

Development Award for Clinicians, Scientist Development Awards, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: July 7, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Special Emphasis Panel, Who Application Review.

Date: July 9, 1998.

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Agenda: to review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 6100 Executive Blvd., Room 5E01, Rockville, MD 20852 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Gopal M. Bhatnagar, Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Scientific Review, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, PHS, DHHS, 9000 Rockville Pike, 6100 Bldg., Room 5E01, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-1485.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.864, Population Research; 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children; 93.929, Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research; 93.209, Contraception and Infertility Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4377-FA-01]

Housing Counseling Program Announcement of Funding Award—FY 1998

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Announcement of funding award.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102 (a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of a funding decision made by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Noncompetitive funding was provided under the Housing Counseling Program initiatives, for homebuyer education and counseling, targeted to potential first-time homebuyers. This announcement contains the name and address of the award winner and the amount of the award.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kitty Woodley, Director of Marketing and Outreach, Office of Single Family Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, Telephone (202) 708-0614, ext. 2307. Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number by calling the Federal Information Relay Service TTY at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Housing Counseling Program is authorized by section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x).

The objective of this grant is to promote first-time homeownership through homebuyer education and counseling to potential first-time homebuyers. The Congress of National Black Churches, Inc. (CNBC) is a coalition of eight major historically black denominations. Together, these denominations represent 65,000 churches and a membership of more than 19 million people. CNBC will facilitate delivery of homebuyer education and counseling through affiliate organizations in major cities throughout the country. Since 1996, HUD has been working in partnership

with CNBC through the HOME-NOW program to address the lack of homeownership opportunities for families in underserved communities.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for the Housing Counseling Program is 14.169.

In accordance with section 102 (a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the name, address, and amount of the award as follows:

Congress of National Black Churches, Inc., 1225 Eye Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20005.
Amount: \$348,900.

Dated: July 1, 1998.

Ira G. Peppercorn,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing, Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Technical/ Agency Draft Multi-Species Recovery Plan for the Threatened and Endangered Species of South Florida

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of Volume II of a two-volume draft multi-species recovery plan for the threatened and endangered species of South Florida and the ecosystems upon which they depend. Volume II provides an ecosystem approach toward restoration of the South Florida Ecosystem, and discusses the biological composition, status, trends, management, and restoration needs of 23 major ecological communities in this region. This volume integrates the needs for species of concern in addition to the federally listed species discussed in Volume I. A notice announcing the availability of Volume I was published in the **Federal Register** on March 6, 1998 (63 FR 11304). The Service solicits review and comments from the public on Volume II of the draft recovery plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before September 30, 1998, to ensure consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft recovery plan can be obtained by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Publications Unit, National Conservation Training Center, c/o Aramark, Rt. 1 Box 166, Shepherd Grade Rd., Shepherdstown, West Virginia 25443. The Service is encouraging that requests for copies be for the CD-ROM version as the hard copy encompasses approximately 850 pages. Additionally, this document may be viewed or downloaded from the Service's South Florida Ecological Service's Field Office website at: <http://www.fws.gov/r4eao/esvb.htm>.

Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to Dawn Jennings, South Florida Field Office, 1360 U.S. Highway 1, Suite 5, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the South Florida Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dawn Jennings at the South Florida Field Office (561) 562-3909 for information on the recovery plan; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Publications Unit (304) 876-7203 for

additional copies of the draft recovery plan.

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 Fish and Wildlife Service's threatened and endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service prepares recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions that may be necessary for conservation of these species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for reclassification from endangered to threatened status or removal from the list, and estimate the time and cost for implementing the needed recovery measures.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. *et seq.*) 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 requires that public notice and an opportunity for

public review and comment be provided during the 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 take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The Multi-Species Recovery Plan identifies the recovery and restoration needs of 68 threatened and endangered species and their habitats in the South Florida Ecosystem—an area encompassing 67,346 square kilometers covering the 19 southernmost counties in Florida, using an ecosystem-wide approach. The species addressed in this plan are found throughout South Florida. Some are endemic to this area, others range outside of South Florida, and some of the species included in this plan migrate through or winter in South Florida. These species use every vegetative, terrestrial, and aquatic community present in South Florida. The status of these species varies, although very few show an increasing trend. These species include:

