change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or that is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of http://www.regulations.gov.

Issues for Comment Focus

DHS, USCIS invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed revision of a currently approved collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the Federal Register to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, and the estimated burden (i.e., the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond).

For Forms I–765 and I–765WS, USCIS is especially interested in the public’s experience, input, and estimates on the burden in terms of time and money incurred by applicants for the following aspects of this information collection:

- The time burden incurred by preparers (persons who assist the respondent with the preparation of the form) who are not paid by the respondent.
- For preparers who are paid, the time and expense to the respondent to find and secure such preparers for assistance.
- The amount that paid preparers charge for their services.
- The time required to obtain supporting documents for Forms I–765 and I–765WS.
- The monetary costs incurred to secure supporting documents from sources such as a landlord, church, utility, public agency (housing, social services, law enforcement, local/state governments), school, medical care provider, advocacy group, law firm, or military service.
- The average time required and cost incurred to secure secondary evidence such as an affidavit or a statement.
- The percentage of total applicants who require English translations of their supporting documents.
- The percentage of supporting documents for each individual applicant that require translation into English.
- The time required to find, hire or otherwise obtain translations of supporting documents for immigration benefit requests.
- The average out of pocket monetary cost if any to obtain translations of supporting documents when required.

In addition, to truly be helpful to the improvement of this form and the program that oversees the services associated with this information collection; written comments and suggestions concerning this collection of information are requested to provide clear and specific suggestions on the data elements captured through these forms and the evidence required to be submitted with a focus on one or more of the following four points:

1. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to reduce or minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved information collection.
(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Application for Employment Authorization; Form I–765 Work Sheet.
(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or Households. The information collected on this form is used by USCIS to determine eligibility for the issuance of the employment authorization document.
(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 1,420,000 responses related to Form I–765 at 3.42 hours per response; 1,043,992 responses related to Biometrics at 1.17 hours; 706,057 responses related to Form I–765WS at .50 hours; and 1,420,000 responses related to Passport-Style Photographs at .50 hours per response.
(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 7,140,900 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: http://www.regulations.gov. We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2140, Telephone number 202–272–8377.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service


Final Recovery Plan, First Revision; Mexican Spotted Owl

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of our final recovery plan, first revision, for the Mexican Spotted Owl, which is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). This species occurs in the States of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah, and south through the Sierra Madre Occidental and Sierra Madre Oriental in Mexico. The recovery plan includes specific recovery objectives and criteria to be met in order to enable us to remove this species from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife and plants.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to view the recovery plan, you may obtain a copy by any one of the following methods:

Internet: http://endangered.fws.gov/recovery/index.html#plans (type “Mexican spotted owl” in the document title search field);
Recovery of endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining species, unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species.

Species’ History

We listed the Mexican spotted owl as a threatened species under the Act on March 16, 1993 (58 FR 14248). We designated critical habitat on August 31, 2004 (69 FR 53182). We originally completed a recovery plan for the Mexican spotted owl on October 16, 1995. However, updates on status information and experience in implementing the original recovery plan led to our determination that revision was warranted.

The Mexican spotted owl nests and roosts in forested areas exhibiting multilayered, unevenly aged tree structure, and in steep, rocky canyonlands. Forested habitats used by the owl vary throughout the species’ range and by activity (nesting, roosting, foraging, dispersal/migration). However, the forest types believed most important to Mexican spotted owls are mixed conifer, pine-oak, and riparian habitats.

At the time of the species’ listing, chief threats to the owl’s population in the United States were commercial-based timber harvest; however, at this time, the risk of stand-replacing wildfire has come into prominence. The revised recovery plan recommends protection of currently occupied home ranges, plus development of replacement nesting/roosting habitat over time. The plan recognizes the need to manage these forest landscapes to minimize the effects of large, stand-replacing wildfires, believed to be the greatest current threat to the species.

Recovery Plan Goals

The objective of an agency recovery plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of a species so that protection under the Act is no longer necessary. A recovery plan includes scientific information about the species and provides criteria and actions necessary for us to be able to remove it from the List. Recovery plans help guide our recovery efforts by describing actions we consider necessary for the species’ conservation, and by estimating time and costs for implementing needed recovery measures. To achieve its goals, this recovery plan identifies the following objectives:

- Support the population of the Mexican spotted owl for the foreseeable future.
- Maintain habitat conditions necessary to provide nesting and roosting habitat for the Mexican spotted owl through time.

The revised recovery plan contains recovery criteria based on maintaining and/or increasing population numbers and habitat quality and quantity. The revised recovery plan focuses on protecting populations, managing threats, maintaining habitat, monitoring progress, and building partnerships to facilitate recovery.

As the subspecies meets recovery criteria, we will review the subspecies’ status and consider removal from the List.

Authority

We developed our recovery plan under the authority of section 4(f) of the Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f). We publish this notice under section 4(f) Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).