on providing their own transportation, drinks, and lunch.

Agenda items tentatively scheduled for the Saturday Council meeting will include reports by Advisory Council members, the District Manager and the five District field office managers. Additional briefings to be scheduled.

The Advisory Council also confirmed meetings on the following dates:

—April 1-2

—June 24-25

—September 23-24

Each meeting will include a field tour on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a public meeting on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Once finalized, the locations and agenda topics will be published in the **Federal Register** and posted on BLM's California State Web page at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/news>. Click on Advisory Councils and scroll down to the California Desert District Advisory Council.

All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doran Sanchez, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs Specialist (951) 697-5220.

Dated: December 6, 2004.

Alan Stein,

Assistant District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group's Reclamation Task Group

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and cancellation.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (1976) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) Reclamation Task Group (subcommittee) will meet in Pinedale, Wyoming, for a business meeting. Task Group meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The PAWG Reclamation Task Group meeting scheduled for December 8, 2004 at the Pinedale Library is cancelled. The PAWG Reclamation Task Group will conduct meetings on the following dates: January 4, 2005, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.; January 19, 2005, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and; February 9, 2005, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All meetings of the PAWG Reclamation Task Group will be held in the Lovatt room of the Pinedale Library at 155 S. Tyler Ave., Pinedale, WY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dessa Dale, BLM/Reclamation TG Liaison, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 E Mills St., P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, WY, 82941; (307) 367-5321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) was authorized and established with release of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project on July 27, 2000. The PAWG advises the BLM on the development and implementation of monitoring plans and adaptive management decisions as development of the Pinedale Anticline Natural Gas Field (PAPA) proceeds for the life of the field.

After the ROD was issued, Interior determined that a Federal Advisory Committees Act (FACA) charter was required for this group. The charter was signed by Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton, on August 15, 2002, and renewed on August 13, 2004. An announcement of committee initiation and call for nominations was published in the **Federal Register** on February 21, 2003, (68 FR 8522). PAWG members