

All comments received, including names and addresses, received will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, to the address above.

Lynn B. Starnes,  
Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque,  
New Mexico.  
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#### **Notice of Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the Bluemask (=Jewel) Darter for Review and Comment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability and public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a technical/agency draft recovery plan for the bluemask (=jewel) darter. This small darter (2 inches long) is endemic to the Caney Fork River system (above Great Falls), Cumberland River Basin, in central Tennessee. The species was historically known from five rivers and is still known from four of these rivers (Cane Creek, Van Buren County; Collins River, Warren and Grundy Counties; Rocky River, Van Buren County; and Upper Caney Fork River, White County). The Collins River population inhabits about 23 stream miles. However, the other three populations inhabit less than 2.8 stream miles each. Populations of this species have been fragmented by habitat alteration, water withdrawal, and the general deterioration of water quality resulting from siltation and other pollutants contributed by coal mining, gravel mining, poor land use practices, and waste discharges. These factors continue to impact the species and its habitat. The species' present limited distribution also makes it vulnerable to extirpation from stochastic

events such as chemical spills. 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 November 19, 1996 to receive consideration by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the technical/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 (Telephone 704/258-3939). 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. Richard Biggins, Fish and Mollusk Recovery Coordinator, at the address and telephone number shown in the "Addresses" section (Ext. 228).

#### **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 to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, 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 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 bluemask (=jewel) darter (*Etheostoma (Doration) sp.*). The areas of emphasis for recovery

actions are the tributaries of the Caney Fork River system (above Great Falls Reservoir). Cumberland River basin, in central Tennessee. Habitat protection, population augmentation and reintroduction, and the 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 final plan.

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

Dated: September 16, 1996.

Brian P. Cole,  
State Supervisor.

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#### **Bureau of Land Management**

[AK-962-1410-00-P]

#### **Alaska; Notice for Publication AA-10698 Alaska Native Claims Selection**

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(1), will be issued to Bering Straits Native Corporation for approximately 5.5 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Lapplander Village, Alaska.

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 19 S., R. 8 W.,

Sec. 31;

Sec. 32.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *The Nome Nugget*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 (907) 271-5960.

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until October 21, 1996 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an

appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Patricia A. Baker,

*Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.*

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### Final Environmental Impact Statement

**ACTION:** Notice of availability, final environmental impact statement for the Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation's Lone Tree Mine Expansion Project.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, notice is given that the Winnemucca District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared, by third party contractor, and made available for a 30-day public review, the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation's Lone Tree Mine Expansion Project, located in Humboldt County, Nevada.

**DATES:** The Final Environmental Impact Statement will be distributed and made available to the public on September 13, 1996. The period of availability for public review for the Final Environmental Impact Statement ends on October 15, 1996. At that time a Record of Decision will be issued regarding the Proposed Action.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445. The Final Environmental Impact Statement is available for inspection at the following locations: Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office (Reno); Lander and Humboldt County Libraries; and the University of Nevada library in Reno, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gerald L. Moritz, Project Manager, at the above Winnemucca District address or telephone (702) 623-1500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Final Environmental Impact Statement has been produced in the abbreviated format and must be used in conjunction with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), issued December 15, 1995. Due to informational changes between the Draft and Final, Chapters 3 and 4 of Cultural Resources and Chapter 4 of Water Resources are printed in their entirety. In addition, the Final provides responses to comments received by BLM during the public comment period

on the Draft. The expansion consists of expanding the existing pit onto public lands, continuation of the mine dewatering and discharge system, expansion of the tailings impoundment facility, expansion of the overburden disposal facility, and reclamation of disturbed areas.

Dated: September 12, 1996.

Ron Wenker,

*Winnemucca District Manager.*

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### Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council Meeting Location and Time

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

**ACTION:** Resource Advisory Councils' meeting location and time.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Council meetings will be held as indicated below. The agenda for each meeting includes approval of minutes of the previous meeting, continuation of Council orientation, discussion of Standards and Guidelines for management of the public lands within the jurisdiction of the Council, identification of issues to be resolved and determination of the subject matter for future meetings.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for the Council meeting is listed below. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting, or need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the District Manager at the Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, HC33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408, telephone 702-289-1800.

**DATES, TIMES:** The time and location of the meeting is as follows: Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, BLM Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820; October 4, 1996, starting at 8:00 a.m.; public

comments will be at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; tentative adjournment 6:00 p.m. If additional time is required to complete the scheduled business, the meeting may continue on October 5 and 6, 1996 following the same meeting and public comment time schedule until the meeting is adjourned.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Curtis G. Tucker, Team Leader for the Northeastern Resource Advisory Council, Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408, telephone 702-289-1800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues, associated with the management of the public lands.

Dated: September 10, 1996.

Gene Kolkman,

*District Manager, Ely.*

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### Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; Lyon County, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The following described land, comprising 5 acres, has been examined and is determined to be suitable for classification for lease or conveyance pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*):

Mt. Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 18N., R. 24E.,

Sec. 28, Lots 1 and 33.

(containing  $\pm$  5 acres)

**DATES:** The land will become segregated upon publication of this Notice in the Federal Register. Comments will be accepted on or before November 4, 1996. The land will not be offered for lease until November 19, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jo Ann Hufnagle, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District Office, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89706, (702) 885-6000. Detailed information pertaining to this action is also available for review at the BLM Carson City District Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Fort Churchill Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2288 has submitted an