SUMMARY: This rule makes non-substantive amendments to the Corporation for National and Community Service’s (CNCS) regulations to change the operating name of the agency to “AmeriCorps,” to adopt two new logos, and to retire all existing logos, including those for the following programs: Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, RSVP, AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps NCCC, and the Volunteer Generation Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Throughout 2017 and 2018, the Corporation for National and Community Service coordinated efforts to increase its effectiveness, efficiency, and accountability. This effort culminated in the 2018 announcement of CNCS’s Transformation and Sustainability Plan (Plan) that set forth six goals that included simplifying CNCS’s brand. After CNCS issued the Plan, the agency focused its efforts on implementing the Plan’s six goals. This rule is the outcome of the implementation of Goal 5 to “simplify the CNCS brand.”

To gain insight and knowledge about the CNCS brand, the agency engaged in a multi-stage, in-depth research analysis that included an open comment period, in-depth interviews, and a survey of nearly 4,000 members, volunteers, grantees, sponsors, and service program alumni. The results of this research showed that 80 percent of the general public is not familiar with CNCS. Only 12 percent of the general public can correctly identify the main purpose of CNCS. Of CNCS’s actual grantees and sponsors, 50 percent said it can be difficult to explain the AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs.

After conducting a lengthy research and development process and considering feedback from stakeholders, staff, and the public, the agency is adopting a new name: AmeriCorps. The agency is adopting the following two official logos and retiring for use all
the name of the two CNCS components. For this reason, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2), prior notice and comment is not required. Because this is not a substantive rule, publication and service of the rule thirty days before its effective date, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d), is likewise not required.

Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits.

Executive Order 13771 directs agencies to control regulatory costs through a budgeting process. This rule has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and pursuant to OMB guidance it is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 13771.

This regulatory action determination is based on the finding that the name and logo change will have no substantive effect on the public.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. 605 (b)), CNCS certifies that this rule, if adopted, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This regulatory action will not result in (1) an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more; (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, state, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic and export markets. Therefore, CNCS has not performed the initial regulatory flexibility analysis that is required under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) for major rules that are expected to have such results.

Unfunded Mandates

For purposes of Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, 2 U.S.C. 1531–1538, as well as Executive Order 12875, this regulatory action does not contain any Federal mandate that may result in increased expenditures in either Federal, state, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or impose an annual burden exceeding $100 million on the private sector.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism

Executive Order 13132, Federalism, prohibits an agency from publishing any rule that has Federalism implications if the rule imposes substantial direct compliance costs on state and local governments and is not required by statute, or the rule preempts state law, unless the agency meets the consultation and funding requirements of section 6 of the Executive Order. This rule does not have any Federalism implications, as described above.

List of Subjects in 45 CFR Part 2500

Authority name and logos.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, CNCS adds part 2500 to Title 45, Subtitle B of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 2500—AGENCY OPERATING NAME AND LOGOS

Sec.

2500.1 Agency Operating Name

2500.2 Description of Logos

2500.3 Retirement of Logos

2500.4 Authority to affix logos

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 12651c (c); 12653 (a) and (f).

§ 2500.1 Agency Operating Name.

(a) The Corporation for National and Community Service adopts AmeriCorps as its official agency operating name.

(b) Use of AmeriCorps as the agency operating name incorporates the Corporation for National and Community Service by reference.

§ 2500.2 Description of Logos.

(a) The AmeriCorps Logo (Logo) is the key element in agency identification. It provides a visual representation of the agency’s role to unite America by bringing people together to serve communities. It is symbolic of the way AmeriCorps members and volunteers lift and improve communities through service and volunteering. This Logo is the visual link which connects the graphic communications of all Agency programs.

(b) The Logo is described as follows: The logo is an image of a solid circle containing an A where one pillar is a solid block line and the other is represented by a flag pole with the flag in motion, appearing to fly from the left to the right and forming the A as the flag intersects with the other pillar. AmeriCorps appears in bold to the right of the mark.

Figure 1 to paragraph (b)

(c) The AmeriCorps Seniors Logo (Seniors Logo) identifies the highlighted AmeriCorps Seniors programs and represents the agency’s commitment to programs and volunteer opportunities for the older American population.

(d) The AmeriCorps Seniors Logo is described as follows: The word Seniors appears beneath AmeriCorps to the right of the circle containing the A.
SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), reclassify (downlist) the American burying beetle (Nicrophorus americanus) from endangered to threatened on the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. This determination is based on a thorough review of the best available scientific and commercial information, which indicates that the threats to this species have been reduced to the point that it is not currently in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range, but that it is likely to become so within the foreseeable future. We also finalize a rule under the authority of section 4(d) of the Act that provides measures necessary and advisable to ensure that the species no longer meets the applicable definition in the Act.

DATES: This rule is effective November 16, 2020.

ADDRESSES: This final rule and supporting documents are available on the internet at http://www.regulations.gov under Docket No. FWS–R2–ES–2018–0029. Comments and materials we received, as well as supporting documentation we used in preparing this rule, are available for public inspection at http://www.regulations.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Summary

Why we need to publish a rule. Under the Act a species may warrant reclassification from endangered to threatened if it no longer meets the definition of endangered (in danger of extinction). The American burying beetle is listed as endangered, and we are finalizing a reclassification (downlisting) of the American burying beetle as threatened because we have determined it is not currently in danger of extinction. Downlisting a species as a threatened species can only be made by issuing a rulemaking. “What this document does. This rule reclassifies the American burying beetle from endangered to threatened (i.e., “downlists” the species), with a rule issued under section 4(d) of the Act, based on the species’ current status.

The basis for our action. Under the Act, we may determine that a species is an endangered or threatened species because of any of five factors: (A) The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range; (B) overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes; (C) disease or predation; (D) the inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or (E) other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence. We may reclassify a species if the best available commercial and scientific data indicate the species no longer meets the applicable definition in the Act.

We have determined that the American burying beetle is no longer in danger of extinction and, therefore, does not meet the definition of an endangered species, but is still affected by current and ongoing threats to the extent that the species meets the definition of a threatened species under the Act. Increasing temperatures due to changing climate are projected to impact American burying beetle populations within the foreseeable future. Likewise, we project future impacts to American burying beetle populations due to land use change associated with urbanization and agricultural activities.

We are promulgating a section 4(d) rule. We are issuing a section 4(d) rule to provide measures necessary and advisable to provide for the conservation of the American burying beetle. The 4(d) rule prohibits all intentional take of the American burying beetle and specifically tailor the incidental take prohibitions and exceptions under section 9(a)(1) of the Act as a means to provide protective mechanisms to State and Federal partners, as well as private landowners, so that they may continue with certain activities that are not anticipated to cause direct injury or mortality to American burying beetles and that will facilitate the conservation and recovery of the species.

Previous Federal Actions

Please refer to the proposed rule to reclassify American burying beetle from endangered to threatened (84 FR 19013; May 3, 2019) for a detailed description of previous Federal actions concerning this species.

Summary of Changes From the Proposed Rule

We have made two changes from the proposed rule in this final rule: One of the changes affects the rule language, and one affects only the preamble. (1) Under the proposed 4(d) rule provisions, we defined “conservation lands” where incidental take would continue to be prohibited within the Southern Plains populations. The proposed 4(d) rule included The Nature Conservancy Tall Grass Prairie Preserve as “conservation lands” where