

a plan for Suisun Marsh that would balance the needs of the California Bay-Delta Program (CALFED), the Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement, and other plans by protecting and enhancing existing land uses and existing waterfowl and wildlife values, including those associated with the Pacific Flyway, endangered species, and State and Federal water project supply quality. A subset of this charter group has collaboratively prepared the SMP Draft EIS/EIR. The principal agencies include the Service, Reclamation, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), DFG, State of California Department of Water Resources, Suisun Resource Conservation District, and the California Bay-Delta Authority. When the EIS/EIR is finalized, each principal agency will use it to implement particular actions described and analyzed in the document that would contribute to the overall implementation of the SMP. NMFS and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are cooperating agencies in accordance with NEPA.

Background

The historical diking of tidal wetlands resulted in a loss of habitat for many species, including some listed as threatened or endangered. However, managed wetlands provide important habitats for numerous wetland species, migratory birds, and waterfowl; support existing wildlife populations; and are vital to the heritage of hunting in Suisun Marsh. Protecting the ecological values of both the historical tidal wetland habitat and the current managed wetland habitat is vital to ensure stability of the many species that depend on each of these wetland types. Managed wetlands, tidal wetlands, and uplands, whether publicly or privately owned, provide important wetlands for migratory waterfowl and other resident and migratory wetland-dependent species and opportunities for hunting, fishing, bird watching, and other recreational activities. There is a need to maintain these opportunities as well as improve public stewardship of the Marsh to ensure that the implementation of restoration and managed wetland activities is understood and valued for both public and private land uses. Current restrictions regarding levee maintenance activities in the Marsh have forced maintenance to be deferred on some exterior levees, increasing the risk of catastrophic flooding. Multiple factors contribute to the degradation of water quality in the Marsh, and improvement of water quality and water quality management practices is needed to benefit the ecological processes for all

habitats, including managed and tidal wetlands. Given these needs, the SMP is a comprehensive plan designed to address the various conflicts regarding use of Marsh resources, with the focus on achieving an acceptable multi-stakeholder approach to the restoration of tidal wetlands and the enhancement of managed wetlands and their functions. The SMP is intended to guide near-term and future actions related to restoration of tidal wetlands and managed wetland activities in the Marsh.

Preferred Alternative

All action alternatives of the SMP include the same basic components, which provide a framework for how restoration and managed wetland activities would be implemented. The alternatives differ in the amount of acreage of restored tidal wetlands and remaining managed wetlands subject to managed wetland activities. Restoration of tidal wetlands would help to achieve the restoration goals established for the Marsh by the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan, San Francisco Bay Area Wetlands Ecosystem Goals Project, and the Service's Draft Recovery Plan for Tidal Marsh Ecosystems of Northern and Central California. Restoration of tidal wetlands would be implemented over the 30-year SMP timeframe, and benefits from individual projects would change as elevations rise due to sediment accretion, vegetation becomes established, and vegetation communities shift over time from low marsh to high marsh condition.

Managed wetlands provide valuable habitat for a variety of non-waterfowl birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. The intended outcomes of the managed wetlands activities described in the Draft EIS/EIR are to maintain and improve habitat conditions and minimize or avoid adverse effects of wetland operations. Most of these activities are already occurring in the Marsh; however, some of the current activities would be modified, and some new activities would be conducted, as described in detail in the Draft EIS/EIR.

The preferred alternative identified in the Draft EIS/EIR includes restoring 5,000 to 7,000 acres in the Marsh to fully functioning, self-sustaining tidal wetland and protecting and enhancing existing tidal wetland acreage; and improving the remaining 44,000 to 46,000 acres of managed wetlands, levee stability, and flood and drain capabilities, as previously identified in the 2007 CALFED Programmatic Record of Decision.

