

Potential threats include trampling and overgrazing by livestock and wild horses and burros, and increasing recreational use of the species' habitat. Recovery efforts will focus on restoring historical habitat in one spring outflow, monitoring population stability and health, and eliminating threats from ongoing habitat modification and sympatric nonnative species. Habitat for desert dace is currently public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and private land under a conservation easement.

Soldier Meadows cinquefoil are also endemic to Soldier Meadows, although one additional population occurs in Ash Valley, Lassen County, California. In Soldier Meadows, the species occupies alkali meadow, seep, and marsh habitats bordering thermal springs, outflow streams, and depressions. Soldier Meadows contains 10 subpopulations of the cinquefoil. An estimated 84,650 individual plants are distributed on approximately 28 hectares (69 acres). Threats to the species include habitat modifications due to agricultural diversions, trampling and overgrazing by livestock and wild horses and burros, and recreational use; and competing nonnative plants. Conservation efforts will focus on eliminating threats from ongoing habitat modification and invading nonnative plants, and monitoring population stability and health. Habitat for Soldier Meadows cinquefoil in Soldier Meadows is currently public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and private land under a conservation easement.

#### Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the *Recovery Plan for the Rare Species of Soldier Meadows*. All comments received by the date specified 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. 1553(f).

Dated: February 9, 1996.

Thomas Dwyer,

*Acting Regional Director.*

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#### North American Wetlands Conservation Council; Meeting Announcement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) will meet on March 13 to review proposals for funding submitted pursuant to the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Upon completion of the Council's review, proposals will be submitted to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission with recommendations for funding. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** March 13, 1996, 9:00 A.M.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area at a location yet to be determined. The North American Wetlands Conservation Council Coordinator is located at Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington Square Building, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 110, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Byron Kenneth Williams, Coordinator, North American Wetlands Conservation Council, (703) 358-1784.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the North American Wetlands Conservation Council is a Federal-State-private body which meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement and management projects for recommendation to and final approval by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. The Council requires that proposals from State, Federal, and private sponsors contain a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds.

Dated: February 15, 1996.

John G. Rogers,

*Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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#### Geological Survey

##### Institute of Gas Technology; Radon Use in Natural Gas to Detect Water-Front Movement in Gas Reservoirs; Research

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the United States Geological Survey (USGS) is planning to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with the Institute of Gas Technology (IGT) to conduct research into the use of radon in natural gas to detect water-front movement in gas reservoirs. Any others wishing to pursue the possibility of a CRADA for

similar activities should contact the U.S. Geological Survey no later than 30 days from the publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Information on the proposed CRADA is available to the public upon request at the following location: U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, MS 430, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 22092.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas F. Kraemer, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division at the address given above; telephone 703-648-5868; FAX 703-648-5484; email tkraemer@usgs.gov.

R. Hirsch,

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#### Bureau of Land Management

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##### OMB Approval Number 1004-0103; Notice of Proposed Information Collection

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information from applicants who apply for purchase of mineral materials from public lands under the 43 CFR 3600 regulations. Respondents supply information as to their identity and address and the location and amount of material desired for purchase. The information enables the authorized officer to identify and communicate with the applicant and to evaluate the effect of the proposal on the environment and land uses and to determine whether or not a mineral material contract may be granted.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by April 29, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WO140@attmail.com. Please include "ATTN: Patrick Boyd" and your name and return address in your Internet message. Comments may be hand-delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record,