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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. Both laws requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive requests for documents or comments on or before September 29, 2010. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by September 29, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or e-mail DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How Do I Request Copies of Applications or Comment on Submitted Applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an e-mail or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email

address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I Review Comments Submitted by Others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. 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.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, section 10(a)(1)(A), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17, the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and our [Doc the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 18 require that we invite public comment before final action on these permit applications. Under the MMPA, you may request a hearing on any MMPA application received. If you request a hearing, give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The

holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Service Director.

III. Permit Applications

Endangered Species

Applicant: Knoxville Zoological Gardens, Knoxville, TN; PRT-19934A

The applicant requests a permit to export two captive-hatched Chinese alligators (*Alligator sinensis*) to Africam, S.A. Puebla, Mexico, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Rocky Mountain Wildlife Conservation Center, Keenesburg, CO; PRT-18346A

The applicant requests a permit to import seven captive-born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) from Canada and Mexico, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Gus Boniello, Golden Bridge, NY; PRT-19933A

Applicant: Frank DeGennaro, Monroe, NY; PRT-19931A

Applicant: Anthony Casola, Bronx, NY; PRT-19930A

The following applicant requests a permit to re-export a sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Roberto Delgado, Garza Garcia, NL MX; PRT-19421A

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: Dr. Iskande Larkin, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL; PRT-038448

The applicant requests amendment and renewal of the permit to take wild and captive-held Florida manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA; PRT-14287A

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples of polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) from Norway for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Dated: August 20, 2010

Brenda Tapia,

Program Analyst, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Temporary Closures and Restrictions on Specific Uses of Public Lands in Pershing County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of temporary closures and restrictions.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District, Black Rock Field Office will implement and enforce the following temporary closures and restrictions to protect public safety and resources on public lands within and adjacent to the Burning Man Festival on the Black Rock Desert playa.

DATES: The temporary restrictions will be in effect until September 17, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gene Seidlitz, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, NV 89445-2921, telephone: (775) 623-1500, e-mail: gene_seidlitz@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message

or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These temporary restrictions affect public lands on and adjacent to the Burning Man Event conducted on the Black Rock Desert playa within the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area in portions of Humboldt, Pershing and Washoe counties, Nevada. The legal description of the affected public lands is:

I. 2010 Event Area:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 24 E.,
Secs. 4, and 5, portions within 50 yards of the Event Entrance Road;
Unsurveyed T. 33½ N., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 25;
Sec. 26 and 27, portions within event perimeter fence and 50 yards outside the fence;
Sec. 33 and 34, portions within 50 yards of the Event Entrance Road;
Sec. 35, portions within event perimeter fence, 50 yards outside the fence and within 50 yards of the Event Entrance Road;
Sec. 36, portions within event perimeter fence, 50 yards outside the fence and the Airport tie-down area.
Unsurveyed T. 34 N., R. 24 E.,
Secs. 25, 26, 34, and 35, portions within event perimeter fence and 50 yards outside the fence.
Sec. 36.
Unsurveyed T. 34 N., R. 25 E.,
Secs. 21, 28, and 33, portions within event perimeter fence and 50 yards outside the fence.

The event area comprises 3,347 acres, more or less.

II. Public Closure Area:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 1, N½, portion west of the east playa road;
Sec. 2, N½;
Sec. 3, N½, SW¼;
Sec. 4, portion east of Washoe Co. Rd. 34 and outside the Event Area;
Sec. 5, E½, portion east of Washoe Co. Rd. 34 and outside the Event Area;
Sec. 8, NE¼;
Sec. 9, N½;
Sec. 10, NW¼.
Unsurveyed T. 33½ N., R. 24 E.,
Secs. 26 and 27, portions outside the Event Area;
Sec. 28, portion east of Washoe Co. Rd. 34;
Sec. 33, portions east of Washoe Co. Rd. 34 and outside the Event Area;
Secs. 34, 35 and 36, portions outside the Event Area.
Unsurveyed T. 34 N., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 23, S½;
Sec. 24, S½;
Sec. 25 & 26; portions outside the Event Area;

Sec. 27, SE¼, E½; NE½, E½ SW¼;
Sec. 33, SE¼, S½; NE¼, NE¼ NE¼;
Secs. 34 and 35, portions outside the Event Area;

T. 33 N., R. 25 E.,

Sec. 4, Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, portions west of the east playa road.

Unsurveyed T. 34 N., R. 25 E.,

Sec. 16, S½;

Sec. 21, portion outside the Event Area;

Sec. 22, SW¼, W½; NW¼;

Sec. 27, W½;

Sec. 33, portion west of the east playa road and outside the Event Area;

Sec. 34; W½, portion west of the east playa road.

The public closure area comprises 9,445 acres, more or less.

The closure and temporary restrictions are necessary to provide a safe environment for the participants of the Burning Man Festival and to members of the public visiting the Black Rock Desert and to protect public land resources by addressing law enforcement and public safety concerns associated with the Burning Man Festival. The Burning Man Festival is held on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. It is expected to attract approximately 48,000 participants to a remote rural area, far from urban infrastructure and support, including law enforcement, public safety, transportation, and communication services. During the festival the associated city becomes the tenth largest metropolitan area in Nevada. This event is authorized on public lands under Special Recreation Permit #NV-025-06-01.

The vast majority of Burning Man Festival participants do not cause any problems for the event organizers or the BLM. Actions by a few participants at previous events have resulted in law enforcement and public safety incidents similar to those observed in urban areas of similar size. Incidents that have required BLM law enforcement action in prior years include the following: Aircraft crashes; motor vehicle accidents with injuries within and outside the event (a temporary fence is installed around the event perimeter); fighting; sexual assaults; assaults on law enforcement officers; reckless or threatening behavior; crimes against property; crowd control issues; issues associated with possession and use of alcoholic beverages; persons acting in a manner where they may pose a danger to themselves or to others; possession, use, and distribution of controlled substances; and increased use of public lands outside the event perimeter.

The Burning Man Festival takes place within Pershing County, a rural county with a small population and a small Sheriff's Department. The county has