

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

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Endangered Species; 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. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before March 27, 2014.

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 email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358–2104 (telephone); (703) 358–2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

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 email 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 street 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, 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.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications*A. Endangered Species*

Applicant: JoAnn Holland, Indianapolis, IN; PRT–26837B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for golden parakeet (*Guarouba guarouba*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Nicolas Saarni, Willits, CA; PRT–25050B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Xiang Chen, Greenwood Village, CO; PRT–25443B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Corey Asplundh, Pipersville, PA; PRT–26455B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for African dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis*), caiman (*Caiman crocodylus*), Yacare caiman (*Caiman yacare*), and broad-snouted caiman (*Caiman latirostris*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Jeffrey Fobb, Homestead, FL; PRT–26452B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*), yellow-spotted river turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*), and tartaruga (*Podocnemis expansa*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Carlos Gazzolo, Bronx, NY; PRT–26382B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Minnesota Zoological Gardens, Apple Valley, MN; PRT–24137B

The applicant requests a permit to import two captive-born Amur tigers (*Panthera tigris altaica*) from Zoo Dvur

Kralove, Dvur Kralove nad Labem, Czech Republic, for the purpose of enhancement of the species.

Applicant: Virginia Safari Park, Natural Bridge, VA; PRT-213382

The applicant requests amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to include the families Equidae and Bovidae and species: Red ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: John Aynes, Oklahoma City, OK; PRT-29141A

The applicant requests amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to include blue-throated macaw (*Ara glaucogularis*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Recordbuck Ranch, Utopia, TX; PRT-64161A

The applicant requests amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to include Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Recordbuck Ranch, Utopia, TX; PRT-64797A

The applicant requests amendment and renewal of their permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*) and red lechwe (*Kobus leche*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Villanova University, Villanova, PA; PRT-28374B

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild White-breasted thrashers (*Ramphocinclus brachyurus*) 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: August Herff, San Antonio, TX; PRT-22132B

Applicant: James Walkup, Dallas, TX; PRT-21493B

Applicant: William Nye, Oneida, NY; PRT-21705B

Applicant: Gregory Pipkin, Houston, TX; PRT-20341B

Applicant: Frank Beelman, Freeburg, IL; PRT-22543B

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan Amendment and an Associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Farmington Field Office, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Farmington Field Office, Farmington, New Mexico, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address issues relating to oil and gas in the Mancos Shale/Gallup Formation. This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: Comments may be submitted in writing until April 28, 2014. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local news media, newspapers and the BLM web site at <http://www.blm.gov/nm/farmington>. In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 60-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide

additional opportunities for public participation as appropriate.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the oil and gas RMP Amendment/EIS for the Mancos Shale/Gallup Formation by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/nm/farmington>.

- *Email:* BLM_NM_FFO_RMP@blm.gov.

- *Fax:* 505-564-7608.

- *Mail:* 6251 N. College Blvd. Suite A, Farmington, NM 87402.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Farmington Field Office 6251 N. College Blvd. Suite A, Farmington, NM 87402.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lindsey Eoff, Project Manager, Telephone: 505-564-7670; address: 6251 N. College Blvd. Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico 87402; email: BLM_NM_FFO_Comments@blm.gov. Contact Lindsey if you wish to have your name added to our mailing list. 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 business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RMP amendment is being developed in order to analyze the impacts of additional development in what was previously considered a fully developed oil and gas play within the San Juan Basin in northwestern New Mexico. The Mancos Shale/Gallup Formation was analyzed in the 2002 Reasonable Foreseeable Development (RFD) Scenario and current Farmington Field Office 2003 RMP/EIS. Subsequent improvements and innovations in horizontal drilling technology and multi-stage hydraulic fracturing have enhanced the economics of developing this stratigraphic horizon. With favorable oil prices, the oil play in the southern part of the Farmington Field Office boundary has drawn considerable interest and several wells are planned and being drilled. As full-field development occurs, especially in the shale oil play, additional impacts may occur that previously were not anticipated in the RFD or analyzed in the current 2003 RMP/EIS, which will require an EIS-level plan amendment and revision of the RFD for complete analysis of the Mancos Shale/Gallup Formation. The planning area is located in northwestern New Mexico, encompassing about 4 million acres,