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Dr. John Whitaker .....	PRT 802777 A4*	5/12/97
Dr. Daniel Soluk .....	PRT 805269 A2*	7/9/97
3D/Environmental .....	PRT 809227 A3*	5/28/97
3D/Environmental .....	PRT 809227 A4*	6/5/97
3D/International, Envir Grp .....	PRT 809227 A5*	7/30/97
Dr. Patrick Redig .....	PRT 810396 A1*	5/27/97
Dr. Daniel Hornbach .....	PRT 811008 A1*	2/7/97
Mr. Don Helms .....	PRT 811314 A2*	6/5/97
Thomas C. Erdman .....	PRT 813259	5/14/97
Mark C. Hove .....	PRT 814107 A1*	5/9/97
Midwest Science Center .....	PRT 825176	2/7/97
Wolf Timbers .....	PRT 821343	5/1/97
Dr. Cynthia Rebar .....	PRT 825177	6/12/97
Wisconsin DNR .....	PRT 824384	4/18/97
Wayne P. Steffens .....	PRT 826077	6/9/97
R. Mies/K. Williams .....	PRT 827309	6/16/97
Field Museum of Natural History .....	PRT 829986	8/18/97

\* Indicates permit amendment.

Additional information on these permit actions may be requested by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, telephone 612/725-3536, during normal business hours (7:30 am-4:00 pm) weekdays.

Dated: August 26, 1997.

**John A. Blankenship,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of Draft Recovery Plan for Three Plant Species on Nihoa Island for Review and Comment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for three plant species on Nihoa Island: *Amaranthus brownii*, *Pritchardia remota*, and *Schiedea verticillata*. These species are known only from the island of Nihoa and are federally listed as endangered. The numbers of known remaining populations and individuals are as follows (# of colonies, # of individuals): *Amaranthus brownii* (4, <40), *Pritchardia remota* (4, 680), and *Schiedea verticillata* (10, 359).

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan received by November 3, 1997 will receive consideration by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following locations: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Ecoregion, Room 3108, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, P.O. Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850 (phone: 808/541-3441). Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to Brooks Harper, Field Supervisor-Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Ecoregion at the Honolulu address given above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Swenson, at the Honolulu address given above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystem 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 to the United States, its Territories and Commonwealths. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for 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 approval of each new or revised recovery plan. Substantive technical comments will result in changes to the plan. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plan, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions. Individualized responses to comments will not be provided.

The draft plan covers the following three plant taxa, all of which are federally listed as endangered: *Amaranthus brownii*, *Pritchardia remota*, and *Schiedea verticillata*. All of these taxa are believed to be endemic to the island of Nihoa, in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. However, an uncollected palm, no longer extant, was observed growing on Laysan Island, and may have been a *Pritchardia remota*. These three taxa grow only on Nihoa, which has an area of 0.25 square mile (0.65 square kilometer). Nihoa is part of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge.

Due to the small number of existing individuals and their extremely limited distributions, these taxa and all of their populations are subject to an increased likelihood of extinction and/or reduced reproductive vigor from stochastic events. These taxa and their habitats have been variously affected or are currently threatened by one or more of the following: Fire; potential habitat degradation and competition with alien plants; predation by rodents that could easily be introduced by shipwrecks; introduced insects, possibly leading to

predation on plants and loss of pollinators; and natural events such as landslides, erosion, rockslides, and flash floods.

The objective of this plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of these three taxa so that protection by the Act is no longer necessary. Recovery efforts will focus on increasing monitoring, establishing *ex situ* collections of seeds and plants in botanical gardens, conducting applied research, controlling threats, increasing numbers on Nihoa, and exploring the feasibility and desirability of establishing the taxa on other Hawaiian islands.

#### 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 this plan.

#### Authority

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

Dated: August 27, 1997.

**Thomas J. Dwyer,**

*Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-013-1990-00; N-60822]

#### Notice of Realty Action; Nevada

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The following land in Elko County, Nevada is being considered for disposal by direct sale, including the mineral estate with no known value, under Section 203 and Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719) at no less than fair market value:

#### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 33 N., R. 52 E.,

Section 22, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Comprising 60 acres, more or less.

The above described land is being offered as a direct sale to the City of Carlin, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field

Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Upon publication of this Notice of Realty Action in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, but not the mineral leasing laws or disposals pursuant to Sections 203 and 209 of FLPMA. The segregation shall terminate upon issuance of a patent or other document of conveyance, upon publication in the **Federal Register** of a Notice of Termination of Segregation, or 270 days from date of this publication, whichever occurs first.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada 89801. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate or modify this realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of timely filed objections, this realty action will become a final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: August 21, 1997.

**Helen Hankins,**

*District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Keweenaw National Historical Park, Draft Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of draft environmental impact statement and General Management Plan for the Keweenaw National Historical Park, located in Houghton County, Michigan.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and General Management Plan (GMP) for the Keweenaw National Historical Park. The DEIS responds to Public Law 102-543, establishing Keweenaw National Historical Park. This notice also announces public meetings for the purpose of receiving public comments on the DEIS.

This DEIS for the GMP presents a proposal and three alternative strategies for guiding future management of the national historical park and balancing

resource protection and public use. The major subject areas are, cultural resources, visitor experience, park management and operations, and the establishment of a public partnership.

Alternative 1 presents a continuation of existing trends and management, and projects these conditions into the foreseeable future, providing a basis to evaluate the other alternatives. Alternative 2, the "community assistance alternative," would place the community at the forefront of implementing preservation actions and interpretive programs at sites in the park. The NPS would play a major support role, providing a comprehensive program of technical and financial assistance to the community to help make their actions a success. Under alternative 3, the "traditional park in the core industrial areas" alternative, the NPS would establish a very visible and traditional presence in the core industrial areas in each unit. The NPS would lease or acquire one or more buildings in each unit for visitor use and administration services. Other significant properties within the core industrial areas of the Calumet and Quincy units could be leased or purchased and interpreted when funding and staffing levels were adequate. The proposed action (alternative 4) is a blend of the community assistance alternative, number 2, and a refinement of the more traditional national park alternative, number 3. Through selected acquisition and other preservation tools, the NPS would have a strong public presence in both park units. Through community assistance, the NPS would be a contributing member of a very organized and active partnership of local government and community groups. The DEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the four alternatives.

**DATES:** Comments on the DEIS should be received no later than October 31, 1997. Public meetings regarding the DEIS will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 22 and 23, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the DEIS shall be submitted to the Superintendent, Keweenaw National Historical Park, 100 Red Jacket Road, Second Floor, Calumet, Michigan, 49913.

Public meetings will be held at the following locations:

Calumet High School All Purpose Room, Calumet, Michigan 7:00 p.m., September 22, 1997.

Finnish-American Heritage Center, Suomi College campus, Hancock,