landscape. Reintroductions of this species are being undertaken on lands already conserved.

Streaked horned lark (Eremophila alpestris strigata) is a native bird found in prairies, grasslands, and other sparsely vegetated areas. This species was proposed to be federally listed as a threatened species and designation of critical habitat was proposed on October 11, 2012 (77 FR 61937). Once distributed from British Columbia to southern Oregon, it has retracted considerably. Within Thurston County this species is found at only few locations. The northernmost known population occurs on Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

The Mazama pocket gopher (Thomomys mazama), a native mammal of Thurston County, occurs on prairie habitat and prairie soils. In the south Puget Sound area, two of nine subpopulations of Mazama pocket gopher have become extinct since the 1940s. Four subspecies of the gopher were proposed to be federally listed as threatened and designation of critical habitat was proposed on December 11, 2012 (77 FR 77370).

The county also proposes to cover the Oregon spotted frog (Rana pretiosa), which was designated a candidate species on September 19, 1997 (62 FR 49402), and the following non-listed species: western gray squirrel (Sciurus griseus), Oregon vesper sparrow (Poecetes gramineus), slender-billed white-breasted nuthatch (Sitta carolinensis) western pond turtle (Clemmys marmorata affinis), western toad (Bufo boreas), mardon skipper (Polites mardon), Puget blue butterfly (Icaricia icarioides blackmorei), valley silverspot butterfly (Speyeria zerene), white-top aster (Aster curtus), rose checker mallow (Sidalcea malviflora virgata), small-flowered trillium (Trillium parviflorum), and Puget balsamroot (Balsamorhiza deltoidea).

Public Scoping

The primary purpose of the scoping process is for the public to assist the Service and Thurston County in developing a draft EIS by identifying important issues and alternatives related to the applicant’s proposed action. The scoping meeting will include presentations by the Service and Thurston County, followed by informal questions and discussions. Written comments from all interested parties are welcome to ensure that a full range of issues and alternatives related to the proposed permit request is identified. The Service requests that comments be specific. In particular, we request information regarding management issues and goals to be considered in the development of the HCP; existing environmental conditions in Thurston County; other plans or projects that might be relevant to this proposed project; permit duration; areas and specific landforms that should or should not be covered; species that should or should not be covered; covered activities, including potential avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures; monitoring and adaptive management provisions; and funding suggestions.

We will accept written comments at the public meeting. You may also submit written comments to the Service at our U.S. mail address, by email, or by facsimile (see ADDRESSES section above). Once the draft EIS and draft HCP are prepared, there will be further opportunity for public comment on the content of these documents through an additional 90-day public comment period.

Public Availability of Comments

Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we use in preparing the EIS under NEPA, will become part of the public record and will be available for public inspection by appointment, during regular business hours, at the Service’s Washington Fish and Wildlife Office (see ADDRESSES). Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment(s), you should be aware that your entire comment(s)—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment(s) to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the NEPA of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other applicable Federal laws and regulations, and applicable policies and procedures of the Service. This notice is being furnished in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 of the NEPA regulations to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
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Notice of Intent To Amend the Snake River Resource Management Plan for the Pinedale Field Office and Prepare an Associated Environmental Assessment; and Notice of Realty Action: Classification and Direct Sale of Public Land in Teton County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTIONS: Notice of Intent and Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Field Office, Pinedale, Wyoming, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) amendment with an associated environmental assessment (EA) for the Snake River RMP and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues. Three parcels of public land in Teton County, Wyoming, are being classified as suitable for disposal under the provisions of Section 203 of FLPMA and are being proposed for direct sale at no less than the appraised fair market value.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the RMP amendment with the associated EA and segregates the three parcels from operation of the public land laws as described below. Comments regarding the proposed amendment, classification, or sale must be received by the BLM at the address below no later than May 6, 2013. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local news media and newspapers. In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 45-day scoping period or 30 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation as appropriate.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the plan amendment and realty action by any of the following methods:

• Mail: Field Manager, Pinedale Field Office, P.O. Box 768, 1625 West Pine Street, Pinedale, WY 82941.

• Email: WYMail@blm.gov with “Snake River Amendment” in the subject line. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Pinedale Field Office at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tracy Hoover, Realty Specialist, BLM Pinedale Field Office, 1625 West Pine Street, Pinedale, WY 82941; telephone 307–367–5342; email thoover@blm.gov.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Wyoming Pinedale Field Office intends to prepare an RMP amendment with an associated EA for the Snake River RMP, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The three parcels are located in Teton County, Wyoming, and encompass approximately 2.01 acres of public land. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the plan...