will be held on the analysis and the proposal.

DATES: Comment: The original comment period on the proposed rule to designate critical habitat extended from December 7, 1994, to March 7, 1995. The comment period is now reopened until May 8, 1995.

Hearings: The Service will hold four public hearings at the times noted below. Public hearings will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the following dates: March 22, 1995, in Santa Fe, New Mexico; March 23, 1995, in Socorro, New Mexico; March 29, 1995, in Tucson, Arizona; and March 30, 1995, in Flagstaff, Arizona.

ADDRESSES: Hearings: The public hearings will be held at the following places: Santa Fe—Morgan Hall, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Socorro—Galena Auditorium, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, 1 Olive Lane, Socorro, New Mexico; Tucson—Rincon Room, Student Union, Second Floor, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona; Flagstaff—Flagstaff High School Auditorium, 400 West Elm Street, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Documents and comments: Requests for copies of the Service's Economic Analysis and comments concerning that document and the proposal to designate critical habitat for the Mexican spotted owl should be sent to the State Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2105 Osuna NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113. Comments and

materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Fowler-Propst, New Mexico State Supervisor, at the above address, telephone (505) 761–4525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Service listed the Mexican spotted owl as a threatened species on March 16, 1993 (58 FR 14248). A proposal to designate critical habitat was published on December 7, 1994 (59 FR 63162). A total of 4,770,223 acres was proposed for inclusion in critical habitat.

Section 4(b)(2) of the Act (16 U.S.C. § 1533 (b)(2)) requires the Service to consider economic and other impacts of designating a particular area as critical habitat. In a final designation of critical habitat, the Service is required to balance the benefits of excluding areas against the benefits of including those areas within the boundaries of critical habitat. In fulfillment of that requirement, the Service has prepared a draft economic analysis of the effects that may be caused by the designation of critical habitat. The Service will provide a copy of the economic analysis to interested parties upon request. The Service will consider the critical habitat designation in light of all additional relevant information obtained during the comment period before making a

final decision with respect to the proposed rule.

The comment period on the proposal is reopened until May 8, 1995, to receive views and recommendations on both the proposed designation and the draft economic analysis. Public hearings on the proposal and the draft economic analysis will be held at the times and places listed above. Oral statements at the hearings may be limited to several minutes if there are many requests to speak. Oral comments presented at the public hearings are given the same weight and consideration as written comments. If the public hearings are of insufficient time to provide for all who wish to speak, all who are not accommodated will be asked to submit their comments in writing. There are, however, no limits to the length of written comments or materials presented at the hearing or mailed to the Service.

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Authority

Authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

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