

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 recovery plan development. The draft recovery plan for *Fritillaria gentneri* was available for public comment from November 22, 2002 through January 21, 2003 (67 FR 70452). Information presented during the public comment period has been considered in the preparation of this final recovery plan, and is summarized in the appendix to the recovery plan. We will forward substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation to the appropriate Federal or other entities so they can take these comments into account in the course of implementing recovery actions.

Fritillaria gentneri, also known as Gentner's fritillary and/or Gentner's mission-bells, is a rare, red-flowered member of the lily family (Liliaceae). This species is found primarily in very small, scattered occurrences in Jackson and Josephine Counties in southwestern Oregon; one small additional population was recently discovered in northern California, near the Oregon border. *Fritillaria gentneri* is threatened by a variety of factors including habitat loss associated with rapidly expanding residential and agricultural development, alteration of habitat by invasive weeds and successional encroachment by trees and brush, habitat disturbance from timber harvest and recreational activities, and vulnerability associated with extremely small population sizes. Other potential threats to *Fritillaria gentneri* include bulb collecting for gardens, and herbivory by deer and livestock.

Recovery of *Fritillaria gentneri* will be based on the conservation of the species through protected populations ("Fritillaria management areas") distributed in natural densities across the historical range of the species in four designated recovery units. Recovery units are geographically bounded areas containing extant *Fritillaria gentneri* populations that are the focus of recovery actions. Recovery units include lands both essential and not essential to the long-term conservation of *Fritillaria gentneri*.

The overall objective of this recovery plan is to reduce the threats to *Fritillaria gentneri* to the point where it can be reclassified (downlisted) to threatened, with the ultimate goal of being removed from the Act's protection entirely (delisted). The recovery measures identified include: (1) Establishing, managing, and maintaining a minimum number of *Fritillaria* management areas

within the four designated recovery units, to be achieved through protection of existing populations, population augmentation, and reintroduction at historically occupied sites; (2) providing information to private landowners to assist with the identification of *Fritillaria gentneri* and management of its habitat; (3) conducting surveys and research essential to the conservation of the species; and (4) development of off-site germplasm banks to maintain reproductive materials.

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

Dated: July 21, 2003.

David J. Wesley,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Meetings of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to continue providing recommendations from the affected interests to the Department of the Interior on implementation of their program to restore anadromous fisheries, including salmon and steelhead, of the Klamath River in California and Oregon.

DATES: The first meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on February 18, 2004, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on February 19, 2004. The second meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 23, 2004, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 24, 2004. The third meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 13, 2004, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on October 14, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting will be held at the Best Western Beachfront Inn, 16008 Boat Basin Road, Brookings, Oregon. The second meeting will be held at the Olympic Inn, 2627 South 6th Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon. The third meeting will be held at the Convention

Center, Best Western Miner's Inn, 112 E. Miner Street, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Detrich, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1829 South Oregon Street, Yreka, California 96097, telephone (530) 842-5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For background information on the Task Force, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).

Dated: August 22, 2003.

John Engbring,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-360-1430-EU; CACA-42659]

Notice of Realty Action, Noncompetitive Sale of Public Land in Siskiyou County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice to Withdraw Lands from Exchange Proposal, Opening of Public Land Notice of Segregation for Exchange, Notice of Segregation for Sale and Sale of Public Land.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management has withdrawn certain lands in Siskiyou County from proposed land exchange CACA-41373. This notice terminates the temporary segregation of those lands for exchange effective August 28, 2003. Notice is also hereby given that those same certain lands have been found suitable for direct sale at not less than the estimated fair market value of \$7,250.00.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 14, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susie Rodriguez, Redding Field Office, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA 96002; 530-224-2142.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the regulations contained in 43 CFR 2091.3-2(b), the following described land will be relieved of the temporary segregative effect of the exchange application CACA-41373. The following public land has been found suitable for direct sale under section 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713). Mount Diablo

Meridian, T. 43 N., R.10 W., Section 11, Lots 12&13.

The land described contains 7.36 acres.

The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of this notice.

The land described is hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending disposition of this action or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

This land is being offered by direct sale to Richard Dews, consistent with 43 CFR 2711.3-3(a)(1). It has been determined that the parcel contains no known minerals; therefore, mineral interests may be conveyed simultaneously.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The patent, when issued, will contain certain reservations to the United States and will be subject to all existing rights. Detailed information concerning these reservations as well as specific conditions of the sale are available for review at the Redding Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, California 96002.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit written comments regarding the proposed sale to Charles M. Schultz, Field Office Manager, Redding Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 355 Hemsted Dr., Redding, CA 96002. In the absence of timely objections, this proposal shall become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: June 20, 2003.

Charles M. Schultz,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-040-1430-EU; SDM 89350]

Notice of Realty Action, Direct Sale of Public Lands, Lawrence County, SD

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The below described lands are suitable for disposal by direct sale.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments pertaining to this action. The

lands will not be offered for sale until October 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the proposed sale should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, South Dakota Field Office, 310 Roundup Street, Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Chuck Berdan, at 605-892-7000. Additional information concerning the land sale, including relevant planning and environment documentation, may be obtained from the South Dakota Field Office at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1719), the following described lands are available for direct sale. The subject land will be sold at the approved appraised fair market value of \$700. The potential buyer of the land will also make application under section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976, to purchase the mineral estate along with the surface estate.

Black Hills Meridian, South Dakota

T. 4 N., R. 2 E.,

Sec. 1, lots 22, 23 and 27;

Sec. 12, lot 1.

T. 4 N., R. 3 E.,

Sec. 6, lots 7, 13-18 inclusive, 27 and 30;

Sec. 7, lot 2.

Containing 8.93 acres.

The purpose of the proposed sale is to dispose of parcels that are isolated and uneconomic to manage as a part of the public lands and are not suitable for management by another Federal department or agency. The parcels are small tracts with no public access. The proposed sale is consistent with the South Dakota Resource Management Plan (November 1985), and the public interest will be served by offering the parcels for sale.

The adjoining land ownership pattern and lack of access indicate that a direct sale is appropriate. The parcels will be offered for non-competitive sale to Golden Reward Mining Company, LP, the adjacent and surrounding landowner.

A mineral examination of the subject lands determined that any minerals associated with these parcels have been removed by prior mining operations in the area, and that they now have no known mineral value. Acceptance of a direct sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those mineral interests. Conveyance of the available mineral interests would occur simultaneously with the sale of the

land. The applicant will be required to pay a \$50 non-returnable filing fee for conveyance of the available mineral interests.

The patent, when issued, will contain the following reservation: A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

The State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action, will review objections to the sale. In the absence of any objections, this proposal will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** will segregate the public lands from appropriations under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending disposition of this action or May 24, 2004, which ever occurs first. Under the application to convey the mineral estate, the mineral interests of the United States are segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, for a period of 2 years from the date of filing the application.

Russell W. Pigors,

Acting South Dakota Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-040-1430-EU; SDM 87107]

Notice of Realty Action, Direct Sale of Public Lands, Lawrence County, SD

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The below described lands are suitable for disposal by direct sale.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments pertaining to this action. The lands will not be offered for sale until October 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the proposed sale should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, South Dakota Field Office, 310 Roundup Street, Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Chuck Berdan, at 605-892-7000. Additional information concerning the land sale, including relevant planning and environment documentation, may be obtained from the South Dakota Field Office at the above address.