

12, 1976 (41 FR 15359), and September 8, 1977 (42 FR 45037);

5. Consolidated Delegation of Authority for Community Planning and Development, published on October 25, 1983 (48 FR 49384);

6. Delegation of Authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary and General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development with respect to the Rental Rehabilitation Program, published on July 27, 1984 (49 FR 30246);

7. Delegation of Authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary and General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development with respect to the Emergency Shelter Grants Program, published on December 17, 1986 (51 FR 45288);

8. Delegation of Authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary and General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development with respect to the Emergency Shelter Grants Program, published on September 4, 1987 (52 FR 33793);

9. Delegation of Authority from the Assistant Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development with respect to HUD Programs for the Homeless, published on October 2, 1989 (54 FR 40527);

10. Delegation of Authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development for the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, published on November 4, 1991 (56 FR 56416);

11. Delegation of Authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development for the Shelter Plus Care Program, published on March 20, 1992 (57 FR 9731);

12. Delegation of Authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development for the HOPE for Homeownership of Single Family Homes Program (HOPE 3), published on October 9, 1992 (57 FR 46568);

13. Delegation of Authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development for the Review and Approval of Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategies, published on November 20, 1992 (57 FR 54826);

14. Delegation of Authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development for the Youthbuild Program, published on August 31, 1993 (58 FR 45910);

15. Delegation of Authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development Concerning the Base Closure

Community Redevelopment and Assistance Act of 1994, published on May 22, 1996 (61 FR 25685);

16. Delegation of Authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development pursuant to section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996, published on August 13, 1996 (61 FR 42050);

17. Delegation of Authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development for the Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund, published on October 17, 1996 (61 FR 54211);

18. Delegation of Authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary and General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development with respect to Enterprise Zone Development, published on June 3, 1998 (53 FR 20563); and

19. Delegation of Authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development with respect to Rural Housing and Economic Development Grants, published on May 12, 1999 (64 FR 25512).

**Authority:** Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: September 9, 2003.

**Mel Martinez,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4837-D-35]

### Consolidated Delegation of Authority for the Office of Public and Indian Housing

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HUD.

**ACTION:** Delegation of authority.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is a comprehensive delegation of authority for administration of HUD's Public and Indian Housing programs from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 9, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Dalzell, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4228, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone (202) 708-0440. (This is not a toll-free number.) For those needing assistance, this number may be accessed through TTY by calling

the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under this delegation, which supersedes all prior delegations to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, the Secretary delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing all powers and authorities with respect to HUD's Public and Indian Housing programs, except for those powers and authorities, which are specifically excepted from this delegation.

#### Section A. Authority Delegated

The Secretary delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing the power and authority of the Secretary to:

1. Administer programs under the jurisdiction of the Secretary that are carried out pursuant to the authority transferred from the Public Housing Administration under section 5(a) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3534);

2. Administer each program of the Department that is authorized pursuant to the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 *et seq.*), including but not limited to the Public Housing program, Section 8 programs (except the following Section 8 Project-Based programs: New Construction, Substantial Rehabilitation, Loan Management Set-Aside and Property Disposition), the HOPE VI program and predecessor programs that are no longer funded but have ongoing commitments.

3. Administer such other programs for which assistance is provided for or on behalf of public housing agencies or public housing residents.

#### Section B. Authority Excepted

The authority delegated under Section A does not include the power to sue and be sued.

#### Section C. Authority To Redelegate

The authority delegated in Section A may be redelegated to employees of the Department through written delegations of authority, except for the authority to issue and waive regulations.

#### Section D. Authority Revoked

All authority previously delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing is revoked and is superseded by this delegation of authority.

#### Section E

This notice of delegation of authority shall be conclusive evidence of the authority of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing or a delegate, to execute, in the name of the Secretary,

any instrument or document relinquishing or transferring any right, title, or interest of the Department in real or personal property.

**Authority:** Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: September 9, 2003.

**Mel Martinez,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Central Utah Project Completion Act

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to negotiate an agreement among the Forest Service, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, the Duchesne County Water Conservancy District, the Moon Lake Water Users Association, and Department of the Interior to Implement the Uinta Basin Replacement Project, Duchesne County, Utah.

**SUMMARY:** Public Law 102-575, Central Utah Project Completion Act, Section 203(a) authorized the construction of the Uinta Basin Replacement Project. Responsibilities for the construction and operation of the project are described in four contracts executed by the Department of the Interior and the other parties on November 15, 2001. The purpose of the proposed implementation agreement is to identify the entity or entities responsible for monitoring environmental mitigation, to allocate funds, and to delineate and assign any remaining tasks and obligations (not included in previous agreements). The terms of the implementation agreement are to be publicly negotiated among the Forest Service, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, the Duchesne County Water Conservancy District, the Moon Lake Water Users Association, and Department of the Interior.

**DATES:** Dates for public negotiation sessions will be announced in local newspapers.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Additional information on matters related to this **Federal Register** notice

can be obtained by contacting Mr. Wayne Pullan, Program Coordinator, CUP Completion Act Office, Department of the Interior, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, UT 84606-6154, (801) 379-1194, [wpullan@uc.usbr.gov](mailto:wpullan@uc.usbr.gov).

Dated: September 10, 2003.

**Ronald Johnston,**  
Program Director, Department of the Interior.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Approved Recovery Plan for the Great Lakes Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of the approved recovery plan for the Great Lakes piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*), a species that is federally listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). This species occurs or may occur on public and private land in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, and Texas. Actions identified for recovery of the Great Lakes piping plover seek to increase population numbers throughout its range and to protect essential breeding and wintering habitat.

**ADDRESSES:** This recovery plan is available from the following addresses:

1. Fish and Wildlife Reference Service, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 110, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 (the fee for the plan varies depending on the number of pages).
2. Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, East Lansing Ecological Services Field Office, 2651 Coolidge Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823.
3. The World Wide Web at: <http://endangered.fws.gov/RECOVERY/index.html#plans>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jack Dingleline, East Lansing Ecological Services Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section No. 2 above), telephone (517) 351-6320. The Fish and Wildlife Reference Service may be reached at (301) 492-6403 or (800) 582-3421. TTY users may contact Mr. Dingleline and

the Fish and Wildlife Reference Service through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Recovery of endangered or threatened animals or plants is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. A species is considered recovered when the species' ecosystem is restored and/or threats to the species are removed so that self-sustaining and self-regulating populations of the species can be supported as persistent members of native biotic communities. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for reclassification to threatened status or delisting listed species, and estimate time and cost for implementing the measures needed for recovery.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, requires that recovery plans be developed 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 during recovery plan development, we provide public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment. Information presented during the comment period has been considered in the preparation of the approved recovery plan, and is summarized in an appendix to the recovery plan. We will forward substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation to appropriate Federal agencies and other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions.

The Great Lakes piping plover, a sand-colored shorebird, was listed as an endangered species under the Act in 1985. It inhabits beaches on the Great Lakes during the breeding season of April through September, and winters on Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coast beaches. Nesting occurs on wide, sand and cobble beaches with little vegetation and disturbance. In its wintering range, the Great Lakes piping plover roosts and forages along beaches, dunes, sandy and muddy flats of the Atlantic and gulf coasts. Destruction of habitat, disturbance, and increased predation rates due to elevated predator densities in its habitat are described as the main reasons for this species' endangered status and continue to be the primary threats to its recovery. Fifty-one nesting pairs were recorded in 2002, all in Michigan and Wisconsin. Breeding has not occurred outside of Michigan and Wisconsin for over a