

(*Sarracenia oreophila*), Alabama canebreak pitcher-plant (*Sarracenia rubra* spp. *Alabamensis*), and mountain sweet pitcher-plant (*Sarracenia rubra* ssp. *Jonesii*) from Europe for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Toledo Zoological Gardens, Toledo, OH; PRT-68848B

The applicant requests a permit to import a captive-bred female snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*) from Helsinki Zoo, Helsinki, Finland for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Toledo Zoological Gardens, Toledo, OH; PRT68850B

The applicant requests a permit to import a captive-bred male snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*) from Stiftelsen Nordens Ark, Hunnebostrand, Sweden for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Eduardo Guzman, Fernandina Beach, FL; PRT-66728B

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

Applicant: Christopher Ton, East Norriton, PA; PRT-56809B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Red siskin (*Carduelis cucullata*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: The George Washington University, Washington, DC; PRT-69115B

The applicant requests a permit to import partial skeletons and teeth of eastern gorillas (*Gorilla beringei*) and chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) from the wild archived by the Rwandan government for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Los Angeles Zoo, Los Angeles, CA; PRT-71659B

The applicant requests a permit to import two male and eight female captive-bred pronghorn peninsular (*Antilocapra americana peninsularis*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification

covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-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: Ronald Urbanczyk, Spring Branch, TX; PRT-77410B

Applicant: Mark Dietz, Wichita, KS; PRT-75358B

Applicant: Justin Trial, Albany, TX; PRT-74769B

Applicant: Gordon Ambrosek, Apache, OK; PRT-73572B

Applicant: Billy Marlow, Ruleville, MS; PRT-74317B

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Proposed Safe Harbor Agreement for the Reestablishment of the California Red-Legged Frog in the Santa Monica Mountains, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; receipt of permit application.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received, from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Angeles District (applicant), an application for an enhancement of survival permit for the federally threatened California red-legged frog, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). This permit application includes a proposed safe harbor agreement (agreement) between the applicant and the Service. The agreement and permit application are available for public comment.

DATES: To ensure we are able to consider your comments, please send them to us by December 7, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The documents are available on our Web site, at <http://www.fws.gov/ventura>. A limited number of printed copies are available by request. You may request the documents or submit comments by any of the following methods.

- **Email:** fw8SHASAMO@fws.gov. Include "SAMO SHA" in the subject line of the message.
- **U.S. Mail:** Field Supervisor; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office; 2493 Portola Road, Suite B; Ventura, CA 93003.
- **Fax:** Attn: Field Supervisor, (805) 644-3958.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Morrisette, Senior Biologist, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, at the address above or by telephone at (805) 644-1766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We have received an application for an enhancement of survival permit for the threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) under the Act. This permit application includes a proposed safe harbor agreement (agreement) between the applicant and the Service. The agreement and permit application are available for public comment.

Availability of Documents

You may obtain copies of the documents for review by using one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**, or by contacting the individual named in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. You also may make an appointment to view the documents at the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**) during normal business hours.

Background

Under a safe harbor agreement, participating landowners voluntarily undertake management activities on their property to benefit species listed under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Safe harbor agreements, and the subsequent permits that are issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act, encourage private and other non-Federal property owners to implement conservation efforts for listed species by assuring property owners that they will not be subjected to increased land use restrictions as a result of efforts to attract or increase the numbers or distribution of a listed species on their property. Application requirements and issuance criteria for permits through safe harbor agreements are found in 50 CFR 17.22(c) and 17.32(c).

Proposed Agreement

We have worked with the applicant to develop this proposed agreement for the

conservation of the California red-legged frog on the properties subject to the agreement (enrolled properties), which are owned and managed by the applicant. The four enrolled properties are: (1) Point Mugu State Park, La Jolla Canyon Watershed, Ventura County; (2) Leo Carrillo State Park, Arroyo Sequit Watershed, Los Angeles County; (3) Malibu Creek State Park, Monte Nido Watershed, Los Angeles County; and (4) Topanga State Park, Temescal Creek, Santa Monica Watershed, Los Angeles County. The area of each enrolled property follows: The area of La Jolla Canyon Watershed within Point Mugu State Park is 2,790 acres; the area of Arroyo Sequit Watershed within Leo Carrillo State Park is 1,803 acres; the area of Monte Nido Watershed within Malibu Creek State Park is 5,420 acres; and the area of Temescal Creek, Santa Monica Watershed within Topanga State Park is 6,917 acres. The total combined area of the enrolled properties is 16,930 acres. The enrolled properties occur within the historic range of the California red-legged frog. Within the 16,930 acres of land comprising the enrolled properties, approximately 135 acres contain suitable habitat for the California red-legged frog. California red-legged frogs will be translocated and reestablished into suitable habitat at the enrolled properties according to a written agreement between the applicant and Service. Under this written agreement, the existing habitat for the California red-legged frog will be managed for the species, and additional habitat for the species may be created in the future. We expect that the activities proposed in the agreement will result in the reestablishment of the California red-legged frog in suitable habitat that will be maintained and remain relatively undisturbed, thus resulting in a net conservation benefit for the species.

The agreement provides for the translocation and reestablishment of the California red-legged frog at the enrolled properties, and the management of its suitable habitat. The proposed duration of the agreement and term of the enhancement of survival permit is 50 years. The agreement fully describes the proposed management activities to be undertaken by the applicant and the net conservation benefits expected to be gained for the California red-legged frog.