Status	Species	Scientific name
Mammals		
E	Florida panther	<i>Puma (=Felis) concolor coryi</i> .
E	Key deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus clavium</i> .
E	Key Largo cotton mouse	<i>Peromyscus gossypinus allapaticola</i> .
E	Key Largo woodrat	<i>Neotoma floridana smalli</i> .
E	Silver rice rat	<i>Oryzomys palustris natator (=O. argentatus)</i> .
E	Lower Keys marsh rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus palustris hefneri</i> .
T	Southeastern beach mouse	<i>Peromyscus polionotus niveiventris</i> .
E	West Indian manatee	<i>Trichechus manatus</i> .
Birds		
T	Audubon's crested caracara	<i>Polyborus plancus audubonii</i> .
E	Bachman's warbler	<i>Vermivora bachmanii</i> .
T	Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> .
E	Cape Sable seaside sparrow	<i>Ammodramus (=Ammospiza) maritimus mirabilis</i> .
E	Snail kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus</i> .
E	Florida grasshopper sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum floridanus</i> .
T	Florida scrub-jay	<i>Aphelocoma coerulescens</i> .
E	Ivory-billed woodpecker	<i>Campephilus principalis</i> .
E	Kirtland's warbler	<i>Dendroica kirtlandii</i> .
T	Piping plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i> .
E	Red-cockaded woodpecker	<i>Picoides (=Dendrocopos) borealis</i> .
T	Roseate tern	<i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i> .
E	Wood stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i> .
Reptiles		
E	American crocodile	<i>Crocodylus acutus</i> .
T	Atlantic salt marsh snake	<i>Nerodia clarkii (=fasciata) taeniata</i> .
T	Bluetail (blue-tailed) mole skink	<i>Eumeces egregius lividus</i> .
T	Eastern indigo snake	<i>Drymarchon corais couperi</i> .
E	Green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i> .
E	Hawksbill sea turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> .
E	Kemp's (Atlantic) ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempi</i> .
E	Leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> .
T	Loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i> .

Status	Species	Scientific name
T	Sand skink	<i>Neoseps reynoldsi</i> .
Invertebrates		
E	Schaus swallowtail butterfly	<i>Heraclides (=Papilio) aristodemus ponceanus</i> .
T	Stock Island tree snail	<i>Orthalicus reses</i> .
Plants		
E	Avon Park harebells	<i>Crotalaria avonensis</i> .
E	Beach jacquemontia	<i>Jacquemontia reclinata</i> .
E	Beautiful pawpaw	<i>Deeringothamnus pulchellus</i> .
E	Britton's beargrass	<i>Nolina brittoniana</i> .
E	Carter's mustard	<i>Warea carteri</i> .
E	Crenulate lead-plant	<i>Amorpha crenulata</i> .
E	Deltoid spurge	<i>Chamaesyce (=Euphorbia) deltoidea</i> .
T	Florida bonamia	<i>Bonamia grandiflora</i> .
E	Florida golden aster	<i>Chrysopsis (=Heterotheca) floridana</i> .
E	Florida perforate cladonia	<i>Cladonia perforata</i> .
E	Florida ziziphus	<i>Ziziphus celata</i> .
E	Four-petal pawpaw	<i>Asimina tetramera</i> .
E	Fragrant prickly-apple	<i>Cereus eriophorus</i> var. <i>fragrans</i> .
T	Garber's spurge	<i>Chamaesyce (=Euphorbia) garberi</i> .
E	Garrett's mint	<i>Dicerandra christmanii</i> .
E	Highlands scrub hypericum	<i>Hypericum cumulicola</i> .
E	Key tree-cactus	<i>Pilosocereus (=Cereus) robinii</i> .
E	Lakela's mint	<i>Dicerandra immaculata</i> .
E	Lewton's polygala	<i>Polygala lewtonii</i> .
E	Okeechobee gourd	<i>Cucurbita okeechobeensis</i> ssp. <i>okeechobeensis</i> .
T	Papery whitlow-wort	<i>Paronychia chartacea (=Nyachia pulvinata)</i> .
T	Pigeon wing	<i>Clitoria fragrans</i> .
E	Pygmy fringe-tree	<i>Chionanthus pygmaeus</i> .
E	Sandlace	<i>Polygonella myriophylla</i> .
E	Scrub blazing star	<i>Liatris ohlingerae</i> .
T	Scrub buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum longifolium</i> var. <i>gnaphalifolium</i> .
E	Scrub lupine	<i>Lupinus aridorum</i> .
E	Scrub mint	<i>Dicerandra frutescens</i> .
E	Scrub plum	<i>Prunus geniculata</i> .
E	Short-leaved rosemary	<i>Conradina brevifolia</i> .
E	Small's milkpea	<i>Galactia smallii</i> .
E	Snakeroot	<i>Eryngium cuneifolium</i> .
E	Tiny polygala	<i>Polygala smallii</i> .
E	Wide-leaf warea	<i>Warea amplexifolia</i> .
E	Wireweed	<i>Polygonella basiramia (=ciliata</i> var. <i>b.)</i> .

The Service has completed recovery plans for many of these species at various times between 1980 and 1996 to identify actions necessary to effect recovery. The ivory-billed woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, silver rice rat, Key Largo woodrat, Key Largo cotton mouse, and Okeechobee gourd do not have approved recovery plans. Since the approval of many of the recovery plans for South Florida species, identified tasks have been completed, and new information has become available on the biology, distribution, life history, and needs of these species. In addition, some species with a South Florida population had no tasks identified for recovery in this area. This plan updates some existing recovery plans, serves as the recovery plan for other species, or identifies South Florida's contribution to recovery. The plan also addresses new threats and needs for all the species identified within it. This plan is a two-

volume effort to identify recovery needs of the species of South Florida and the ecosystems upon which they depend. The focus of Volume I is the individual species, while Volume II integrates the species needs with those of the ecological communities in which they reside.

