

the final recovery plan. We considered the information we received from peer reviewers in our preparation and approval of this final recovery plan. Specifically, we made a slight modification to recovery criteria (see below) by adding the clarification of 500 individuals in the definition of a viable population. We also adjusted budgets of recovery actions in the implementation schedule.

### Recovery Plan Components

#### *Objectives for Reclassification to Threatened and Delisting*

The goal of this recovery plan is to conserve populations of laurel dace and enable the species to recover to the point that listing under the Act is no longer necessary. Because recovery and delisting will take a long time to achieve, and may be unachievable, an intermediate goal of this recovery plan is to reduce threats to the point that the species could be reclassified from endangered to threatened.

#### Reclassification to Threatened

Reclassification of the laurel dace to threatened status will be possible when habitat conditions in occupied streams are suitable for the conservation of the species, and viable populations are present throughout suitable habitat in five of the six currently occupied streams.

#### Delisting

In order for the laurel dace to recover to the point that listing under the Act is no longer necessary, it will be necessary to conserve all existing populations by maintaining, and in some cases restoring, suitable habitat conditions in all streams where the species currently occurs. It will also be necessary to discover or establish one additional population.

#### *Criteria for Reclassification From Endangered to Threatened or Delisting*

The following criteria will be used to determine whether the objectives for reclassification and delisting described above have been met. The criteria will be achieved by reducing or removing threats to the species' habitat and conserving or establishing viable populations throughout the species' range, as determined by monitoring of demographic and genetic parameters.

#### Criteria for Reclassification From Endangered to Threatened

*Criterion 1:* Suitable instream habitat, flows, and water quality for laurel dace, as defined by Recovery Tasks in the recovery plan, exist in occupied streams.

*Criterion 2:* Viable populations \* are present throughout suitable habitat in Bumbee, Moccasin, and Youngs Creeks, and at least two of the following streams: Soddy Creek, Cupp Creek or Horn Branch.

#### Criteria for Delisting

*Criterion 1:* Suitable instream habitat, flows, and water quality for laurel dace exist in all occupied streams, and mechanisms exist to ensure that land use activities (including road maintenance) in catchments of streams inhabited by laurel dace will be compatible with the species' conservation for the foreseeable future. Such mechanisms could include, but are not necessarily limited to, conservation agreements, conservation easements, land acquisition, and habitat conservation plans.

*Criterion 2:* Viable populations \* are present throughout suitable habitat in Bumbee, Moccasin, Youngs, Soddy, and Cupp Creeks and Horn Branch, and one additional viable population, created either through reintroduction into Laurel Branch or by discovery of an additional wild population.

\* Populations will be considered viable when the following demographic and genetic conditions exist:

- Demographics—Monitoring data demonstrate that (a) populations are stable or increasing, (b) average census size is at least 500 individuals and two or more age-classes are consistently present over a period of time encompassing five generations (*i.e.*, 15 years), and (c) evidence of recruitment is not absent in more than 3 years or during consecutive years at any point within that period of time.
- Genetics—Populations will be considered to have sufficient genetic variation to be viable if measurements of observed number of alleles and estimates of heterozygosity and effective population size have remained stable or increased during the five generations used to establish demographic viability.

#### Authority

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

Dated: August 22, 2016.

**Mike Oetker,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### **National Elk Refuge, Teton County, Wyoming; Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Finding of No Significant Impact for Environmental Assessment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a final comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the environmental assessment (EA) for the National Elk Refuge (Refuge, NWR). In this final CCP, we describe how we intend to manage the refuge for the next 15 years.

**ADDRESSES:** You will find the final CCP, a summary of the final CCP, and the EA/FONSI on the planning Web site: [http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/refuges/wy\\_ner.php](http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/refuges/wy_ner.php). A limited number of hard copies and CD-ROMs are available. You may request one by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [nationalelkrrefuge@fws.gov](mailto:nationalelkrrefuge@fws.gov). Include "National Elk Refuge CCP" in the subject line of the message.
- *U.S. Mail:* National Elk Refuge, P.O. Box 510, Jackson, WY, 83001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Kallin, Refuge Manager, at 307-733-9212 (phone), or Toni Griffin, Planning Team Leader, 303-236-4378 (phone) or [toni\\_griffin@fws.gov](mailto:toni_griffin@fws.gov) (email).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Introduction**

With this notice, we continue the CCP process for the National Elk Refuge, which we began by publishing a notice of intent in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 65370) on October 22, 2010. For more about the initial process and the history of this refuge, see that notice. We released the draft CCP and EA to the public, announcing and requesting comments in a notice of availability (79 FR 53440) on September 9, 2014. The 45-day comment period ended on October 24, 2014. A summary of public comments and the agency responses is included in the final CCP.

#### **Background**

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Administration Act),

requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Each unit of the NWRS was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the NWRS mission, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the NWRS.

#### Additional Information

The final CCP may be found at [http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/refuges/wy\\_ner.php](http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/refuges/wy_ner.php). The final CCP includes detailed information about the planning process, refuge, issues, and management alternative selected. The Web site also includes an EA, prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (43 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). The EA includes discussion of four alternative refuge management options. The Service's selected alternative is reflected in the final CCP, and also in the FONSI.

The selected alternative focuses on habitat and wildlife management that allow for natural processes to promote habitats. Some habitats, such as wetlands, will be managed to enhance swan habitat and improve forage quantity and quality for elk and bison. The refuge will increase opportunities for wildlife-dependent public uses such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education. We will keep some areas undeveloped, return some areas to a

natural state, and increase development in other areas to enhance visitor services. A detailed description of objectives and actions included in this selected alternative is found in chapter 4 of the final CCP.

Dated: September 23, 2016.

**Noreen Walsh,**

*Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region,  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

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#### Announcement of National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting

**SUMMARY:** The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will meet on December 14, 2016, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. The meeting will be held via web conference and teleconference.

The NGAC, which is composed of representatives from governmental, private sector, non-profit, and academic organizations, has been established to advise the Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee on management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-16. Topics to be addressed at the meeting include:

- FGDC Update
- NGAC Subcommittee Reports
- Review of NGAC Papers
- Transition Planning
- Planning for 2017 NGAC Activities

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance. Please register by contacting Lucia Foulkes at the Federal Geographic Data Committee (703-648-4142, [lfoulkes@usgs.gov](mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov)). Meeting registrations are due by December 9, 2016. Meeting information (web conference and teleconference instructions) will be provided to registrants prior to the meeting. While the meeting will be open to the public, attendance may be limited due to web conference and teleconference capacity.

The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment. Attendees wishing to provide public comment should register by December

9. Please register by contacting Lucia Foulkes at the Federal Geographic Data Committee (703-648-4142, [lfoulkes@usgs.gov](mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov)). Comments may also be submitted to the NGAC in writing.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on December 14, 2016, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Mahoney, U.S. Geological Survey (206-220-4621).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meetings of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee are open to the public. Additional information about the NGAC and the meeting are available at [www.fgdc.gov/ngac](http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac).

**Kenneth Shaffer,**

*Deputy Executive Director, Federal  
Geographic Data Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Colorado

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plats of survey; Colorado.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado State Office is publishing this notice to inform the public of the official filing of the survey plat listed below. The plat will be available for viewing in the BLM Colorado State Office.

**DATES:** The plat described in this notice was filed on November 4, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** BLM Colorado State Office, Cadastral Survey, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215-7093.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Randy Bloom, Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado, (303) 239-3856.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The supplemental plat in Township 11 South, Range 69 West, Sixth Principal