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Anne J. Castle,

Assistant Secretary for Water and Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Performance Review Board Appointments

AGENCY: Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Performance Review Board appointments.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the names of individuals who have been appointed to serve as members of the Department of the Interior Performance Review Board.

DATES: Appointments are effective November 4, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Mulhern, Director, Office of Human Resources, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Telephone Number: (202) 208-6761.

The members of the Department of the Interior Performance Review Board are as follows:

Name:

Adams, Gail
Archuleta, Deanna
Arroyo, Bryan
Baker, Karen
Barchenger, Ervin
Bathrick, Mark
Bayani, Theresa
Bean, Michael
Berrigan, Michael
Black, Michael
Black, Steven
Blanchard, Mary Josie
Bolton, Hannibal
Brown, Laura
Brown, Robert
Burden, John
Burke, Marcilynn
Burzyk, Carla
Carter-Pfisterer, Carole
Clark, Horace
Connell, Jamie
Cribbley, Bud
Cruickshank, Walter
Davis, Mark
Dohner, Cynthia
Eller, Sharon
Ellis, Steven
Faeth, Lorraine
Ferriter, Olivia
Finkler, Kira
Flanagan, Denise
Ford, Jerome
Frazer, Gary
Frost, Herbert
Gary, Arthur

Gillette, Jodi
Glenn, Douglas
Glomb, Stephen
Gonzales-Schreiner, Roseann
Gould, Rowan
Guertin, Stephen
Gundersen, Linda
Haskett, Geoffrey
Haugrud, Kevin
Hawbecker, Karen
Herbst, Lars
Hildebrandt, Betsy
Holland-Bartels, Leslie
Ishee, Mary Katherine
Iudicello, Fay
Jackson, Andrew
Jacobson, Rachel
Keable, Edward
Kimball, Suzette
Kinsinger, Anne
Klein, Allen
Koenigsberg, Melissa
Kornze, Neil
Labelle, Robert
Lane, Kenneth
Lauro, Salvatore
Lillie, Thomas
Lueders, Amy
Malam, Pamela
Mansour, Christopher
Masica, Sue
Mazer, Bernard
More, Robert
Mulhern, Thomas
Nedd, Michael
O'Dell, Margaret
Owens, Glenda
Palma, Juan
Payne, Grayford
Pool, Michael
Pula, Nikolao
Reynolds, Michael
Rountree, Carl
Saito, Irene Teiko
Salotti, Christopher
Scott, Mary Gibson
Shackelton, Stephen
Sheehan, Denise
Shillito, Daniel
Shope, Thomas
Siekaniac, Gregory
Simpson, Jerry
Slack, James
Sobeck, Eileen
Sonderman, Debra
Stevens, Bartholomew
Stevens, Elizabeth
Stith, Melodee
Taylor, Ione
Taylor, Willie
Thorsen, Kimberley
Thorson, Robyn
Tribsch, George
Tschudy, Deborah Gibbs
Tuggle, Benjamin
Vela, Raymond David
Velasco, Janine
Ward, Joseph
Washburn, Julia

Wells, Sandra
Wenk, Daniel
Whitesell, Stephen
Woody, William

Thomas Mulhern,

Director, Office of Human Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

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. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given below, by December 5, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Cameron Shaw, Permit Coordinator).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cameron Shaw, telephone 904/731-3191; facsimile 904/731-3045.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the

following methods. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) or via electronic mail (email) to: permitsR4ES@fws.gov. Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service office listed above (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Permit Application Number: TE-47898A

Applicant: National Park Service, Appalachian Highlands Inventory and Monitoring Network, Asheville, North Carolina.

Applicant requests authorization to take by capture for identification purposes, the tuxedo (duskytail) darter (*Etheostoma lemniscatum*) and the spotfin chub (*Erimonax monachus*). This activity will provide data on populations of these species in Tennessee and Kentucky.

Permit Application Number: TE-89074

Applicant: Wetland and Ecological Consultants, LLC., Atlanta, Georgia.

