Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances to protect Oregon Spotted Frog in the Old Mill District

The Old Mill District, a mixed-use development complex of shops, galleries, restaurants, trails, and events located in Bend, Oregon, is entering into a candidate conservation agreement with assurances (CCAA) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the Oregon spotted frog.

A CCAA is a voluntary agreement whereby landowners agree to manage their lands to remove or reduce threats to species at risk in return for assurances against additional regulatory requirements should that species ever be listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Oregon spotted frog was proposed for listing as threatened under the Endangered Species Act on August 29, 2013. A final listing determination is anticipated in late summer of 2014.

Oregon spotted frogs inhabit pond, marsh, and riverine areas within the 170-acre Old Mill District area. The CCAA includes a variety of conservation measures that reduce threats to the frog associated with management of existing and potential Oregon spotted frog habitat, including stormwater features.

The Service will open a 30-day public comment period on July 21, 2014, to allow the public to review and comment on the CCAA. Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on August 20, 2014. They may be submitted electronically at http://www.regulations.gov or in writing at Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS–R1-ES-2014-N118; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 2042–PDM; Arlington, VA 22203.

For more information on Oregon spotted frog and the Federal Register notice, visit our webpage at http://www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/Species/Data/OregonSpottedFrog

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