Special Assistance for Public Meetings

If special assistance is required to participate in the public meetings, please contact Becky Victorine at 916-978-5035, TDD 916-978-5608, or via e-mail at rvictorine@usbr.gov. Please notify Ms. Victorine as far in advance as possible to enable Reclamation to secure the needed services. If a request cannot be honored, the requestor will be notified. A telephone device for the hearing impaired (TDD) is available at 916-978-5608.

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Dated: May 4, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Habitat Conservation Plan for Pacific Gas & Electric Company's Operation, Maintenance, and Minor New Construction Activities in the North Coast, Central Coast, Sacramento Valley, Sierra, and Mojave Regions, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement and notice of public scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regarding an expected application from Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) for a permit authorizing incidental take

of Federally listed species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). We are revising our previous notice of intent (NOI) of November 2008 in order to gather information necessary to prepare a joint EIS/environmental impact report (EIR) on the habitat conservation plan (HCP) for PG&E's operation, maintenance, and minor new construction activities in the North Coast, Central Coast, Sacramento Valley, and Sierra regions.

DATES: Please send written comments on or before November 29, 2010. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Sacramento, CA.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the South Notamas Community Center—Conference Room, 2921 Truxel Road, Sacramento, CA. Submit information, written comments, or questions related to the preparation of the EIS/EIR and NEPA process by U.S. mail to Mike Thomas, Branch Chief, Conservation Planning, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825; or by facsimile to (916) 414-6713.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Thomas, Branch Chief, Conservation Planning; or Eric Tattersall, Deputy Assistant Field Supervisor/Division Chief, Conservation Planning and Recovery, at the address above or at (916) 414-6600 (telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We intend to prepare an EIS under NEPA regarding an expected application from PG&E for a permit authorizing incidental take of Federally listed species under the ESA. We are revising our previously published NOI (November 25, 2008; 73 FR 71668) to gather information necessary to prepare, in coordination with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and PG&E, a joint EIS/EIR on the HCP for PG&E's operation, maintenance, and minor new construction activities in the North Coast, Central Coast, Sacramento Valley, and Sierra regions. This revised notice describes the two main changes to the proposed action, which are the addition of the Mojave Region (Figure 1) to the study area and a change in proposed covered species list (Table 1).

We are providing this notice to: (1) Describe revisions to the proposed action; (2) update other Federal and State agencies, affected Tribes, and the public of the revised scope of the environmental review for this EIS/EIR; (3) announce the initiation of a new public scoping period; and (4) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues and alternatives to be included in the EIS/EIR.

The following table (Table 1) shows the changes by status and number of proposed covered species for which PG&E is anticipating requesting a permit:

Species category	Numbers of species	
	November 2008	Revised
Federally listed as threatened or endangered	75	85
Candidates	0	4
Unlisted species that may become listed during permit term	34	91
Total numbers of species	109	180

Background Information

The 2008 NOI specified that the plan area encompassed approximately 550,000 acres, including the right of way surrounding PG&E's gas and electric transmission and distribution facilities, lands owned by PG&E and/or subject to PG&E easements for these facilities, private access routes associated with PG&E's activities, future minor new construction areas, and mitigation areas for impacts resulting from PG&E's covered activities. The plan area included the network of PG&E facilities in 36 counties, including 18 counties within the Sacramento Valley Region, 20 counties within the Sierra Region (of which 12 overlap with the Sacramento Valley), 6 counties within the Central Coast Region, and 4 counties within the North Coast Region (of which 1 overlaps with the Sacramento Valley). PG&E originally intended to request a permit for 109 species under the HCP: 75 Federally listed and 34 unlisted

species (covered species). We anticipated that PG&E would request a permit duration of 50 years. We held a public scoping meeting and Web conference in Sacramento, California, on December 4, 2008. We received public and agency comments through December 26, 2008.