Applicant requests renewal of authorization to take during presence/absence surveys the following endangered species: Etowah darter (*Etheostoma etowahae*), amber darter (*Percina antesella*), conasauga logperch (*Percina jenkinsi*), coosa moccasinshell (*Medionidus parvulus*), southern pigtoe (*Pleurobema georgianum*), fat threeridge (*Amblema neisleri*), shiny-rayed pocketbook (*Hamiota subangulata*), gulf moccasinshell (*Medionidus penicillatus*), oval pigtoe (*Pleurobema pyriforme*) and cylindrical lioplax (*Lioplax cyclostomaformis*). This survey work will be conducted in Georgia.

Permit Application Number: TE-111326

Applicant: Chris Fleming, Nashville, Tennessee.

Applicant is requesting renewal of authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys, sweeps and relocation of Nashville crayfish in Davidson and Williamson Counties, Tennessee.

Permit Application Number: TE-54848A

Applicant: Advanced Ecological Management, LLC, Reed City, Michigan.

Applicant requests authorization to take (collect, identify and release) the following mussel species; Ovate clubshell (*Pleurobema perovatum*), Inflated heelsplitter (*Potamilus inflatus*), stirrup shell mussel (*Quadrula stapes*) and heavy pigtoe (*Pleurobema taitianum*) for the purpose of conducting a presence/absence survey on the Tombigbee River in Alabama.

Dated: October 6, 2011.

Jacquelyn B. Parrish,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-110-1320-EL, UTU 081895]

Notice of Availability and Notice of Hearing for the Alton Coal Tract Coal Lease by Application Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Alton Coal Tract Lease by Application (LBA) and by this Notice is announcing a public hearing requesting comments on the Draft EIS, the Maximum Economic Recovery (MER), and the Fair Market Value (FMV) of the Federal coal resources.

DATES: To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Alton Coal Tract LBA Draft EIS, MER, and FMV within 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. A public hearing will be held at Festival Hall Convention Center, 96 North Main, Cedar City, UT on December 6, 2011 at 6 p.m., to receive comments on the MER and FMV of the Federal coal resources as well as to provide information on the Draft EIS. The BLM will also host public informational meetings on the Draft EIS in the following locations: Alton, Kanab, Panguitch, and Salt Lake City, Utah. Times and dates of these meetings will be announced through the Utah BLM Web site at <http://www.ut.blm.gov>, press releases, local newspapers, and other media. At these meetings the public is invited to submit comments and meet with BLM specialists. The BLM will

announce public meetings at least 15 days prior to the event.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Email:**
UT Kanab Altoncoal@blm.gov. Please include "Alton Coal Tract LBA Draft EIS—Keith Rigtrup" in the subject line.
- **Fax:** (435) 644-4620, Attn: Keith Rigtrup.
- **Mail:** Kanab Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Keith Rigtrup, 318 North 100 East, Kanab, Utah 84741
- Written comments may also be hand-delivered to the BLM Utah Kanab Field Office in Kanab.

Copies of the Draft EIS are available at the following BLM office locations: BLM Utah State Office Public Room, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101; BLM Kanab Field Office, 318 North 100 East, Kanab, Utah 84741 during business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. The Draft EIS is available electronically at the following Web site: http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/prog/energy/coal/alton_coal_project.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Keith Rigtrup, BLM Color Country District Office, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84721 or by telephone at (435) 865-3000. 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 hour a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft EIS analyzes the potential impacts of issuing a lease for the Alton Coal Tract, serial number UTU 081895. An application to lease Federal coal near the Town of Alton, Utah, was filed with the BLM on November 12, 2004, by Alton Coal Development, LLC., in accordance with 43 CFR 3425.

The Alton Coal Tract includes 59.6 million tons of in-place bituminous coal. The coal quality in the Smirl coal zone on an "as received basis" is as follows: 10,019 Btu/lb (British Thermal Units per pound), 13 percent moisture, 10 percent ash, 39 percent volatile matter, 50 percent fixed carbon and 1.13 percent sulfur underlying the following lands in Kane County, Utah:

Salt Lake Meridian

T. 39 S., R. 5 W.,

Sec. 7, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 18, lots 3 and 4 and E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;