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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5045-N-02]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

DATES: Effective January 13, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: January 5, 2006.

Mark R. Johnson,

Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge and Wetland Management District, Martin, SD

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces that the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment (CCP/EA) for the Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) and Wetland Management District (WMD) is available for public review and comment. This Draft CCP/EA was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act. The Draft CCP/EA describes the Service's proposal for management of the Refuge for 15 years.

DATES: Written comments must be received at the postal or electronic addresses listed below by February 13, 2006. Comments may also be submitted via electronic mail to: linda_kelly@fws.gov.

ADDRESSES: To provide written comments or to obtain a copy of the Draft CCP/EA, please write to Linda Kelly, Planning Team Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225-0486; (303) 236-8132; fax (303) 236-4792, or Tom Koerner, Refuge Manager, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, 29746 Bird Road, Martin, South Dakota, 57551; (605) 685-6508; fax (605) 685-1173. The Draft CCP/EA will also be available for viewing and downloading online at <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/planning>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Kelly, Planning Team Leader, at the above address or at (303) 236-8132.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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), requires the Service to develop a CCP for the 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, consistent with sound principles of fish

and wildlife science; conservation; legal mandates; and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, the CCP identifies wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting; wildlife observation and photography; and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update these CCPs at least every 15 years in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370d).

Background: The Refuge was established in 1935 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt through Executive Order No. 7160 " * * * as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife." The Refuge lies in the Lake Creek Valley on the northern edge of the Nebraska Sandhills and includes 16,410 acres of native sandhills, sub-irrigated meadows, impounded fresh water marshes, and tall and mixed grass prairie uplands.

The WMD was started as part of the Small Wetlands Acquisition Program, in the 1950s, to save wetlands from various threats, particularly draining. The passage of Public Law 85-585, in August of 1958, amended the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act (Duck Stamp Act) of 1934, allowing for the acquisition of Waterfowl Production Areas and Easements for Waterfowl Management Rights (easements). The WMD is located in Stanley, Todd, Harding, Jackson, Jones, Lawrence, Lyman, Meade, Mellette, Fall River, Haakon, Custer, Pennington, Bennett, and Butte counties.

Significant issues addressed in the Draft CCP/EA include: habitat and wildlife management; visitor services; cultural resources; and partnerships. The Service developed three alternatives for management of the Refuge: Alternative A—No Action; Alternative B—Integrated Restoration (Proposed Action); Alternative C—Comprehensive Grassland Restoration. All three alternatives outline specific management objectives and strategies related to wildlife and habitat management, visitor services, cultural resources, and partnerships.

Alternative A—Current Management (No Action): Under this alternative, management activity being conducted by the Service would remain the same. The Service would not develop any new management, restoration, or education programs at the Refuge. Current habitat

and wildlife practices benefiting migratory species and other wildlife would not be expanded or changed. The staff would perform limited, issue-driven research and only monitor long-term vegetation change. No new species management would be initiated, including black-tailed prairie dogs. No new funding or staff levels would occur, and programs would follow the same direction, emphasis, and intensity as they do at present. The staff would continue to manage the WMD through monitoring and enforcing easements.

Alternative B—Integrated Restoration (Proposed Action): This alternative is the proposed action for the Refuge and WMD Draft CCP/EA. Through an integrated restoration approach, the Refuge would strive to restore ecological processes and achieve habitat conditions that require reduced management over time while recognizing the place of the Refuge in the overall landscape and community. An emphasis on monitoring the effects of habitat management practices and use of the research results to direct ongoing restoration would be a priority. Current levels of priority public uses and activity would increase. New species management would be initiated for black-tailed prairie dogs to facilitate prairie restoration efforts and reduce damage to adjacent private lands. The staff would continue to manage the WMD through monitoring and enforcement of easements.

Alternative C—Comprehensive Grassland Restoration: Under this alternative, the Refuge staff would focus management on restoration of grassland habitat and its associated species. Current levels of priority wildlife-dependent public uses would increase with educational priorities placed on habitat restoration. Research activities would focus on management practices on targeted grassland species. No new species management would be initiated, including black-tailed prairie dogs. The staff would continue to manage the WMD through monitoring and enforcement of easements.

The review and comment period is 30 calendar days commencing with publication of this Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. After the review and comment period for this Draft CCP/EA, all comments will be analyzed and considered by the Service. All comments received from individuals on the Draft CCP/EA become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and other Service and Departmental policies and procedures.

Dated: November 28, 2005.

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Regional Director, Region 6, Denver, CO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Application of Endangered Species Recovery Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: We announce our receipt of applications to conduct certain activities pertaining to enhancement of survival of endangered species.

DATES: Written comments on this request for a permit must be received by February 13, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225-0486; facsimile 303-236-0027.

Availability of Documents: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act [5 U.S.C. 552A] and Freedom of Information Act [5 U.S.C. 552], by any party who submits a request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to Kris Olsen, by mail (see **ADDRESSES**) or by telephone at 303-236-4256. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicants have requested issuance of enhancement of survival permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Applicant: TE-115137, Kitty Roberts, National Park Service, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Page, Arizona. The applicant requests a permit to display Bonytails (*Gila elegans*), Colorado pikeminnows (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), Humpback chubs (*Gila cypha*), and Razorback suckers (*Xyrauchen texanus*) in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-038221, Mark Peyton, Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, Gothenburg, Nebraska. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take American burying beetles (*Nicrophorus americanus*) and Interior least terns (*Sterna antillarum*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-038970, Bill Krise, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bozeman Fish Technology Center, Bozeman, Montana. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Pallid sturgeons (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) and June suckers (*Chasmistes liorus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-039100, Rockford Plettner, Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Interior least terns (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-040241, Roger Boyd, Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Interior least terns (*Sterna antillarum*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-040242, Harold Tyus, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Bonytails (*Gila elegans*), Colorado pikeminnows (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), Humpback chubs (*Gila cypha*), and Razorback suckers (*Xyrauchen texanus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-040748, Randy Barker, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Colorado Springs, Colorado. The applicant requests a renewed permit to display Black-footed ferrets (*Mustela nigripes*) and Wyoming toads (*Bufo baxteri*) in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-044780, Peter Smith, Smith Environmental, Broomfield, Colorado. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.