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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Seeks Public Comments

Southern Nevada... The U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service will hold a public workshop on September 26, 2006, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Alamo County Annex, 100 S First W Street, Alamo, NV and on September 27, 2006, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Moapa Recreation Center, 1340 E Highway 168, Moapa, NV, to receive comments on an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) the Service will be preparing to evaluate a Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan for Coyote Springs Investments LLC (CSI) in Lincoln County, Nevada.

The Service is preparing the EIS to evaluate the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan that will identify measures to minimize and mitigate incidental take of Threatened or Endangered species protected by the Endangered Species Act that could occur as a result of CSI's planned development. The proposed project area will include approximately 13,800 acres of land leased from the Bureau of Land Management in Lincoln and Clark Counties and approximately 22,140 acres of developable private land in Lincoln County.

The Service is asking the public to identify important issues and alternatives related to the proposed actions. Alternatives that may be considered in the EIS include: variations in the scope of the proposed activities; variations in the location, amount, and types of conservation measure; variations in activity duration; or, a combination of these elements. In addition, the EIS will identify potentially significant direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on biological resources, land use, air quality, water quality, water resources, socioeconomic conditions, and other environmental issues that could occur with the implementation of the proposed action and alternatives.

Written public comments will be accepted at the public workshop or by mail until October 12, 2006. Comments should be submitted to Robert D. Williams, Field Supervisor, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 1340 Financial Blvd., Suite 234, Reno, Nevada, 89502. More information on the proposed action can be found at the following web site www.fws.gov/nevada, or by calling the contacts listed at the top left of this news release.

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