

would be pumped through the network with the aid of strategically located small lift stations to the wastewater treatment plant. Typically, pipes installed for a pressure system can be located shallower in the ground (2 to 4 feet below surface) because slope is not as important to the function of the system.

Alternative 3—Gravity System

Alternative 3 would evaluate the construction of a gravity collection system at proposed location in Crystal Beach. In this system, wastewater would flow by gravity through most of the network. Pipes would need to be installed deeper to allow for the necessary slope to maintain flow. Lift stations would still be required to pump wastewater short distances.

Alternative 4—Vacuum System

Alternative 4 would evaluate the construction of a vacuum system at proposed location in Crystal Beach. A vacuum system conveys waste from homes to a vacuum valve pit then to a vacuum station. The piping for this type of system is similar to a pressure system and constructed in shallow trenches.

2. Wastewater Treatment Plant Alternatives

Two types of wastewater treatment plants would be considered for the Crystal Beach facility, including a packaged treatment plant and a conventionally constructed wastewater treatment plant. Packaged wastewater treatment plants are pre-fabricated and modular and built off-site to be later installed at site. The conventional wastewater treatment plant consists of modular construction and concrete walls/basins and built on-site.

3. Wastewater Treatment Plant Site Alternatives

Six potential site locations were preliminarily reviewed during initial planning of preliminary engineering. Four sites (Site Alternatives C, D, E and F) will be carried forward and evaluated in this EIS for the location of the wastewater treatment plant in Crystal Beach. The site alternatives are located north of State Highway 87 between Whispering Palms to the west and Guppy Drive to the east. It is anticipated that the footprint of the wastewater treatment plant would be about 2 acres and be elevated above the 500-year floodplain.

C. Scoping

A public EIS scoping meeting will be held on June 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Galveston County Annex, 946 Noble

Carl Drive, Crystal Beach, Texas. The EIS scoping meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project and provide input to the environmental process. At the meeting, an overview of the project will be presented and members of the public will be invited to comment on the proposed project and the scope of work for the environmental analyses in the EIS. Written comments and testimony concerning the scope of the EIS will be accepted at this meeting. In accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7, affected Federal, state, and local agencies, any affected Indian tribe, and other interested parties will be sent a scoping notice. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.59, the scoping hearing will be preceded by a notice of public hearing published in the local news media at least 15 days before the hearing date. Information about the proposed project will be provided at the scoping meeting. Additional information for the scoping meeting may be obtained by contacting, Nicholas Foster, CDBG Project Coordinator, Galveston County, 722 Moody, 3rd Floor, Galveston, TX 77550; email: Nicholas.Foster@co.galveston.tx.us.

D. Probable Environmental Effects

The EIS will analyze impacts to the following resources that may be associated with this proposed project, but not limited to:

- Floodplains
- Wetlands
- Endangered Species
- Migratory Birds
- Coastal Management Zones
- Pollution of Water Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Public health
- Community Impacts
- Indirect and Cumulative Impacts
- Sustainability

Questions may be directed to the individual named in this notice under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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.

Dated: March 27, 2014.

Mark Johnston,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and, Development (Acting).

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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 May 2, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Shauntá Nichols, 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: Shauntá Nichols, (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: Marc Papiernik, Romeoville, IL; PRT-817531

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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boise, ID; PRT-29429B

The applicant requests a permit to export biological samples from endangered populations of gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) in the western United States for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Ferdinand Fercos-Hantig and Anton Fercos-Hantig, Las Vegas, NV; PRT-114454 and 206853

The applicant requests permits to re-export and re-import a captive-born tiger (*Panthera tigris*) and a captive-born Bengal tiger (*Panthera tigris tigris*) to worldwide locations for the purposes of enhancement of the species. The permit numbers and animals are 114454, Dora and 206853, Allaya. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 3-year period.

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: Colin Cooper, Orange, CA; PRT-29013B

Applicant: Richard Bisbee, Plano, TX; PRT-29431B

Shauntá Nichols,

Legal Instrument Examiner, 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 Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Previously Issued Oil and Gas Leases in the White River National Forest; Silt, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado River Valley Field Office (CRVFO), Silt, Colorado, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to undertake NEPA analysis addressing previous decisions to issue 65 leases underlying White River National Forest (WRNF) lands. In 2007, the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) ruled that before including WRNF parcels in an oil and gas lease sale, the BLM must either formally adopt NEPA analysis completed by the WRNF or conduct a NEPA analysis of its own (*see Board of Commissioners of Pitkin County, 173 IBLA 173 (2007)*). Because the BLM has determined that the WRNF NEPA analysis conducted is no longer adequate, the BLM will conduct its own NEPA analysis through this EIS regarding these previous decisions to lease WRNF lands for oil and gas development. The BLM will determine whether these 65 leases should be voided, reaffirmed, modified with additional or different terms, or subject to additional mitigation measures for site-specific development proposals. By this notice, the CRVFO is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until May 2, 2014. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/crvfo.html>. All comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting (whichever is later) to be included in the Draft EIS. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.