DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AF03

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Canada Lynx; Special Rule Record of Compliance

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: On July 8, 1998, we published a proposed rule to list the United States (lower 48 States) population segment of the Canada lynx as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The listing included a special rule regulation issued under
section 4(d) of the Act that would allow the export under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) of live captive-bred Canada lynx, and skins derived from the captive-bred population of Canada lynx. This notice announces the availability of the Record of Compliance with the various statutory, Executive Order, and Departmental requirements applicable to the special rule regulation and invites comments on the Record of Compliance.

ADDRESSES: To request a copy of the Record of Compliance, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Field Office, 100 N. Park Ave., Suite 320, Helena, Montana 59601. Send your comments on the Record of Compliance to this same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kemper McMaster, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Field Office, at the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On July 8, 1998, we published a proposed rule to list the United States population (lower 48 States) segment of the Canada lynx (Lynx canadensis) as threatened, and the captive-bred population of Canada lynx within the lower 48 States as threatened due to similarity of appearance.

The proposed listing rule included a special rule regulation under section 4(d) of the Act that would allow the export under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (50 CFR part 23) of live captive-bred Canada lynx, and
skins derived from the United States captive-bred population (lower 48 States) of Canada lynx, accompanied by a valid CITES export tag and permit. CITES is an international treaty for the regulation of international trade in certain animal and plant species. We would authorize such export in accordance with the permit requirements at 50 CFR 17.32.


for Indian Trust Resources (512 DM 2). In accordance with the restrictions of section 4(b)(1)(A) of the Act regarding the basis for listing determinations, the economic determinations contained in the ROC are not applicable to the listing decision for the Canada lynx and pertain only to the operation of the special rule regulation under section 4(d) of the Act if the species is listed. You can obtain a copy of this ROC by request (see ADDRESSES section).

Dated: May 6, 1999.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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