

filed on behalf of Bragg Broadcasting Corporation, licensee of Station KSAR(FM), Channel 240A, Salem, Arkansas, and KFCM, Inc., licensee of Station KFCM(FM), Channel 265A, Cherokee Village, Arkansas, proposing the substitution of Channel 265A for Channel 240A at Salem and modification of the license for Station KSAR(FM) accordingly. To accommodate the Salem modification, petitioner requests the substitution of Channel 252A for Channel 265A at Cherokee Village and concomitant modification of the license for its co-owned Station KFCM(FM). Coordinates for Channel 265A at Salem, AR, are 36-25-00 and 91-48-00; coordinates for Channel 252A at Cherokee Village, AR, are 36-16-29 and 91-30-18. As the petitioner's modification proposals seek equivalent channel substitutions, we will not accept competing expressions of interest for the use of Channel 265A at Salem, Arkansas, or for Channel 252A at Cherokee Village, Arkansas.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before March 21, 1996, and reply comments on or before April 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioners' counsel, as follows: William J. Pennington, III, Esq., Post Office Box 1447, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 96-4, adopted December 15, 1995, and released January 29, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments.

See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, See 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-3, RM-8735]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Imboden, AR

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of John J. Shields, requesting the allotment of FM Channel 289A to Imboden, Arkansas, as that community's first local aural transmission service. Coordinates used for this proposal are 36-14-45 and 91-13-09.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before March 21, 1996 and reply comments on or before April 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Dan J. Alpert, Law Offices of Dan J. Alpert, 2120 N. 21st Rd., Suite 400, Arlington, VA 22201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

48 CFR Chapter 53, Appendix A

Air Force Logistics Command Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Vendor Rating System

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: On October 24, 1990, the Department of the Air Force published (at 55 FR 42863) a proposed rule to amend chapter 53 of title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations by adding the Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC) Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement as Appendix A, consisting of parts AFLC 5317 and AFLC 5352, Vendor Rating System. The proposed vendor rating system did not fully comply with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) past performance requirements. To update this system to comply with the FAR would be prohibitively expensive. Based on this, the vendor rating system is canceled and the proposed rule is withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Capt D. Behne, HQ AFMC/PAK, 4375 Chidlaw Road, Suite 6, Wright Patterson AFB, OH 45433-5006, telephone (513) 257-6005.

Patsy J. Conner,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****50 CFR Part 17**

RIN 1018-AD62

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Comment Period for Proposed Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of California Condors in Northern Arizona**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides notice that the public comment period is reopened for the proposal to designate a nonessential experimental population of California condors (*Gymnogyps californianus*) in northern Arizona and southern Utah. This population is proposed to be designated as a nonessential experimental population in accordance with section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The reopening of the comment period will allow all interested parties to submit written comments on the proposal.

DATES: The comment period which originally closed February 1, 1996, now closes February 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2321 W. Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, Arizona 85021. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the above Service address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey A. Humphrey, at the above address, telephone 602/640-2720; facsimile 620/640-2730.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Service, in cooperation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, proposes to reintroduce California condors (*Gymnogyps californianus*) into northern Arizona. This reintroduction will achieve a primary recovery goal for this endangered species, establishment of a second noncaptive population, spatially disjunct from the noncaptive population in southern California. Section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973

(Act) enables the Service to designate certain populations of federally-listed species that are released into the wild as "experimental." This designation can increase the Service's flexibility to manage a reintroduced population. Section 10(j) allows an experimental population to be treated as a threatened species regardless of its designation elsewhere in its range and under section 4(d) of the Act. The Service has greater discretion in developing management programs for threatened species than it has for endangered species.

Nonessential experimental populations located outside National Wildlife Refuges or National Park Service lands are treated, for the purpose of section 7 of the Act, as if they are proposed for listing. The area proposed for nonessential experimental designation occurs in northern Arizona, southern Utah and southeastern Nevada.

A proposed rule to designate a nonessential experimental population of California condors was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 35) on January 2, 1996.

Pursuant to 50 CFR 424.16(c)(2), the Service may extend or reopen a comment period upon finding that there is good cause to do so. Full participation of the affected public in the species listing process, allowing the Service to consider the best scientific and commercial data available in making a final determination on the proposed action, is deemed as sufficient cause.

The previous comment period on this proposal closed on February 1, 1996. With the publication of this notice, the Service reopens the public comment period. Written comments may now be submitted until February 29, 1996, to the Service office in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Author

The primary author of this notice is Jeffrey A. Humphrey (see **ADDRESSES**).

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544).

Dated: January 30, 1996.

Lynn B. Starnes,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AD45

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposal to Designate the Whooping Cranes of the Rocky Mountains as Experimental Nonessential and to Remove Whooping Crane Critical Habitat Designations From Four Locations**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposes to designate the whooping crane population (*Grus americana*) in the Rocky Mountains as an experimental nonessential population and to remove whooping crane critical habitat designations from four national wildlife refuges; Bosque del Apache in New Mexico, Monte Vista and Alamosa in Colorado, and Grays Lake in Idaho. The private lands involved are holdings inside refuge boundaries and a 1-mile buffer around Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The Service proposes to use this population, and captive-reared sandhill cranes and whooping cranes, in experiments to evaluate methods for introducing whooping cranes into the wild where migration is required.

DATES: Comments from all interested parties must be received by April 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent to Dr. James Lewis, Southwest Regional Office, 500 Gold Avenue SW, Room 4000, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-1306. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. James Lewis (See **ADDRESSES** section above) at telephone 505/248-6663; or facsimile 505/248-6922.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Endangered Species Act Amendments of 1982, Pub. L. 97-304, added a new section 10(j) to the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) that provides for the designation of specific introduced populations of listed species as "experimental populations." Under other authority of the Act, the Service already was permitted to reintroduce populations into unoccupied portions of the historic range of a listed species when it would foster the conservation