Revisions to Project/Proposed Action

PG&E proposes to add approximately 23,000 acres to the plan area with the inclusion of the Mojave Region, which would increase the total plan area to approximately 573,000 acres in 36 counties. Within the 23,000 acres of the Mojave Region, PG&E proposes to implement operations and maintenance activities along an existing gas transmission line, which stretches from central Kern County to eastern San Bernardino County. A map of the new region to be added is attached (see Figure 1). Activities that may be covered under the HCP in the Mojave Region include a variety of tasks associated with the operation and maintenance of PG&E's gas transmission system, as mandated for public safety by the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Energy Commission, and the California Department of Transportation. More specifically, these activities would be restricted to: Gas pipeline protection, recoating, repair, and replacement, and vegetation management to maintain clearances around facilities. Preliminary analysis conducted by PG&E to date suggests that up to 5 acres of permanent impacts and 555 acres of temporary impacts are likely to occur as a result of proposed covered activities in the Mojave Region over a 50-year timeframe.

Because some species were inadvertently omitted from the original NOI and the present addition of the Mojave Region to the proposed action, PG&E added 71 species to the proposed covered species list since the 2008 NOI. The proposed covered species list has increased from a total of 109 species to 180 species. The 180 species PG&E currently proposes to address in the HCP include 57 animal species and 123 plant species (Table 2). Additional changes to the proposed covered species list may occur during the development of the HCP.

TABLE 2—REVISED PROPOSED COVERED SPECIES LIST

Scientific name	Common name	Federal Status
Invertebrates:		
<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>	Conservancy fairy shrimp	E
<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>	Longhorn fairy shrimp	E
<i>Branchinecta lynchi</i>	Vernal pool fairy shrimp	T

