

Research Institute, St. Petersburg, FL; PRT-48288C

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild specimens of hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*), and Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), from Panama and Bermuda for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant:* White Oak Conservation, Yulee, FL; PRT-43164C

The applicant requests a permit to import 2.2 southern black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*) from Wildlife Assignments International (PTY) Ltd., Gauteng, South Africa, for breeding to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

#### B. Marine Mammals

*Applicant:* University of California, UC Davis Stable Isotope Facility, Davis, CA; PRT-32831C

The applicant requests a permit to import small amounts of biological samples that may be derived from museum, wild-caught or salvaged specimens worldwide for the purpose of scientific research for the following marine mammal species: manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), *T. inunguis*, *T. senegalensis*, polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*), dugong (*Dugong dugon*), sea otter (*Enhydra lutris lutris*, *E. l. kenyoni*, *E. l. nereis*), and marine otter (*Lontra felina*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant:* BBC Natural History Unit, London, UK; PRT-53019C

The applicant requests a permit to photograph southern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) within a 12-month period at the Monterey Bay and Elkhorn Slough areas, California, for the purpose of education. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

#### IV. Next Steps

If the Service decides to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the **Federal Register** notice announcing the permit issuance date by searching in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) under the permit number listed in this document.

#### V. Public Comments

You may submit your comments and materials concerning this notice by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. We

will not consider comments sent by email or fax or to an address not listed in **ADDRESSES**.

If you submit a comment via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the Web site. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

We will post all hardcopy comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### VI. Authorities

Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*);

Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

**Joyce Russell,**

*Government Information Specialist, 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 Collect Fees at the Guffey Gorge Day-Use Area in Park County, Colorado

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to applicable provisions of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Royal Gorge Field Office is proposing to begin collecting fees for a Standard Amenity Day-Use Site in the Guffey Gorge Day-Use Area, east of Guffey, within Park County, Colorado. In the 2015 Guffey Gorge Management Plan, the BLM designated Guffey Gorge Day-Use Area as a Special Area, where resources require intensive management and control measures for their protection, and a permit system to achieve management objectives.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed fee changes must be received or postmarked by February 28, 2018 and include a legible full name and address. Applicable May 29, 2018, the BLM will initiate fee collection at the Guffey Gorge Day-Use Area, unless the BLM publishes a **Federal Register** notice to the contrary. Comments received after

the close of the comment period or delivered to an address other than the one listed in this notice may not be considered or included in the administrative record for the proposed fee.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents concerning this fee change may be reviewed at the Royal Gorge Field Office, 3028 E. Main Street, Canon City, CO 81212; phone: 719-269-8500; and online at: <https://go.usa.gov/xnKWH>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Skinner, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at the address above. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 2013, the BLM began the public planning process for developing a management plan for the 80-acre Guffey Gorge parcel to manage the increasing impacts and conflicts related to high visitation numbers. This process included presentations and site tours with the Resource Advisory Council (RAC), the BLM Solicitor, the Park County Sheriff, and neighboring landowners. The BLM released the draft Business Plan and Guffey Gorge Management Plan Environmental Assessment (EA) for public comment in November 2014. The BLM considered all comments from the EA when preparing the final versions of these documents as well as the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Decision Record. The BLM signed the FONSI and Decision Record on June 29, 2015.

The EA and Business Plan provide management direction for regulating recreational visitation, while minimizing impacts to other resources and providing a high quality experience. The Business Plan analyzed anticipated management costs and a variety of revenue structures to determine a fee that is comparable to fees charged by regional facilities that offer similar amenities.

This Business Plan, prepared pursuant to the FLREA and BLM recreation fee program policy, addressed establishing user fees. It established the rationale for charging standard amenity fees, explained the fee collection process, and outlined how the fees would be used at the Guffey Gorge Day-Use Area.

This special area qualifies as a site wherein visitors can be charged a fee in conjunction with a Recreation Use Permit (RUP or Permit), authorized under Section 803(h) of the FLREA, 16 U.S.C. 6802(h). In accordance with the FLREA and implementing regulations at 43 CFR 2930, visitors will obtain an RUP upon arrival at the site.

Permits/day-use passes will be available at a cost of \$6 per vehicle and will be valid from dawn to dusk. The day-use pass will be available for purchase during the summer season (May 15 to September 30). As a standard amenity site within the National System of Public Lands, the fee will be waived on dates specified as fee-free days by the BLM. All applicable Federal Recreational Lands Passes will be accepted. All fees collected will be used to enhance visitor experiences, address environmental impacts and manage conflicting uses at Guffey Gorge Day-Use Area.

The BLM has notified and involved the public at each stage of the planning process, including the proposal to collect fees. The BLM posted the Guffey Gorge Business Plan in May 2016, which outlined operational goals of the area and the purpose of the fee program. The Rocky Mountain (formerly Front Range) RAC considered the proposal at its August 19, 2016, meeting and recommended approval. Future adjustments in the fee amount will be made in accordance with the Business Plan and through consultation with the RAC and the public prior to a fee increase. FLREA fee revenue and how the revenue is spent will be posted annually on-site and online at: <https://go.usa.gov/xnKWH>. Copies of the Business Plan will be available at the Royal Gorge Field Office and online.

Comments, including names, street addresses, and other contact information of commenters, will be available for public review at the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** above). 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:** 16 U.S.C. 6803(b) and 43 CFR 2932.13.

**Gregory P. Shoop,**

*Acting BLM Colorado State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting for the Utah 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, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The Utah RAC will hold a public meeting on December 11 and 12, 2017. On December 11, the RAC will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A field tour of the Indian Creek area is scheduled on December 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. On December 12, the RAC will meet from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hideout Community Center, 648 Hideout Way, Monticello, Utah, 84535. Field tour participants will depart from the Hideout Community Center, Monticello, Utah. Written comments may be sent to the BLM Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lola Bird, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM, Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101; phone (801) 539–4033; or by email at [lbird@blm.gov](mailto:lbird@blm.gov). If you wish to attend the field tour, contact Ms. Bird no later than December 6, 2017. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Utah RAC consists of 15 members chartered and appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Their diverse perspectives are represented in commodity,

conservation, and general interests. The RAC provides advice to BLM resource managers regarding management plans and proposed resource actions on public land in Utah. The meeting agenda topics will include: The Secretary of the Interior's priorities, statewide oil and gas leasing, Canyon Country District overview, Monticello Field Office updates, Manti-La Sal National Forest recreation fee proposal, BLM Utah recreation donation policy, Utah Recreation Fee Program Initiative, Proposed Moab Campground Business Plan, updates on current resource management planning efforts and major projects, and RAC work projects and business.

A public comment period will take place on December 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., when the public may address the RAC. Depending on the number of people who wish to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Written comments may also be sent to the BLM Utah State Office at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. On December 11, 2017, the RAC will have a field tour of the Indian Creek area to gain familiarity with BLM issues in southeast Utah, including recreation uses, travel management, and partnerships.

The meeting and field tour are open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating individuals.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please 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:** 43 CFR 1784.4–2.

**Edwin L. Roberson,**

*State Director.*

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