

Form No.: FCC Form 731.

Type of Review: Revision of existing collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit; Small businesses or organizations.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 24 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 72,000 hours.

Needs and Uses: Equipment testing is performed, and data is gathered, to provide information to aid in controlling interference to radio communications. A completed application combined with descriptive information, test data, and occasionally a test sample documents the compliance of the subject equipment with the FCC Rules, and may also be used to aid in enforcement of the Rules. This NPRM proposes a streamlining of the equipment authorization process to provide for approval of certain equipment under the less burdensome Declaration of Conformity process. The number of respondents and corresponding burden hours are therefore expected to be reduced as a result of this NPRM.

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0636.

Title: Equipment Authorization—Declaration of Conformity, Parts 2 and 15.

Form No.: None.

Type of Review: Revision of existing collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit; Small businesses or organizations.

Number of Respondents: 6,600.

Estimated Time Per Response: 19 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 125,400 hours.

Needs and Uses: Data collected is used to investigate complaints of harmful interference to radio communications, and to verify manufacturer's or supplier's compliance with the Rules. The information collected is essential to controlling potential interference to radio communications. This NPRM proposes a streamlining of the equipment authorization process to provide for approval of certain equipment under the less burdensome Declaration of Conformity process. An increase in the number of respondents and burden hours for this collection is proposed, concurrent with a decrease in the respondents and burden hours reported under OMB 3060-0057. A net decrease in burden hours is anticipated as a result of the NPRM.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 2

Authorization, Communications equipment, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Extension of Comment Period and Notice of Public Hearings on Proposed Endangered Status for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of public hearings and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides notice that public hearings will be held on the proposed determination of endangered status for the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*). To accommodate the public hearings, the comment period on the proposal will be extended. The Preble's meadow jumping mouse, a small rodent of the family Zapodidae, is known to occur only in four counties in Colorado and two counties in Wyoming. All interested parties are invited to submit comments on this proposal.

DATES: Public hearings will be held as follows: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 1997, in Cheyenne, Wyoming; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 1997, in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 1997, in Denver, Colorado. Registration will begin one hour prior to each hearing. Comments will be accepted until July 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The public hearings will be held at the following locations: the Laramie County Library, 2800 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming; the 3rd Floor Hearing Room, El Paso County Office Building, 27 East Vermijo, Colorado Springs, Colorado; and, the Hunter Education Classroom, Colorado Division of Wildlife, 6060 Broadway, Denver, Colorado. Written comments and materials should be sent to the Colorado Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486,

Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. Comments and materials received will be available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LeRoy W. Carlson, Colorado Field Supervisor, telephone 303/275-2370 (see ADDRESSES section).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Preble's meadow jumping mouse, a small rodent in the family Zapodidae, is known to occur in only four counties in Colorado and two counties in Wyoming. Historical surveys document its former presence in five additional counties in Colorado and three additional counties in Wyoming. The Preble's meadow jumping mouse lives primarily in heavily vegetated riparian habitats. Habitat loss and degradation caused by agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial development imperil its continued existence. This proposal, if made final, would extend protection of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) to the Preble's meadow jumping mouse.

On March 25, 1997, the Service published a proposed rule (62 FR 14093) to list the Preble's meadow jumping mouse as an endangered species without critical habitat.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service has scheduled hearings on May 19, 21, and 22, 1997, with registration beginning 1 hour prior to each hearing (see DATES and ADDRESSES above). Anyone wishing to make an oral statement for the record is encouraged to provide a written copy of their statement to be presented to the Service at the start of the hearing. In the event that there is a large audience, the time allotted for oral statements may have to be limited.

Oral and written statements concerning the proposed rule will receive equal consideration by the Service. There are no limits to the length of written comments presented at the hearing or mailed to the Service. Comments particularly are sought concerning:

(1) Biological, commercial trade, or other relevant data concerning any threat (or lack thereof) to the Preble's meadow jumping mouse;

(2) The location of any additional populations of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse;

(3) Additional information concerning the range, distribution, and population size of the species; and

(4) Current or planned activities which may adversely affect known populations of Preble's.

Legal notices and news releases announcing the date, time, and location of the hearings are being published in newspapers concurrently with this **Federal Register** notice.

The previous comment period on this proposal is scheduled to close on May 27, 1997. To accommodate these hearings, the Service extends the comment period. Written comments may now be submitted until July 28, 1997, to the Service office identified in the **ADDRESSES** section above. All comments must be received before the close of the comment period to be considered.

Author: The author of this notice is Peter Plage, Colorado Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** above), telephone 303/275-2370.

Authority: Authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 28, 1997.

Terry T. Terrell,

Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AD35

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Public Comment Period on the Proposed Rule to List the Pallid Manzanita as Threatened

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of the comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), provides notice of reopening of the comment period on the proposed threatened status for *Arctostaphylos pallida* (pallid manzanita) which was published in the **Federal Register** on August 2, 1995. The comment period has been reopened to acquire additional information from interested parties, and to resume the proposed listing actions.

DATES: The public comment period closes June 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent directly to the Field Supervisor, Sacramento Field Office, 3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 130, Sacramento, California 95821-6340. Comments and materials received will be available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dwight Harvey (see **ADDRESSES** section) at (916) 979-2725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 2, 1995, the Service published a rule proposing threatened status for *Arctostaphylos pallida* (60 FR 39309-39314). The original comment period closed on September 25, 1995. No public hearing was requested. The Service was unable to make a final listing determination on this species because of a limited budget, other endangered species assignments driven by court orders, and higher listing priorities. In addition, a moratorium on listing actions (Public Law 104-6), which took effect on April 10, 1995, stipulated that no funds could be used to make final listing determinations or critical habitat determinations.

After funding was restored, the Service proceeded with a final determination for this species by reopening the comment period from February 25, 1997 until March 27, 1997 (62 FR 8417, February 25, 1997). During this period, the Service received a

request that the comment period be reopened an additional 30 days in order that all interested and affected parties have sufficient opportunity to submit their comments in writing.

Pallid manzanita is found only in the northern Diablo Range of California. It occupies 13 sites in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The two largest populations are located at Huckleberry Ridge and Sobrante Ridge. The plants are found in manzanita chaparral habitat that is frequently surrounded by oak woodlands and coastal scrub. The plants are threatened by shading and competition from native and non-native plants, fire suppression, habitat fragmentation, hybridization, disease, herbicide spraying, and unauthorized tree cutting.

The Service particularly seeks information concerning:

(1) The known or potential effects of fire suppression and general fire management practices on the pallid manzanita and its habitat.

In addition, the Service seeks information that has become available in the last two years concerning:

(2) Other biological, commercial, or other relevant data on any threats (or lack of thereof) to the species; and

(3) The size, number, or distribution of populations of the species.

Written comments may be submitted through June 4, 1997 to the Service office in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Any comments received by the closing date will be considered in the final decision on this proposal.

Author: The primary author of this notice is Dwight Harvey (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 28, 1997.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Portland, OR.

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