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exploration, and lack of land use planning that recognizes panther needs. Public opinion is critical to attainment of recovery goals and reintroduction efforts. Addressing social opposition to panthers will be the most difficult aspect of panther recovery and must be resolved before reintroduction efforts are initiated.

The Service issued the first Florida Panther Recovery Plan in 1981. The plan was revised in 1987 and 1995. In 2001, the Service initiated the current process to revise the plan a third time. Section 4(f) of the Act requires that a public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. Accordingly, the Technical/Agency Draft of the Third Revision of the Florida Panther Recovery Plan is being made available for public review and comment before a decision is made on its approval.

The strategy for Florida panther recovery sets an intermediate goal of downlisting from endangered to threatened with the ultimate goal of delisting. To achieve both the intermediate and ultimate goals, the recovery plan identifies three objectives which, collectively, describe the conditions necessary to achieve recovery. These objectives are:

1. Maintain, restore, and expand the Florida panther population and its habitat in south Florida and, if feasible, expand the known occurrence of Florida panthers north of the Caloosahatchee River to maximize the probability of the long-term persistence of this metapopulation.

2. Identify, secure, maintain, and restore habitat in potential reintroduction areas within the panther's historic range, and establish viable populations of the panther outside south and south-central Florida.

3. Facilitate panther conservation and recovery through public awareness and education.

To realize these objectives for downlisting and delisting, this plan presents objective, measurable criteria that when met would result in a determination that delisting is warranted. These criteria are based on the number of individuals and number of populations that provide for demographically and genetically viable populations as determined by several population viability analyses to ensure resilience to catastrophic events. The threats to the Florida panther will need to be addressed to attain these criteria.

Downlisting of the Florida panther should be considered when:

1. Two viable populations of at least 240 individuals (adults and subadults) each have been established and subsequently maintained for a minimum of 14 years (or two generations).

2. Sufficient habitat quality, quantity, and spatial configuration to support these populations is retained/protected or secured in the long term.

Delisting of the Florida panther should be considered when:

1. Three viable, self-sustaining populations of at least 240 individuals (adults and subadults) each have been established and subsequently maintained for a minimum of fourteen years.

2. Sufficient habitat quality, quantity, and spatial configuration to support these populations is retained/protected or secured in the long-term.

A viable population, for purposes of Florida panther recovery, has been defined as one in which there is a 95 percent probability of persistence for 100 years. This population may be distributed in a metapopulation structure composed of subpopulations that total the appropriate number of individuals. There must be exchange of individuals and gene flow among subpopulations. For downlisting, exchange of individuals and gene flow can be either natural or through management. If managed, a commitment to such management must be formally documented and funded. For delisting, exchange of individuals and gene flow among subpopulations must be natural (*i.e.*, not manipulated or managed). Habitat should be in relatively unfragmented blocks that provide for food, shelter, and characteristic movements (*e.g.*, hunting, breeding, dispersal, and territorial behavior) and support each metapopulation at a density of 2 to 3 animals per 100 square miles (259 square kilometers), resulting in a minimum of 8,000 to 12,000 square miles (20,720 to 31,080 square kilometers) per metapopulation of 240 panthers.

Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the recovery plan described. We will consider all comments received by the date specified above prior to a decision on final approval of the revised recovery plan.

Our practice is to make all comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. In some circumstances, we would withhold also from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

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

Dated: January 11, 2006.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Land Acquisitions; Snoqualmie Tribe of Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of final agency determination to take land into trust under 25 CFR Part 151.

SUMMARY: The Associate Deputy Secretary made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 55.84 acres of land into trust for the Snoqualmie Tribe of Washington on January 13, 2006. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Associate Deputy Secretary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Skibine, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, MS–4600 MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219–4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR Part 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR Part 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On January 13, 2006, the Associate Deputy Secretary decided

to accept approximately 55.84 acres of land into trust for the Snoqualmie Tribe of Washington under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. The 55.84 parcel is located in King County, Washington. The parcel will be used for the purpose of construction and operation of a class III gaming facility.

The real property consists of a 55.84 acre tract located in King County, Washington. The legal description of the property is as follows:

Lot 1, Block 3 of the unrecorded plat of Si-View acre tracts, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south line of the NW. quarter of section 31, Township 24 North, Range 8 East, Willamette Meridian, in King County, Washington, 750.75 feet South 88 degrees 51′11″ West of the SE corner of said NW. quarter, thence South 88 degrees 51′11″ West, 660.36 feet; thence North 3 degrees 02′25″ West 308.18 feet; thence North 86 degrees 57′35″ East, 660.00 feet to the west line of a 60.0 foot street; thence South 3 degrees 02′25″ East along said street, 330.0 feet to the point of beginning;

Except that portion of Lot 1, Block 3 of the unrecorded plat of Si-View acre tracts, in Section 31, Township 24 North, Range 8 East, Willamette Meridian, in King County, Washington, described as follows: Beginning at the NE. corner of the above described Lot 1; thence South 86 degrees 57′35″ West a distance of 311.14 feet along the north boundary of said Lot 1; thence South 3 degrees 02′25″ East a distance of 140.00 feet; thence North 86 degrees 57′35″ East a distance of 311.14 feet to the east boundary line of said Lot 1; thence North 3 degrees 02′25″ West a distance of 140.00 feet along the east boundary of said Lot 1 to the point of beginning.

And, all of Government Lot 3 and that portion of Government Lot 4, lying northerly of the north margin of SR 90 (State Highway Number 2); section 31, township 24 North, Range 8 East, Willamette Meridian, King County, Washington.

Containing a total of 55.84 acres, more or less.

Dated: January 13, 2006.

James E. Cason,

Associate Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of class III gaming compact taking effect.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that the Tribal-State compact between the Forest County Potawatomi Community of Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin is considered to have been approved and is in effect.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 31, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 11 (d)(7)(D) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior must publish in the **Federal Register** notice of any Tribal-State compacts that are approved, or considered to have been approved, for the purpose of engaging in class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority did not approve or disapprove this compact before the date that is 45 days after the date this compact was submitted. This compact authorizes this Indian tribe to engage in certain class III gaming activities, provides for certain geographical exclusivity, limits the number of gaming machines at existing racetracks, and prohibits non-tribal operation of certain machines and covered games. Therefore, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(7)(C), this compact is considered to have been approved, but only to the extent it is consistent with IGRA.

Dated: January 18, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved tribal-state class III gaming compact.

SUMMARY: This Notice Publishes an Approval of the Economic Development Amendment for the Tribal-State Compact for the Regulation of Class III Gaming between the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe and the State of Louisiana.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 31, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the Economic Development Amendment to the Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This Economic Development Amendment provides for a grant of presumptive suitability for certain lenders solely in connection with and strictly limited to that certain offering of unsecured senior notes dated November 8, 2005. The Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, is publishing notice that the Economic Development Amendment to the Tribal-State compact between Tunica-Biloxi Tribe and the State of Louisiana is hereby approved and in effect.

Dated: January 20, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID–200–1120–PH]

Notice of Cancellation of February Resource Advisory Council Meeting in Twin Falls District, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Cancellation of February Resource Advisory Council Meeting in Twin Falls District, Idaho.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the cancellation of the Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2006, in Twin Falls, Idaho.