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Dear Interested Party:

Subject: Invitation to Jarbidge River Bull Trout Recovery Team Public Meeting

On behalf of the Jarbidge River Bull Trout Recovery Team, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is inviting you and other interested parties to an open public meeting to discuss ongoing and proposed 2006 activities by the Recovery Team to survey fish populations and improve habitat in the Jarbidge River of Nevada and Idaho, with an emphasis on the bull trout population. **This meeting will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Mountain time) on June 20, 2006, in the Jarbidge Community Hall building in historic Jarbidge, Nevada.**

The Service and Nevada Department of Wildlife (Department) are co-leading the technical Recovery Team, which is comprised of 15 fish and wildlife biologists, water quality specialists, and land managers. The Recovery Team is tasked with drafting a new recovery plan for the Jarbidge River bull trout population. We are soliciting direct involvement by local citizens and representatives from area organizations and user groups in this process to obtain information on watershed conditions, help identify potential projects to improve habitat and water quality, and make recommendations on project priorities. Comments and recommendations from participating individuals will be used by the Recovery Team in completing the draft recovery plan, which will be available for review by all interested parties.

This is the Recovery Team's second public meeting; the first was held on December 1, 2005, in Jackpot, Nevada. We anticipate holding additional meetings at various locations in northeast Nevada and southwest Idaho as we draft, finalize, and implement the recovery plan. Regular meetings will facilitate ongoing public participation during preparation of the draft recovery plan and will assist us in keeping you informed of opportunities to take part in implementation of high priority projects. For the latest information on recovery planning and implementation, future meetings and events, and related documents, please visit the Recovery Team's new web page (http://www.fws.gov/nevada/protected_species/fish/jarbidge/index.html).

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So that we can provide adequate seating arrangements, please return the enclosed RSVP form promptly if you are able to attend the upcoming meeting. We would truly appreciate your involvement and look forward to hearing from you at the meeting. Please contact either Selena Werdon (775-861-6300) with the Service or Gary Johnson with the Department (775-777-2300) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gady E. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "G".

for Robert D. Williams
Field Supervisor

Enclosure

RSVP

Jarbidge River Bull Trout Recovery Team - Public Meeting

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Mountain time)

June 20, 2006

*Jarbidge Community Hall
Jarbidge, Nevada*

Name(s): _____

Representing: _____

Please mark boxes below:

- Will attend the Recovery Team meeting.
- Unable to attend on this date.
- Keep me on your mailing list. Address: _____
E-Mail: _____

- Unable to attend AND **not** interested in future updates/meetings.

Please respond to:

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