of Pine Creek. Enhancement will include transplanting native shrubs from areas of impact to protected habitat, over-seeding of native grasses, and noxious weed control.

2. Restoration of 10.68 hectares (26.38 acres) along the main branch of Pine Creek, and the North and South forks of Pine Creek. Restoration will include the immediate revegetation of the site with native grass seed and clumps of native shrubs.

3. Preservation of 64.13 hectares (158.48 acres) of Preble’s habitat by the placement of deed restrictions over the property. This is the result of protecting all remaining Preble’s habitat within the project area. An additional 7.75 hectares (19.14 acres) of natural open space adjacent to Preble’s habitat also will be protected.

4. Off-site enhancement and restoration of approximately 75 hectares (186 acres) along Kettle Creek, an area known to have a healthy population of Preble’s. Enhancement will include transplanting native shrubs from areas of impact to protected habitat, over-seeding of native grasses, and noxious weed control. Existing horse trails along the creek bottom will be restored by stabilizing the immediate area, then seeding with native grass species.

5. Off-site preservation of the 75-hectare (186-acre) Kettle Creek Preserve. Initially the property will be protected by deed restrictions. After that, the deed to the entire property will be turned over to the Trust for Public Lands, who is in the process of forming a new not-for-profit organization to take control of these types of properties and manage them for the sole purpose of endangered species habitat.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act. The Service will evaluate the permit application, the Plan and comments submitted therein to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If it is determined that those requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of Preble’s. The final permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: November 6, 2002.

John A. Blackenship,
Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
Great Lakes Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Great Lakes Panel. The meeting topics are identified in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The Great Lakes Panel will meet from 10 am to 5 pm on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, and 8 am to 1 pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The Great Lakes Panel meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, North Campus, 3600 Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Phone (734) 769–9800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathe Glassner-Shwayder, Project Manager, Great Lakes Commission, at 734–665–9135 or Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 734–358–2308 or by e-mail at: sharon_gross@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Great Lakes Panel. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

The Great Lakes Panel, comprised of representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies and from private environmental and commercial interests, performs the following activities:

(a) Identifies priorities for the Great Lakes Region with respect to aquatic nuisance species;
(b) Makes recommendations to the Task Force regarding programs to carry out zebra mussel control;
(c) Assists the Task Force in coordinating Federal aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Great Lakes region;
(d) Coordinates, where possible, aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Great Lakes region that are not conducted pursuant to the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (as amended, 1996);
(e) Provides advice to public and private individuals and entities concerning methods of controlling aquatic nuisance species; and
(f) Submits an annual report describing activities within the Great Lakes region related to aquatic nuisance species prevention, research, and control.

Topics to be addressed at this meeting include: an update and a discussion on key provisions of the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act (NAISA) of 2002; a discussion on the Great Lakes Panel’s Rapid Response Model Plan; a discussion on the development of Panel priorities through regional coordination; an update on the development of ballast water standards; a review of project and related concerns on Asian carp invasions; and a discussion on the review process for Sea Grant Proposals and the role of regional panels.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drve, Arlington, Virginia 22203–1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.


Robert J. Batky,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Availability of Electronic Records

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested State and local government officials of the availability of electronic Title Records in Nevada.

EFFECTIVE DATES: November 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert M. Scrügg, Chief, Branch of Geographic Sciences, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., PO Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, 775–861–6644.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Beginning on November 1, 2002, the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Nevada State Office will make available its Master Title Plats, Use Plats, and Historical Indices (Title Records) in an electronic format. At the same time, the BLM will phase out the use of microfiche for these records. This change reflects the BLM’s