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**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: January 24, 2008.

**Lillian L. Deitzer,**

*Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish And Wildlife Service

[FWS-R2-ES-2008-N0002], [20124-1113-0000-F5]

#### 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 February 29, 2008.

**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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chief, Endangered Species Division, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103 (505) 248-6920.

#### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your

personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### Permit TE-676811

*Applicant:* Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to the permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct recovery activities for the Devil's Hole pupfish (*Cyprinodon diabolis*) at Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery in Arizona and Dexter National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center in New Mexico.

#### Permit TE-053085

*Applicant:* Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder City, Nevada.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for research and recovery purposes for the following species: Bonytail chub (*Gila elegans*) and razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*) within Arizona, Nevada, and California.

#### Permit TE-037155

*Applicant:* Bio-West, Inc., Round Rock, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to a previous permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for spikedace (*Meda fulgida*) within Arizona.

#### Permit TE-170625

*Applicant:* Daniel Howard, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for research and recovery purposes for American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Oklahoma.

#### Permit TE-030115

*Applicant:* Bureau of Land Management, Safford Field Office, Safford, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species: Gila Chub (*Gila intermedia*) and Peebles Navajo cactus (*Pediocactus peeblesianus* var. *peeblesianus*) within Arizona.

#### Permit TE-037780

*Applicant:* Texas Westmoreland Coal Company, Jewett, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/

absence surveys for interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*) within Texas.

#### Permit TE-821356

*Applicant:* Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center (USGS), Flagstaff, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for humpback chub (*Gila cypha*) within Arizona.

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

Dated: January 8, 2008.

**Christopher T. Jones,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R2-ES-2008-N007], [20124-1113-0000-F5]

#### 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 February 29, 2008. Comments must be submitted before midnight (Eastern Standard Time) on the date specified in the **DATES** section.

**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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chief, Endangered Species Division, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102,

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, (505) 248-6920.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Public Availability of Comments**

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**Permit TE-169770**

*Applicant:* New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*) within New Mexico.

**Permit TE-166070**

*Applicant:* New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of Gila chub (*Gila intermedia*) within New Mexico.

**Permit TE-168189**

*Applicant:* Michael Green, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of black capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*) within Texas.

**Permit TE-168185**

*Applicant:* Cox McLain Environmental Consulting, Inc., Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for research and recovery purposes for the following species: black capped-vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*), golden-checked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), Attwater's prairie chicken (*Tynnanuchus cupido attwateri*), Northern aplomado falcon (*Falco fernalis septentrionalis*), piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*), red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*), interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*) and Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*) within Texas.

**Permit TE-036436**

*Applicant:* Environmental Planning Group, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to a previous permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuenae*) within Arizona.

**Permit TE-168688**

*Applicant:* Sarah Itz, Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species: black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*) and golden-checked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) within Texas.

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

Dated: January 14, 2008.

**Christopher T. Jones,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[NV-030-1050-HF-PALE; NV-030-04-003; 8-08807; TAS: 14X1109]**

**Notice to the Public of Emergency Closure of Public Lands, Douglas County, NV**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Certain public lands located in the Pine Nut Mountain range of Douglas County, Nevada, will be temporarily closed to motorized vehicles. An emergency closure is necessary to prevent further adverse effects to paleontological resources in the Ruhensroth paleontological area where resource damage is occurring. The potential for additional adverse effects as a result of unrestricted off-highway vehicle use within the area is substantial and significant. Major roads in the area will remain open.

**DATES:** The emergency closure becomes effective on January 30, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Carter, (775) 885-6109.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This closure is authorized under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* and 43 CFR 8341.2. Any person who fails to comply with a closure or restriction order is subject to

arrest and fines in accordance with applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months. This closure applies to all forms of motorized vehicle use excluding (1) any emergency, law enforcement or other BLM vehicle while being used for emergency or administrative purposes, and (2) any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized in writing by the Manager, Carson City Field Office. The public lands affected by the closure are located east of Gardnerville, Nevada and Highway 395, in the Pine Nut Mountain Range.

**Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada**

T.12 N., R. 21 E.

secs. 7 and 8;

portions of secs. 6, 18, 19, and 23.

The area described contains 2,340 acres, more or less.

Maps showing these lands are available at the Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

The closure will remain in effect for five months and may be renewed until the Pine Nut Mountains Resource Management Plan Amendment Record of Decision is signed.

**Authority:** (43 CFR 8341.2)

Dated: January 23, 2008.

**Donald T. Hicks,**

*Manager, Carson City Field Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[OR-010-1020-DF; HAG 08-0050]**

**Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council: Meeting**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the following advisory committee meeting:

**Name:** Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (SEORAC).

**Time and Date:** 8 a.m. February 21, 2008; 8 a.m. February 22, 2008.

**Place:** BLM, Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738.

**Status:** Open to the public.

**Matters to be Considered:** The SEORAC will consider fire rehabilitation initiatives, Sagebrush Cooperative progress, Southeast Oregon Geographic Information Systems mapping status, fire and fuel management practices, and transportation planning strategies for lands administered by the Oregon and Washington BLM and Fremont-Winema National Forests. Council members