TABLE 2—REVISED PROPOSED COVERED SPECIES LIST—Continued

Scientific name	Common name	Federal Status
<i>Branchinectamesovallensis</i>	Midvalley fairy shrimp	—
<i>Desmocerus californicus dimorphus</i>	Valley elderberry longhorn beetle	T
<i>Euphilotes enoptes smithi</i>	Smith's blue butterfly	E
<i>Euproserpinus euterpe</i>	Kern primrose sphinx moth	T
<i>Helminthoglyptawalkeriana</i>	Morro shoulderband	E
<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>	Vernal pool tadpole shrimp	E
<i>Lycaeides argyrognomon lotis</i>	Lotis blue butterfly	E
<i>Pacifastacus fortis</i>	Shasta crayfish	E
<i>Polyphyllabarbata</i>	Mount Hermon (=barbate) june beetle	E
<i>Speyeria zerene behrensii</i>	Behren's silverspot butterfly	E
<i>Trimerotropis infantilis</i>	Zayante band-winged grasshopper	E
Amphibians:		
<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>	California tiger salamander—Central Distinct Population Segment	T
<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>	California tiger salamander—Santa Barbara County Distinct Population Segment	E
<i>Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum</i>	Santa Cruz long-toed salamander	E
<i>Anaxyrus californicus</i>	Arroyo toad	E
<i>Batrachoseps stebbinsi</i>	Tehachapi slender salamander	—
<i>Bufo canorus</i>	Yosemite toad	C
<i>Hydromantes shastae</i>	Shasta salamander	—
<i>Rana boylei</i>	Foothill yellow-legged frog	—
<i>Rana draytonii</i>	California red-legged frog	T
<i>Rana muscosa</i>	Southern mountain (=Sierra Madre) yellow-legged frog	E
<i>Rana sierrae</i>	Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog	C
<i>Rhyacotriton variegatus</i>	Southern torrent salamander	—
<i>Scaphiopus hammondi</i>	Western spadefoot toad	—
Reptiles:		
<i>Emys (=Clemmys) marmorata</i>	Western pond turtle	—
<i>Gambeliasila</i>	Blunt-nosed leopard lizard	E
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i>	Desert tortoise	T
<i>Thamnophis gigas</i>	Giant garter snake	T
<i>Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia</i>	San Francisco garter snake	E
Birds:		
<i>Agelaius tricolor</i>	Tricolored blackbird	—
<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Golden eagle	—
<i>Athena cucularia</i>	Western burrowing owl	—
<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>	Marbled murrelet	T
<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	Swainson's hawk	—
<i>Coccyzus americanus occidentalis</i>	Western yellow-billed cuckoo	C
<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	Willow flycatcher	—
<i>Empidonax traillii eximius</i>	Southwestern willow flycatcher (CA)	E
<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>	American peregrine falcon	—
<i>Grus canadensis tabida</i>	Greater sandhill crane	—
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald eagle	—
<i>Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus</i>	Black rail (CA)	—
<i>Progne subis</i>	Purple martin	—
<i>Strix nebulosa</i>	Great gray owl	—
<i>Strix occidentalis caurina</i>	Northern spotted owl	T
<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>	Least Bell's vireo	E
Mammals:		
<i>Ammospermophilus nelsoni</i>	Nelson's antelope squirrel	—
<i>Aplodontia rufaniger</i>	Point Arena mountain beaver	E
<i>Dipodomys ingens</i>	Giant kangaroo rat	E
<i>Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides</i>	Tipton kangaroo rat	E
<i>Martes americana humboldtensis</i>	Humboldt marten	—
<i>Martes pennanti</i>	Fisher—west coast Distinct Population Segment	C
<i>Vulpes macrotis mutica</i>	San Joaquin kit fox	E
<i>Vulpes vulpes necator</i>	Sierra Nevada red fox	—
<i>Xerospermophilus mohavensis</i>	Mohave ground squirrel	—
Plants:		
<i>Abronia umbellata</i> ssp. <i>breviflora</i>	Pink sand-verbena	—
<i>Ancistrocarpus keilii</i>	Santa Ynez groundstar	—
<i>Arabis constancei</i>	Constance's rock cress	—
<i>Arctostaphylos hookeri</i> ssp. <i>heartsiorum</i>	Hearst's manzanita	—
<i>Arctostaphylos morroensis</i>	Morro manzanita	T
<i>Arctostaphylos myrtifolia</i>	lone manzanita	T
<i>Arctostaphylos pajarensis</i>	Pajaromanzanita	—
<i>Arctostaphylos purissima</i>	La Purisima manzanita	—
<i>Arctostaphylos stanfordiana</i> ssp. <i>raichei</i>	Raiche's manzanita	—
<i>Arctostaphylos tomentosa</i> ssp. <i>daciticola</i>	Dacite manzanita	—
<i>Arctostaphylos wellsii</i>	Wells' manzanita	—

