

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered or threatened species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activities. The Act and the National Environmental Policy Act also require that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before September 27, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Marty Tuegel, Section 10 Coordinator, by U.S. mail at Division of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM at 505-248-6920. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Jacobsen, Chief, Endangered Species Division, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103; 505-248-6651.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Public Availability of Comments**

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activities. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17, the Act provides for permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes applicants to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of survival or propagation, or interstate commerce. Our regulations regarding implementation of section 10(a)(1)(A) permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the appropriate permit number (e.g., Permit No. TE-123456) when requesting application documents and when submitting comments.

Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit TE-00284A

Applicant: Stephanie Rainwater, Collinsville, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys, trap and relocate activities and other research activities for the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Arkansas, Kansas, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas.

Permit TE-08339B

Applicant: U.S. Forest Service, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Springerville, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and monitoring of the following species in Arizona:

- Gila chub (*Gila intermedia*)
- Loach minnow (*Tiaroga cobitis*)
- Mexican gray wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*)
- Razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*)
- Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*)
- Spikedace (*Meda fulgida*)
- Three Forks springsnail (*Pyrgulopsis trivialis*)

Permit TE-676811

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and recovery activities on seven endangered invertebrates within Arizona and Texas:

- Three Forks springsnail (*Pyrgulopsis trivialis*)
- Phantom springsnail (*Pyrgulopsis texana*)
- Diamond Tryonia (*Pseudotryonia adamantina*)
- Gonzales Tryonia (*Tryonia circumstriata*)

- Phantom Tryonia (*Tryonia cheatumi*)
- Diminutive amphipod (*Gammarus hyalleloides*)
- Pecos amphipod (*Gammarus pecos*)

Permit TE-94766A

Applicant: Carmen Greenwood, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Kentucky and Arkansas.

Permit TE-004439

Applicant: Albuquerque BioPark, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct husbandry and holding of loach minnow (*Tiaroga cobitis*) and spikedace (*Meda fulgida*) at the BioPark in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Permit TE-819473

Applicant: Grand Canyon National Park, Grand Canyon, Arizona.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of the following animal species and seed collection for the following plant species in Arizona:

- California condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*)
- Humpback chub (*Gila cypha*)
- Razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*)
- Sentry milk-vetch (*Astragalus cremonophylax* var. *cremonophylax*)
- Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*)

Permit TE-045236

Applicant: SWCA, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Arkansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: August 15, 2013.

Benjamin N. Tuggle,

Regional Director, Southwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[F-14866-A, F-14866-A2; LLAk940000-L14100000-HY0000-P]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to Sea Lion Corporation. The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Sea Lion Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Hooper Bay, Alaska, and are located in:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 20 N., R. 87 W.,

Secs. 2 to 6, inclusive;

Secs. 8 to 11, inclusive.

Containing 4,516.46 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the *Delta Discovery*.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until September 27, 2013 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by email at blm_ak_akso_public_room@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 BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

Joe J. Labay,

Land Transfer Resolution Specialist,

Division of Lands and Cadastral.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting; Central Montana Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of

Land Management (BLM) Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be September 18-19, 2013. The September 18 meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period and will adjourn at 6:00 p.m. The September 19 meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period beginning at 10 a.m. and will adjourn at 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be in the Bureau of Land Management, Central Montana District Office, Lewistown Field Office Conference room at 920 NE Main, Lewistown, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary L. "Stan" Benes, Central Montana District Manager, Lewistown Field Office, 920 NE Main, Lewistown, MT 59457, (406) 538-1900, gbenes@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-677-8339 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 business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior on a variety of management issues associated with public land management in Montana. During these meetings the council will participate in/discuss/act upon these topics/activities: a roundtable discussion among council members and the BLM; Montana State Director update; Lands with Wilderness Characteristics field trip; 9th District Court Decisions; Monument Leases Vacated; Sage Grouse and Lewistown RMP update; HiLine RMP; and District Manager updates. All RAC meetings are open to the public. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

Gary L. "Stan" Benes,

Central Montana District Manager.

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