Paper copies of both volumes of the draft recovery plan are available for public inspection at the following locations:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, South Florida Field Office, U.S. Highway 1, Suite 5, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. 561-562-3909

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, 4 miles east of Titusville, State Road 402, Titusville, Florida 32782. 407-861-0667

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife

Refuge, 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel, Florida 33957. 813-472-1100
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, 3860 Tollgate Boulevard, Suite 300, Naples, Florida 34114. 941-353-8442
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Key Deer Refuge, Winn Dixie Shopping Plaza, Big Pine Key, Florida 33043-1510. 305-872-2239
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach, Florida 33437-4796. 561-732-3684
University of Florida, Smathers Library West, Gainesville, Florida 32611
University of Miami Library, 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway, Miami, Florida 33149
University of Central Florida Library, 4000 Central Florida Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32816
Florida Atlantic University Library, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Florida International University Library,
FIU University Park, 11200 SW A St.,
Miami, Florida 33199

University of South Florida Library,
4202 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, Florida
33620

Florida Gulf Coast University Library,
19501 Ben Hill Griffin Parkway, Ft.
Myers, Florida 33965-6565

Archbold Biological Station Library,
P.O. Box 2057, Old State Road 8, Lake
Placid, Florida 33852

Fairchild Tropical Garden Library,
11935 Old Cutler Road, Miami,
Florida 33156

Big Pine Key Branch Library, 213 Key
Deer Boulevard, Big Pine Key, Florida
33043

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date identified 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 24, 1998.

James J. Slack,
Project Leader.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-930-08-1210-00]

Notice of Closure of Public Lands; Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a temporary closure to off highway vehicle use for portions of the Moquith Mountain Wilderness Study Area including the Coral Pink Sand Dunes.

SUMMARY: This notice closes to off highway vehicle (OHV) use approximately 14,140 acres of the Moquith Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA) including some 800 acres within the Coral Pink Sand Dunes. Areas within the WSA that will remain open to vehicle use include designated routes within closed areas and approximately 700 acres within the Coral Pink Sand Dunes. OHV access to the open portion of the dunes will be provided by three designated access routes. Five designated routes within

the non sand dune portion of the WAS on Moquith Mountain will also remain open. Temporary fencing and signing will be used as necessary to facilitate this action. The authority for this action is 43 CFR 8341.2.

DATES: This closure will begin immediately and remain in effect pending amendment of the Vermilion Land Use Plan, which is expected to be completed by the end of April 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of maps are available at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Kanab Area Field Office, 318 North First East, Kanab, Utah 84741 and BLM Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Verlin Smith, Kanab Area Field Office, at (435) 644-2672, ext. 2646 or Ronald Bolander, BLM, Utah State Office, at (801) 539-4065.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 14,830-acre Moquith Mountain WSA was established in 1980 and includes the northern segment of the Coral Pink Sand Dunes (about 1,500 acres). The remaining 2,000 acres of the dunes are part of the Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park which was established in 1963. The sand dunes are a historic and popular OHV and other recreational use area. Most of the WSA is currently designated as open to OHV use as documented in the Vermilion Management Framework Plan, completed in 1981.

In 1994, BLM implemented management actions through the Moquith Mountain WSA Management Guidance and Schedule (Guidance) to protect wilderness resource values. In 1998, an interdisciplinary team was established to review the effectiveness of the Guidance and determine if impairment of wilderness values was occurring. BLM policy allows for an open OHV category in sand dune areas as long as impairment of wilderness suitability does not occur.

The team determined that no impairment of wilderness values is occurring on the majority of the dunes. However, impairment is occurring in peripheral areas of the northern portion of the dunes where vegetation is more prevalent. Therefore, BLM is temporarily closing to OHV use the sand dunes north and west of an existing allotment fence with the exception of a portion of a dry lake bed and designated OHV access routes which will remain open. The three designated OHV access routes are located as follows: (1) Sand Spring; (2) the dry lake bed east of the Yellowjacket Road and, (3) the Hancock

Road near the Ponderosa Grove Campground.

BLM is also concerned that vehicle routes may be forming in other portions of the WSA. Therefore, the non sand dune portion of the WSA will also be temporarily closed with the exception of the following designated routes that will remain open: the Sand Spring Road, South Fork Indian Canyon Petroglyph Road, the Moquith Mountain Loop, Hell Drive and Lamb's Point routes.

Dated: July 7, 1998.

Linda S. Colville,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-910-0777-51]

Notice of Iditarod Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Iditarod Advisory Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Iditarod Advisory Council will conduct an open meeting Tuesday, August 4, 1998, and Wednesday, August 5, 1998, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the formation of a non-profit organization to assist in the management of the Iditarod National Historic Trail. The meeting will be held at the BLM Anchorage Field Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, AK.

Public comments pertaining to management of the Iditarod National Historic Trail will be taken from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, August 4. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting or mailed to the address below prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries about the meeting should be sent to External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa McPherson, (907) 271-5555.

Dated: July 1, 1998.

Nick Douglas,

Field Manager.

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