TABLE 2—REVISED PROPOSED COVERED SPECIES LIST—Continued

Scientific name	Common name	Federal Status
<i>Astragalus agnicidus</i>	Humboldt milk-vetch	—
<i>Astragalus albens</i>	Cushenbury milk-vetch	E
<i>Astragalus tener</i> var. <i>ferrisiae</i>	Ferris' milk-vetch	—
<i>Atriplex parishii</i>	Parish's brittle scale	—
<i>Bensoniella aoregona</i>	Bensoniella	—
<i>California macrophylla</i>	Round-leaved filaree	—
<i>Calycadenia villosa</i>	Dwarf calycadenia	—
<i>Calystegia stebbinsii</i>	Stebbins' morning-glory	E
<i>Camissonia benitensis</i>	San Benito evening-primrose	T
<i>Carpenteria californica</i>	Tree-anemone	—
<i>Caulanthus californicus</i>	California jewel-flower	E
<i>Ceanothus confusus</i>	Rincon Ridge ceanothus	—
<i>Ceanothus maritimus</i>	Maritime ceanothus	—
<i>Ceanothus roderickii</i>	Pine Hill ceanothus	E
<i>Chamaesyce hooveri</i>	Hoover's spurge	T
<i>Chlorogalum purpureum</i> var. <i>purpureum</i>	Purple amole	T
<i>Chorizanthe howellii</i>	Howell's spineflower	E
<i>Chorizanthe pungens</i> var. <i>hartwegiana</i>	Ben Lomond spineflower	E
<i>Chorizanthe pungens</i> var. <i>pungens</i>	Monterey spineflower	T
<i>Chorizanthe robusta</i> var. <i>robusta</i>	Robust spineflower	E
<i>Cirsium fontinale</i> var. <i>obispoense</i>	San Luis Obispo fountain thistle	E
<i>Cirsium rhizophyllum</i>	Surf thistle	—
<i>Clarkia amoena</i> ssp. <i>whitneyi</i>	Whitney's farewell-to-spring	—
<i>Clarkia borealis</i> ssp. <i>arida</i>	Shasta clarkia	—
<i>Clarkia mosquinii</i>	Mosquin's clarkia	—
<i>Clarkia speciosa</i> ssp. <i>immaculata</i>	Pismo clarkia	E
<i>Cordylanthus mollis</i> ssp. <i>hispidus</i>	Hispid bird's-beak	—
<i>Cordylanthus palmatus</i>	Palmate-bracted bird's-beak	E
<i>Cordylanthus rigidus</i> ssp. <i>littoralis</i>	Seaside bird's-beak	—
<i>Cryptantha clevelandii</i> var. <i>dissita</i>	Serpentine cryptantha	—
<i>Cupressus abramsiana</i>	Santa Cruz cypress	E
<i>Cupressus goveniana</i> ssp. <i>goveniana</i>	Gowen cypress	T
<i>Deinandra halliana</i>	Hall's tarplant	—
<i>Dithyrea maritima</i>	Beach spectaclepod	—
<i>Dudleya blochmaniae</i> ssp. <i>blochmaniae</i>	Blochman's dudleya	—
<i>Eriastrum tracyi</i>	Tracy's eriastrum	—
<i>Ericameria fasciculata</i>	Eastwood's goldenbush	—
<i>Erigeron parishii</i>	Parish's daisy	T
<i>Eriodictyon capitatum</i>	Lompoc yerba santa	E
<i>Eriogonum apicum</i> var. <i>apicum</i>	Lone buckwheat	E
<i>Eriogonum nudum</i> var. <i>decurrens</i>	Ben Lomond buckwheat	—
<i>Eryngium aristulatum</i> var. <i>hooveri</i>	Hoover's button-celery	—
<i>Eryngium constancei</i>	Loch Lomond button-celery	E
<i>Eryngium racemosum</i>	Delta button-celery	—
<i>Erysimum menziesii</i> ssp. <i>eurekaense</i>	Humboldt Bay wallflower	E
<i>Erysimum menziesii</i> ssp. <i>menziesii</i>	Menzies' wallflower	E
<i>Erysimum teretifolium</i>	Santa Cruz wallflower	E
<i>Eschscholzia rhombipetala</i>	Diamond-petaled California poppy	—
<i>Fremontodendron decumbens</i>	Pine Hill flannelbush	E
<i>Fritillaria roderickii</i>	Roderick's fritillary	—
<i>Galium californicum</i> ssp. <i>sierrae</i>	El Dorado bedstraw	E
<i>Gilliatenuiflora</i> ssp. <i>arenaria</i>	Sand gilia	E
<i>Gratiola heterosepala</i>	Boggs Lake hedge-hyssop	—
<i>Guggolz' harmonia</i>	Harmoniaguggolziorum	—
<i>Holocarpham acradenia</i>	Santa Cruz tarplant	T
<i>Horkelia cuneata</i> ssp. <i>puberula</i>	Mesa horkelia	—
<i>Horkelia cuneata</i> ssp. <i>sericea</i>	Kellogg's horkelia	—
<i>Juncus leiospermus</i> var. <i>leiospermus</i>	Red Bluff dwarf rush	—
<i>Lasthenia burkei</i>	Burke's goldfields	E
<i>Lasthenia conjugens</i>	Contra Costa goldfields	E
<i>Lasthenia glabrata</i> ssp. <i>coulteri</i>	Coulter's goldfields	—
<i>Layia carnosa</i>	Beach layia	E
<i>Layia discoidea</i>	Rayless layia	—
<i>Layia heterotricha</i>	Pale-yellow layia	—
<i>Legnerella limosa</i>	Legnerella	—
<i>Lilaeopsis masonii</i>	Mason's lilaeopsis	—
<i>Lilium maritimum</i>	Coast lily	—
<i>Lilium occidentale</i>	Western lily	E
<i>Limnanthes bakeri</i>	Baker's meadowfoam	—
<i>Limnanthes floccosa</i> ssp. <i>californica</i>	Butte County meadowfoam	E
<i>Lomatium stebbinsii</i>	Stebbins' lomatium	—