What Would Happen Upon Approval of Agreement

Upon approval of this agreement and satisfactory completion of all other applicable legal requirements, and consistent with the Service's Safe Harbor Policy, published in the **Federal**

Register on June 17, 1999 (64 FR 32717), the Service would issue a permit to the applicant authorizing take of the California red-legged frog incidental to the implementation of the management activities specified in the agreement, including translocation and reestablishment of California red-legged frogs to the enrolled properties, incidental to other lawful uses of the enrolled property, including normal, routine land management activities and recreation, including hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, camping, and picnicking; incidental to monitoring and surveying activities; and incidental to the return to pre-agreement conditions (baseline).

Management activities included in the agreement will provide for the translocation and reestablishment of the California red-legged frog and management of its habitat within the enrolled properties. The objective of such activities is to reestablish self-sustaining populations of the California red-legged frog within its historic range in the suitable habitat at the enrolled properties. Take of California red-legged frogs in the form of capture would occur during translocation activities, thereby necessitating take authority under the permit. Take incidental to activities associated with the management of California red-legged frog habitat is unlikely; however, it is possible that in the course of such activities or other lawful activities on the enrolled property, the applicant could incidentally take individual California red-legged frogs, thereby necessitating take authority under the permit.

Baseline conditions at the enrolled properties, as described in the agreement, have been established, consisting of two elements, the current area of suitable habitat for the California red-legged frog and the elevated presence of California red-legged frog populations. Under the agreement, an elevated baseline for the California red-legged frog populations means that, in anticipation that translocation and reestablishment of the California red-legged frog is successful, the populations of California red-legged frogs would remain at the enrolled properties at the end of the agreement term where there currently are no California red-legged frog populations and under other circumstances the baseline for the species presence could be zero. The elevated baseline has been established to aid in reaching recovery objectives for the California red-legged frog by implementing recovery activities with the intent to create and maintain self-sustaining populations of California red-legged frogs at the enrolled

properties post-translocation. The applicant must maintain baseline on the enrolled properties in order to receive coverage regarding incidental take of California red-legged frogs. The agreement and requested permit would allow the applicant to return the enrolled property to baseline conditions for habitat, and to the elevated baseline for the California red-legged frog populations, after the end of the term of the agreement and prior to the expiration of the 50-year permit, if so desired by the applicant.

Public Review and Comments

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the proposed agreement and permit application are eligible for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). We explain the basis for this determination in an Environmental Action Statement, which also is available for public review.

Individuals wishing copies of the permit application, copies of our draft Environmental Action Statement, and copies of the agreement, including a map of the proposed permit area, should contact the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

If you wish to comment on the permit application or the agreement, you may submit your comments to one of the addresses listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Comments and materials received, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section above and will become part of the public record, under section 10(c) of the 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.

Next Steps

We will evaluate this permit application, associated documents, and comments we receive to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act and NEPA regulations. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will sign the proposed agreement and issue an enhancement of

survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act to the applicant for take of the California red-legged frog incidental to otherwise lawful activities in accordance with the terms of the agreement. We will not make our final decision until after the end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments we receive during the comment period.

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Act and under implementing regulations for NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6).

Stephen P. Henry,

Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of an information collection (1028-0051).

SUMMARY: We (the U.S. Geological Survey) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This collection is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2016.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before January 4, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); (703) 648-7197 (fax); or *gs-info_collections@usgs.gov* (email). Please reference 'Information Collection 1028-0051, Earthquake Hazards Program Research and Monitoring' in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Lemersal, Earthquake Hazards Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 905, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); 703-648-6716 (phone); or *Lemersal@usgs.gov* (email). You may also find information about this ICR at *www.reginfo.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Research and monitoring findings are essential to fulfilling USGS's responsibility under the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act to develop earthquake hazard assessments and recording earthquake activity nationwide. Residents, emergency responders, and engineers rely on the USGS for this accurate and scientifically sound information. The Earthquake Hazards Program funds external investigators to carry out these important activities. In response to our Program Announcements investigators submit proposals for research and monitoring activities on earthquake hazard assessments, earthquake causes and effects, and earthquake monitoring. This information is used as the basis for selection and award of projects meeting the USGS's Earthquake Hazards Program objectives. Final reports of research and monitoring findings are required for each funded proposal; annual progress reports are required for awards of a two- to five-year duration. Final reports are made available to the public at the Web site *http://earthquake.usgs.gov/research/external/*.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028-0051.

Form Number: N/A.

Title: Earthquake Hazards Program Research and Monitoring.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Research scientists, engineers, and the general public.

Respondent's Obligation: None. Participation is voluntary, but necessary to receive benefits.

Frequency of Collection: Annually and once every three to five years.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 370 (250 applications and narratives and 120 annual and final reports).

Estimated Time per Response: 45 hours per proposal application response and 9 hours per final or annual progress report.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 12,330 (11,250 hours per application and 1,080 hours per final or annual progress report).

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this IC.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number and current expiration date.

III. Request for Comments

We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your personal mailing address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personally identifiable information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

William Leith,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Supplementary Rules for Public Lands in New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed supplementary rules.

SUMMARY: The New Mexico State Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to establish supplementary rules within public lands in New Mexico.

DATES: Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the proposed supplementary rules until January 4, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by mail, hand-delivery, or electronic mail.

Mail: Office of Law Enforcement, BLM, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115 Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115.

Hand-delivery: 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico.