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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

National Communications System

[Docket No. DHS-2005-0051]

Notice of Meeting of the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Communications System (NCS).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) will meet on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. The meeting will take place via teleconference and will be open to the public. For access to the conference bridge and meeting materials, interested members of the public should contact Ms. Elizabeth Hart at (703) 289-5948, or by e-mail at hart_elizabeth@bah.com, by 5 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2005.

The NSTAC advises the President of the United States on issues and problems related to implementing national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) telecommunications policy. During the call, the members will receive briefings on Exercise Pinnacle and the National Infrastructure Protection Plan and will discuss the NSTAC work plan and task force activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Alberta Ross, Industry Operations Branch at (703) 235-5526, e-mail: Alberta.Ross@dhs.gov, or write the Manager, National Communications System, Department of Homeland Security, IAIP/NCS/N5, Washington, DC 20528-mail stop #8510.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Public Comments:* You may submit comments, identified by Docket Number DHS-2005-0051, by one of the following methods:

- EPA Federal Partner EDOCKET Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/feddocket>. Follow instructions for submitting comments on the Web site.
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: NSTAC@dhs.gov. When submitting comments electronically,

please include DHS-2005-0051 in the subject line of the message.

- Mail: Office of the Manager, National Communications System, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20529. To ensure proper handling, please reference DHS-2005-0051 on your correspondence. This mailing address may also be used for paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions.

All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.epa.gov/feddocket>, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket, or to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.epa.gov/feddocket>. You may also access the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Dated: July 7, 2005.

Peter M. Fonash,

Deputy Manager, National Communications System.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before August 11, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave. SW., Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the

official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, Endangered Species Division, (505) 248-6920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE-105165

Applicant: U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*) within New Mexico.

Permit No. TE-048464

Applicant: Joanne Roberts, Phoenix, Arizona. Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for Canelo Hills ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes delitescens*) and Pima pineapple cactus (*Coryphantha scheeri var. robustispina*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-106028

Applicant: Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for lesser long-nosed bats (*Leptonycteris curasoae (=sanborni) yerbabuena*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-103076

Applicant: Transcon Infrastructure, Inc., Mesa, Arizona. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-106555

Applicant: Clay Fischer, Austin, Texas. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Texas: jaguarundi (*Herpailurus (=Felis) yagouaroundi cacomitli*), ocelot (*Leopardus (=Felis) pardalis*), black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*), golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*).

Permit No. TE-106816

Applicant: Douglas High School, Douglas, Arizona. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to maintain and propagate the current captive population of Yaqui topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis sonoriensis*) and Yaqui chub (*Gila purpurea*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-106764

Applicant: Gary Roemer, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct surveys, capture, tag, and draw blood for black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) within Arizona.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*

Dated: June 29, 2005.

Joy E. Nicholopoulos,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-050-1990-NJ]

Notice of Emergency Closure of Public Lands to Motorized Vehicle Use

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) subpart 8341.2(a), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the closure of certain BLM-administered public lands to all types of motor vehicle use to protect the desert yellowhead, a plant species and its critical habitat protected by listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

This closure affects public lands located within, and adjacent to, the 360-acre designated critical habitat of the only known population of desert yellowhead (*Yermo xanthocephalus*). Under the ESA, the desert yellowhead is listed as "threatened." Public access leading to, and within, the desert yellowhead and its critical habitat by nonmotorized means, such as by foot or horseback is permitted.

DATES: This closure will be effective March 16, 2005, and remain in effect until the threat to this desert yellowhead population and its critical habitat by motorized vehicles has ceased.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ray Hanson, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Bureau of Land Management, 1335 Main Street, P.O. Box 589, Lander, Wyoming 82520. Mr. Hanson may also be contacted by telephone: (307) 332-8420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM Lander Field Office is responsible for management of public lands within Fremont, Natrona, Carbon, Sweetwater,

and Hot Springs Counties. The management of these lands is addressed in the Lander Resource Management Plan (RMP) Record of Decision (ROD), which was signed in June 1987. Under the authority of the ESA, the RMP provides that no activities will be permitted in habitat for threatened and endangered species that would jeopardize the continued existence of such species. The RMP further provides that neither surface disturbing activities nor surface occupancy will be allowed in known threatened or endangered species habitat.

Because these Wyoming plants are the only known population in the world, the desert yellowhead (*Yermo xanthocephalus*) was listed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as "threatened" in 2002 and an area of 360 acres of critical habitat was designated. In 2004, the Lander Field Office prepared a biological assessment of the desert yellowhead for review by the USFWS. The USFWS completed a biological opinion for the desert yellowhead in 2005.

This Emergency Closure is necessary to protect the desert yellowhead and its critical habitat from threats posed by increased motorized vehicle use which could easily expand into the critical habitat of this sole population. Reasons for the closure include the effects of motorized vehicle use damaging plant populations and critical habitat of the desert yellowhead.

The following BLM-administered lands are included in this closure:

- The 360 acres of designated desert yellowhead critical habitat including the 10 acres presently occupied by the only known plant population.
- The designated two-track trails leading to the desert yellowhead's critical habitat.

A map of these areas will be posted with this notice at key locations near the closure area, as well as at the BLM's Lander Field Office, 1335 Main Street, Lander, Wyoming 82520.

Emergency closure orders may be implemented as provided in 43 CFR, subparts 8341.2(a) and 8364.1 (a, b, c, and d). Violations of this closure are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Persons who are administratively exempt from this closure include: any Federal, State, or local officer or employee acting within the scope of their duties, members of any organized rescue or fire-fighting force in performance of an official duty, and any person holding written authorization from the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: May 5, 2005.

Alan L. Kesterke,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Public Meeting, Steens Mountain Advisory Council

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Burns District Office.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act (Steens Act) of 2000, Public Law 106-399, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, and the Steens Mountain Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Steens Mountain Advisory Council will meet at the Bureau of Land Management, Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon, 97738 on August 11 and 12, 2005. Both days will begin at 8 a.m., local time, and will end at approximately 4:30 p.m., local time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Steens Mountain Advisory Council was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior on August 14, 2001, pursuant to the Steens Act and re-chartered in August 2003. The Steens Mountain Advisory Council's purpose is to provide representative counsel and advice to the Bureau of Land Management regarding (1) new and unique approaches to management of the land within the bounds of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area, (2) cooperative programs and incentives for landscape management that meet human needs, maintain and improve the ecological and economic integrity of the area, and (3) preparation and implementation of a management plan for the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

Topics to be discussed at this meeting include operating protocols, challenges and opportunities for collaboration, visioning, roles of the Steens Mountain Advisory Council and the Bureau of Land Management, ground rules, dispute resolution, and other matters