

comments into account in the course of implementing recovery plans.

The Service is also conducting a 5-year review for Apache trout under section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act. A 5-year review is a periodic process, based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review, conducted to ensure that the classification of a species as threatened or endangered on the List of Endangered and Threatened Species (List) is accurate. We initiated the 5-year review for Apache trout on April 21, 2006 (71 FR 20714). Because the Service has not yet completed this review, we will use any new information received during the comment period for the revised Recovery Plan to complete the 5-year review for Apache trout. Based on the results of the 5-year review, we will make a recommendation whether the Apache trout should retain its current classification as threatened, be reclassified to endangered, or removed from the List (delisted). The Service will undertake a separate rulemaking process if the Apache trout is to be reclassified or delisted.

The document submitted for review is the revised Recovery Plan for the Apache trout. Currently, the Apache trout is believed to occur in a 190 km (118 mi) reach of the upper Salt River and Little Colorado River drainages in Arizona. The species was listed as federally endangered in 1967 (32 FR 4001) and reclassified to threatened in 1975 (40 FR 29863). Critical habitat has not been designated. Throughout much of its historic range, the decline of the Apache trout may be attributed to destruction, drastic modification, or severe curtailment of its habitat and hybridization with introduced trout species.

The Recovery Plan includes scientific information about the species and provides criteria and actions needed to delist (recover) the species. Delisting of the species may be considered when 30 self-sustaining populations that maintain, to the maximum extent practicable, the remaining genetic diversity of the species have been established within historical range and threats to the populations have been identified, assessed, and ameliorated. Recovery actions designed to achieve this criterion include: (1) Complete any regulatory compliance required under the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, or other applicable legislation to implement recovery actions; (2) Construct new fish barriers and maintain existing fish barriers; (3) Remove or minimize undesirable fish using piscicides or other feasible means in all or portions of recovery streams; (4)

Establish and maintain 30 self-sustaining populations of pure Apache trout; and, (5) Monitor all populations.

The original Apache trout Recovery Plan was finalized in 1979 and revised in 1983. This draft revised Recovery Plan retains the 1983 criterion to establish and maintain 30 self-sustaining populations; however, it limits recovery populations to those within historic range. It also includes additional objectives to ameliorate threats relative to the five listing factors. The revised recovery strategy allows for the use of hatchery propagated Apache trout to repatriate a renovated and secured stream if such populations cannot be established by moving fish from a relict or replicated population. A post-delisting management plan will incorporate genetic considerations.

The Recovery Plan is being submitted for review to all interested parties. Peer review will be conducted concurrent with public review. After consideration of comments received during the public and peer review period, the Recovery Plan will be submitted for final approval.

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 Recovery Plan and new information will also be used to complete the 5-year review.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Dakotas Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FELPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Dakotas Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: A meeting will be held September 6, 2007, at the BLM North Dakota Field Office at 99 23rd Avenue West, Dickinson, ND 58601 beginning at 8 a.m. The public comment period will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 6, 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in North and South Dakota. 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. 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 special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below. The Council will hear updates to Recreation Resource Advisory Committee roles, Sage Grouse Conservation, recreation fees and upcoming resource management planning efforts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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