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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

White River spinedace are endemic to the upper White River Valley in Nye and White Pine Counties, Nevada. The principle causes of decline for this species are habitat modification and nonnative fishes introduction. Recovery efforts will focus on maintaining and enhancing the one remaining population by increasing the extent of suitable habitat, eliminating threats from nonnative fish species, and reestablishing populations in historic habitats. Most of the historic habitat is currently under private ownership. The remaining population of White River spinedace occupies North Flag Spring, which is within the Nevada Department of Wildlife's Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area.

**Public Comments Solicited**

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

**Authority**

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

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Acting Regional Director.

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**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the White River Spinedace (*Lepidomeda albivallis*) for Review and Comment**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for the endangered White River spinedace (*Lepidomeda albivallis*). This species historically occupied the upper White River and six springs systems in Nye and White Pine Counties, Nevada. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before December 4, 1992 to receive consideration by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Field Supervisor, Reno Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Building C-125, Reno, Nevada, 89502, (Phone: 702-784-5870) or Assistant Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Enhancement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Eastside Federal Complex, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97232-4181 (Phone: 503-231-6131). Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to Mr. David L. Harlow, Field Supervisor, at the above Reno, Nevada address. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above Reno, Nevada address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Donna Withers at the above Reno,