

historically was known from several locations in the Pee Dee and Catawba River systems in North Carolina and the Pee Dee and Savannah River systems (and possibly the Saluda River system) in South Carolina. Presently, the species is known to still survive in Waxhaw Creek (Catawba River system) and Goose Creek (Pee Dee River system) in Union County, North Carolina; Lynches River (Pee Dee River system) in Chesterfield, Lancaster, and Kershaw Counties, South Carolina; Flat Creek (Pee Dee River system), a small tributary to the Lynches River in Lancaster County, South Carolina; and Turkey Creek (Savannah River system) and two of its tributaries, Mountain and Beaverdam Creeks, in Edgefield County, South Carolina. The species has been restricted to short reaches of each of these streams, primarily as a result of impoundments and the general deterioration of water quality resulting from siltation and other pollutants contributed as a result of poor land-use practices. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before August 23, 1996, to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the revised agency draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Asheville Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 160 Zillicoa Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed 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. John Fridell at the address shown above, telephone (704) 258-3939 (Ext. 225).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native 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. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to the approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The primary species considered in this draft recovery plan is the Carolina heelsplitter (*Lasmigona decorata*). The areas of emphasis for recovery actions are portions of the Pee Dee and Catawba River systems in North Carolina and the Pee Dee and Savannah River systems in South Carolina. Habitat protection, reintroduction, and preservation of genetic material are the major objectives of this recovery plan.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered 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 12, 1996.

Richard G. Biggins,
Acting Field Supervisor.

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Notice of Availability of the Damage Assessment Plan, Phase II Injury Quantification, Damage Determination for the Coeur d'Alene Basin Natural Resource Damage Assessment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of 30 day comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that the document entitled, "Coeur d'Alene Basin Natural Resource Damage Assessment Plan, Phase II Injury Quantification, Damage Determination (The Plan) will be available for public review and comment on the date of publication in the Federal Register .

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and USDA Forest Service are trustees (The Trustees) for natural resources and are conducting a Natural Resource Damage Assessment for injuries to trust resources in the Coeur d'Alene River Basin.

DATES: Written comments on the plan must be submitted on or before July 24, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of The Plan may be made to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181

Coeur d'Alene Tribe, 424 Old Sherman Avenue, Suite 306, Old City Hall, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Bureau of Land Management, 1808 N. 3rd Street, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

USDA Forest Service, 200 East Broadway, P.O. Box 76699 Missoula, MT 59807.

Comments on the plan should be sent to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe at the address listed above. The Tribe will then be providing copies of all comments to the other trustees.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Trustees are undertaking Phase II of an assessment of suspected damages resulting from the injury to the natural resources of the Coeur d'Alene Basin which have been exposed to hazardous substances associated with mining activities. This exposure has caused injury Resultant damages to trustees resources will be assessed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) as amended.

The Trustees are following the guidance of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations (the regulations) found in 43 CFR part 11. The public review of The Plan announced by this notice is provided for in CFR 11.32(c) of the regulations.

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on The Plan. Copies are available for review at many community libraries in the Coeur d'Alene Basin, or one may obtain a copy from Trustee offices in the Coeur d'Alene area. All written comments will be considered by the Trustees, and included in the Report of Assessment, at the conclusion of this damage assessment process. Phase I Injury Determination was offered separately for public review and comment in November 1993. Separating the phases of the damage assessment plan for individual treatment allows The Trustees to work on the assessment in a logical progression, consistent with the regulations.

Dated: June 14, 1996.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland Oregon.

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

This is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, 8200 Lott Cary Road, Providence Forge, Virginia 23140, has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on March 19, 1996, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) (formerly 54.8(d)) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Room 1362-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

Dated: May 28, 1996.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

This is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Community, P.O. Box 50835, Mendota, Minnesota 55150, has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on April 11, 1996, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) (formerly 54.8(d)) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Room 1362-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

Dated: May 28, 1996.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Proclaiming Certain Lands as Reservation for the Forest County Potawatomi Community of Wisconsin Potawatomi Indians

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Reservation Proclamation.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs proclaimed approximately 11,200 acres, more or less, as an addition to the reservation of

the Forest County Potawatomi Community of Wisconsin Potawatomi Indians on May 6, 1996. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.3A.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alice A. Harwood, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, Chief, Branch of Technical Services, MS-4522/MIB/Code 220, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, telephone (202) 208-3604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A proclamation was issued on May 6, 1996, according to Public Law 100-581 (102 Stat. 2945) and the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 986; 25 U.S.C. 467), for the tracts of land described below. The land was proclaimed to be an addition to and part of the Forest County Potawatomi Community Indian Reservation for the exclusive use of Indians on that reservation who are entitled to reside at the reservation by enrollment or tribal membership.

Forest County Potawatomi Reservation Forest County, Wisconsin

Township 35 North, Range 13 East, 4th Principal Meridian

All of Section 2 containing 640 acres, more or less;

Township 36 North, Range 13 East, 4th Principal Meridian

All of Sections 14, 26, and 36, containing 1,920 acres, more or less; West Half of the East Half (W¹/₂E¹/₂), and East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E¹/₂SW¹/₄) of Section 27, containing 240 acres, more or less;

North Half of the North Half (N¹/₂N¹/₂) of Section 34, except .5 acre in the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW¹/₄NW¹/₄), containing 159.5 acres, more or less;

South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S¹/₂NW¹/₄), Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE¹/₄SW¹/₄), and Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW¹/₄SE¹/₄) of Section 35, containing 160 acres, more or less;

Township 33 North, Range 15 East, 4th Principal Meridian

South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S¹/₂SW¹/₄), and Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE¹/₄SW¹/₄) of Section 16, containing 120 acres, more or less;

Township 34 North, Range 15 East, 4th Principal Meridian

All of Section 10, containing 640 acres, more or less; West Half (W¹/₂),