TABLE 2—REVISED PROPOSED COVERED SPECIES LIST—Continued

Scientific name	Common name	Federal Status
<i>Lotus rubriflorus</i>	Red-flowered lotus	—
<i>Lupinus milo-bakeri</i>	Milo Baker's lupine	—
<i>Lupinus nipomensis</i>	Nipomo Mesa lupine	E
<i>Lupinus tidestromii</i>	Tidestrom's lupine	E
<i>Madiaradiata</i>	Showy madia	—
<i>Malacothamnus abbottii</i>	Abbott's bush mallow	—
<i>Monardella douglasii</i> ssp. <i>venosa</i>	Veiny monardella	—
<i>Monolopia congdonii</i>	San Joaquin woollythreads	E
<i>Navarretia leucocephala</i> ssp. <i>bakeri</i>	Baker's navarretia	—
<i>Navarretia leucocephala</i> ssp. <i>pauciflora</i>	Few-flowered navarretia	E
<i>Navarretia leucocephala</i> ssp. <i>plieantha</i>	Many-flowered navarretia	E
<i>Navarretia myersii</i> ssp. <i>deminuta</i>	Small pincushion navarretia	—
<i>Navarretia myersii</i> ssp. <i>myersii</i>	Pincushion navarretia	—
<i>Navarretia prostrata</i>	Prostrate navarretia	—
<i>Oenothera deltoidea</i> ssp. <i>howellii</i>	Antioch Dunes evening-primrose	E
<i>Oenothera wolffii</i>	Wolf's evening-primrose	—
<i>Orcuttia pilosa</i>	Hairy orcutt grass	E
<i>Orcuttia tenuis</i>	Slender orcutt grass	T
<i>Orcuttia viscida</i>	Sacramento orcutt grass	E
<i>Packer alayneae</i>	Layne's ragwort	T
<i>Paronychia ahartii</i>	Ahart's paronychia	—
<i>Pentachaeta bellidiflora</i>	White-rayed pentachaeta	E
<i>Pinus radiata</i>	Monterey pine	—
<i>Piperiayadonii</i>	Yadon's rein orchid	E
<i>Pleuropogon hooverianus</i>	North Coast semaphore grass	—
<i>Polygonum hitchmanii</i>	Scotts Valley polygonum	E
<i>Pseudobahia bahiifolia</i>	Hartweg's golden sunburst	E
<i>Puccinellia howellii</i>	Howell's alkali grass	—
<i>Rhynchospora californica</i>	California beaked-rush	—
<i>Sanicula maritima</i>	Adobe sanicle	—
<i>Sedella leiocarpa</i>	Lake County stonecrop	E
<i>Sidalcea hitchmanii</i> ssp. <i>anomala</i>	Cuesta Pass checkerbloom	—
<i>Styloclinemasonii</i>	Mason's neststraw	—
<i>Suaeda californica</i>	California seablite	E
<i>Thlaspi californicum</i> (= <i>Nocca aefendleri</i> ssp. <i>californicum</i>)	Kneeland Prairie pennycress	E
<i>Trifolium buckwestiorum</i>	Santa Cruz clover	—
<i>Trifolium polyodon</i>	Pacific Grove clover	—
<i>Trifolium trichocalyx</i>	Monterey clover	E
<i>Tropidocarpum capparideum</i>	Caper-fruited tropidocarpum	—
<i>Tuctoria greenei</i>	Greene's tuctoria	E
<i>Verbena californica</i>	California vervain	T

E = Federally listed as Endangered.

