management practices is not being pursued because we are presently unable to fund such a program. An alternative by which interested private or non-Federal property owners would prepare an individual permit application/Agreement with us also was evaluated. Under that alternative, we would process each permit application/ Agreement individually. This would increase the effort, cost, and amount of time it would take to provide safe harbor assurances to participating landowners and also cause such benefits to be applied on a piecemeal, individual basis. We have determined the previously identified alternatives, which would result in delays and lack of a coordinated effort, would likely result in a continued decline of the RCWs on private lands due to habitat fragmentation, lack of beneficial habitat management, and the effects of demographic isolation.

A no-action alternative was also explored, but this alternative is not likely to increase the number of RCW groups or RCW habitat, nor would it alleviate landowner conflicts. Instead, the action proposed here, although it authorizes future incidental take, is expected to attract sufficient interest among North Carolina landowners to generate substantial net conservation benefits to the RCW on a landscape level. The proposed SHA was developed in an adaptive management framework to allow changes in the program based on new scientific information, including but not limited to biological needs and management actions proven to benefit the species or its habitat.

Public Comments

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Office at the address listed under ADDRESSES and must be submitted in writing to be adequately considered our in the Service's decision-making process. Please reference the "Proposed Programmatic North Carolina Statewide Red-cockaded Woodpecker Safe Harbor Agreement" in your comments, or in requests for the documents discussed in this notice.

Decision

We will not make our final determination until after the end of the 30-day comment period, and we will fully consider all comments received during the comment period. If the final analysis shows the SHA to be consistent with the Service's policies and applicable regulations, the Service will sign the SHA and issue the ESP.

Authority

We are providing this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act and implementing regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR part 1506).

Dated: May 16, 2006.

Jackie Parrish,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region. [FR Doc. E6–7731 Filed 5–19–06; 8:45 am]
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Proposed 151.87 Acre Fee-To Trust Transfer, Reservation Proclamation and Casino-Resort Project, Clark County, WA; Correction

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of three corrections to the Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Proposed Fee-to Trust Transfer, Reservation Proclamation and Casino-Resort Project, Clark County, Washington, published in the Federal Register on April 12, 2006, 71 FR 18767 (FR Doc. E6-5383). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was erroneously included among the cooperating agencies. EPA is not a cooperating agency for this DEIS. This notice also corrects the name, address and telephone number of the contact person for the DEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerald Henrickson, (503) 231–6927.

Correction

On page 18767, in the third column under the SUMMARY heading, in the first sentence, remove the words "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)."

On page 18768, in the first column under the ADDRESSES heading, correct the last paragraph to read: To obtain a copy of the DEIS, please write to Gerald Henrickson, Northwest Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232, or call him at the number provided below.

On page 18768, in the first column under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** heading, correct the name and telephone number to read: Gerald Henrickson, (503) 231–6927.

Dated: May 16, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Boundary Revision, Big Thicket National Preserve

SUMMARY: This notice announces the revision to the boundary of Big Thicket National Preserve to include the parcel of land known as Tract 223–09. The United States will acquire this tract from The Conservation Fund upon the revision of the boundary. The National Park Service has determined that this boundary revision is necessary and that the acquisition of this tract would make a significant contribution to the purposes for which the preserve was created.

DATES: The effective date of this boundary revision is the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve, 6044 Farm Road 420, Kountze, Texas 77625 or by telephone 409–951–6700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act establishing Big Thicket National Preserve, as amended in 1993, 16 U.S.C. 698(b), provides that, after notifying the House Committee on Resources and the Senate Committee on Energy and Resources, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make this boundary revision. This action will add one parcel composed of 200 acres of land to Big Thicket National Preserve. The National Park Service proposes to purchase this parcel from The Conservation Fund. This parcel is bounded on the north, south, and east by the preserve. The acquisition of this parcel is required to maintain the ecology and the present rural character for which the preserve was created.

The above parcel is depicted as tract number 223–09 on land acquisition segment map 223, having drawing number 175–80,010 dated November, 2004. This map is on file at the National Park Service Land Resources Program Center, Intermountain Region, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and at the Office of the