

II. Public Meetings

FTA will host two Webinar meetings: Tuesday, November 17, 2009, from 2 to 4 p.m. Eastern; and Thursday, December 3, 2009, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For program questions, please contact Aaron C. James, Sr. at (202) 493-0107 or aaron.james@dot.gov, or Carlos M. Garay at (202) 366-6471 or carlos.garay@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Jayme L. Blakesley at (202) 366-0304 or jayme.blakesley@dot.gov. The principal office of FTA is located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On September 10, 2009 (74 FR 46515), FTA issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to start the process of revising its Project Management Oversight rule at 49 CFR Part 633. This Project Management rulemaking emphasizes a set of standards and principles for sound project management that will affect all FTA-funded fixed guideway capital projects and major capital projects. Specifically, FTA seeks to restructure the current Part 633 to incorporate the best practices in the transit industry with respect to reasonable project management performance measures. When final, this project management rule should articulate the criteria and skills expectations necessary to ensure a project sponsor's successful implementation of a fixed guideway capital project, including a major capital project. Also, the new Part 633 will be updated to reflect oversight tools and methodologies that have been developed since the original rule went into effect. Initially, FTA established a sixty (60) day public comment period for its ANPRM, with a closing date of November 9, 2009. At the request of several interested parties, however, FTA has chosen to extend the comment period for two months and to host two Webinars for the purpose of answering questions about the ANPRM.

II. Extension of Public Comment Period

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) hereby provides notice that it is extending the public comment period for its Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking by approximately sixty (60) days. Comments must be received no later than January 8, 2010.

III. Public Meeting via Webinar

A. Notice

FTA hereby provides notice that it will be holding two public meetings, via webinar, to discuss the subject Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Through the webinar meetings, FTA will answer questions from interested parties. However, FTA notes that the webinar meetings will be for informational purposes only. In order to be fully considered, all comments must be submitted in writing according to the procedures outlined above. FTA encourages all interested parties to participate in the webinar meetings. The meetings are open to the public on a space-available basis. There is no cost to attend. Details will be published on FTA's web site at <http://www.dot.fta.gov>.

B. Agenda and Format

FTA intends to lead a discussion of the following subjects at the Webinar meetings: (1) The definition of "major capital project," (2) the definition of "technical capacity and capability," (3) principles and requirements for fixed guideway capital projects (4) project management plans, (5) FTA oversight of fixed guideway and major capital projects, (6) any other related subjects. The first webinar will focus primarily on project management (topics 1–4 above). The second webinar will focus on FTA oversight.

C. Registration

FTA requests all parties interested in attending the Webinar meeting to RSVP for the event with Carlos M. Garay at (202) 366-6471 or carlos.garay@dot.gov. All RSVPs for the November 17, 2009, Webinar must be received by November 13, 2009. RSVPs for the December 3, 2009, Webinar must be received by November 20, 2009.

Notice of Meeting

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If you need an accommodation because of a disability, or if you require additional information to attend the meeting, please contact Carlos M. Garay at (202) 366-6471 or carlos.garay@dot.gov.

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Peter M. Rogoff,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Rule To List Five Foreign Bird Species in Colombia and Ecuador, South America, Under the Endangered Species Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of the public comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the reopening of the public comment period on our July 7, 2009, proposal to list four species of birds from Colombia — the blue-billed curassow (*Crax alberti*), the brown-banded antpitta (*Grallaria milleri*), the Cauca guan (*Penelope perspicax*), and the gorgeted wood-quail (*Odontophorus strophium*) — and one bird species from Ecuador — the Esmeraldas woodstar (*Chaetocercus berlepschi*) — as endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). This proposal, if made final, would extend the Act's protection to these species.

DATES: We are reopening the public comment period. To allow us adequate time to consider and incorporate submitted information into our review, we request that we receive information on or before December 10, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• U.S. mail or hand-delivery: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R9-IA-2009-12; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203.

We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the Public Comments section below for more information).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Krofta, Chief, Branch of Listing, Endangered Species Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420, Arlington, VA 22203; telephone 703-358-2171; facsimile 703-

358-1735. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments

We reopen the public comment period on our July 7, 2009, proposal (74 FR 32308) to list four species of birds from Colombia — the blue-billed curassow (*Crax alberti*), the brown-banded antpitta (*Grallaria milleri*), the Cauca guan (*Penelope perspicax*), and the gorgeted wood-quail (*Odontophorus strophium*) — and one bird species from Ecuador — the Esmeraldas woodstar (*Chaetocercus berlepschi*) — as endangered under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Some peer review comments have already been received during the initial comment period on the proposal and may be found at <http://www.regulations.gov>. In order to allow for additional peer review, we are reopening the comment period for an additional 30 days. Comments previously received on this proposal need not be resubmitted, as they are already incorporated in the public record and will be fully considered in the final determination. We request information from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested parties concerning the status of these species. We are seeking information regarding:

(1) Biological, commercial trade, or other relevant data concerning any threats (or lack thereof) to these species and regulations that may be addressing those threats.

(2) Additional information concerning the taxonomy, range, distribution, and population size of these species, including the locations of any additional populations of these species.

(3) Any information on the biological or ecological requirements of these species.

(4) Current or planned activities in the areas occupied by these species and possible impacts of these activities on these species.

(5) Any information concerning the effects of climate change on these species or their habitats.

Please note that submissions merely stating support for or opposition to the action under consideration without providing supporting information, although noted, will not be considered in making a determination, as section 4(b)(1)(A) of the Act directs that determinations as to whether any species is a threatened or endangered species must be made “solely on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available.” Information previously submitted need not be resubmitted as it has already been incorporated into the public record and will be fully considered.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

If you submit information via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire submission—including any personal identifying information—will be posted on the website. If your submission is made via a hardcopy that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will post all hardcopy submissions on <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to verify any scientific or commercial information you include.

Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we

used in preparing our proposed rule, will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by appointment, during normal business hours, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species Program, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420, Arlington, VA 22203; telephone 703-358-2171 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Background

On July 7, 2009, we published a proposed rule to list five foreign bird species in Colombia and Ecuador, South America as endangered throughout their range under the Act: four species of birds from Colombia — the blue-billed curassow (*Crax alberti*), the brown-branded antpitta (*Grallaria milleri*), the Cauca guan (*Penelope perspicax*), and the gorgeted wood-quail (*Odontophorus strophium*) — and one bird species from Ecuador — the Esmeraldas woodstar (*Chaetocercus berlepschi*) (74 FR 32308). This proposal, if made final, would extend the Act's protection to these species. The Service seeks data and comments from the public on our proposed rule. We received multiple peer review comments. In order to allow for the public to review these comments and have an opportunity to comment, we are reopening the public comment period for 30 days.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: November 3, 2009

Rowan W. Gould,

Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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