T = Federally listed as Threatened.

C = Federal candidate species.

— = no Federal listing status.

Comments

Please direct any comments to the Service contact listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, and any questions to the Service contacts listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. All comments and materials we receive, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may

be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Reasonable Accommodation

Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in the public meeting should contact Mike Thomas at 916-414-6600 as soon as possible. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than 1 week before the public meeting. Information

regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request. Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to view the proposed action should contact Mike Thomas at (916) 414-6600 as soon as possible.

Authority: This notice is provided under Section 10(a) of the Act and Service regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6).

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Figure 1. Mojave Region added since the November 25, 2008 NOI



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Invitation To Participate; Exploration for Coal in Colorado License Application COC-74447

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: All interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Williams Fork Land Company on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in lands located in Moffat and Routt Counties, Colorado.

DATES: Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to the Williams Fork Land Company and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below by November 29, 2010 or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this notice in the *Craig Daily Press* and the *Steamboat Pilot* newspapers, whichever is later. This notice will be published once a

week for 2 consecutive weeks in the *Craig Daily Press*, Craig, Colorado, and the *Steamboat Pilot*, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

ADDRESSES: The exploration plan, as submitted by the Williams Fork Land Company, is available for review in the BLM, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, and the BLM, Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson Street, Craig, Colorado 81625, during normal business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify the BLM State Director, in writing, at the BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215 and the Williams Fork Land Company, Attn: James M. Mattern, P.O. Box 187, Craig, Colorado 81626. The written notice must include a justification for participation and any recommended changes in the exploration plan with specific reasons for such changes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt M. Barton at (303) 239-3714, Kurt_Barton@blm.gov, or Jennifer Maiolo at (970) 826-5077, Jennifer_Maiolo@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority for the notice is Section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by Section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976

and the regulations adopted as 43 CFR part 3410. The purpose of the exploration program is to gain additional geologic knowledge of the coal underlying the exploration area for the purpose of assessing the reserves contained in a potential lease. The Federal coal resources are located in Moffat and Routt County, Colorado.

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 6 N., R. 89 W.,
Sec. 31, lots 5, 6, and 11;
Sec. 32, lot 4.
T. 6 N., R. 90 W.,
Sec. 26, lots 4, 5, and 6, and lots 11 to 14, inclusive;
Sec. 27, lots 1 and 2, and lots 5 to 16, inclusive;
Sec. 28, lot 2, lots 7 to 11, inclusive, and lots 14, 15, and 16;
Sec. 33, lots 1 to 8, inclusive;
Sec. 34, lots 1 to 16, inclusive;
Sec. 35, lots 1 to 16, inclusive.
T. 5 N., R. 89 W.,
Sec. 5, lots 5 to 19, inclusive, and Tr 43;
Sec. 6, lots 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 7, lots 1, 2, and 3, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 8, lots 1 to 7, inclusive, lots 10 to 13, inclusive, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 5 N., R. 90 W.,
Sec. 1, lots 5 to 20, inclusive;
Sec. 2, lots 5 to 20, inclusive;
Sec. 3, lots 5 to 18, inclusive;
Sec. 4, lots 5 to 16, inclusive, and lots 18, 19, and 20;
Sec. 10, lot 4;
Sec. 11, lots 1 to 8, inclusive;
Sec. 12, lots 1 to 12, inclusive.