

(*Setophaga chrysoparia*; warbler) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The permit would continue to authorize incidental take of the species resulting from vegetation clearing for construction of homes, apartments, and other such facilities.

In addition, in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we advise the public that:

1. We have prepared a draft NEPA screening form to evaluate the proposed amendment to the HCP and potential ITP issuance. We are accepting comments on the proposed amendment to the HCP and draft NEPA screening form.

2. The applicant and the Service have developed the proposed amendment to the HCP, which describes the measures the applicant has volunteered to take to meet the issuance criteria for a 10(a)(1)(B) ITP associated with the HCP. The issuance criteria are found at 50 CFR 17.22(b)(2).

3. The HCP would be implemented by the applicant and would remain effective until the expiration of the HCP and associated ITP.

4. As described in the HCP, the potential incidental take of the warbler could result from otherwise lawful activities covered by the HCP.

Background

Section 9 of the ESA and our implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 17 prohibit the “take” of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. Take is defined under the ESA as to “harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed animal species, or to attempt to engage in such conduct” (16 U.S.C. 1538(19)). However, under section 10(a) of the ESA, we may issue permits to authorize incidental take of listed species. “Incidental take” is defined by the ESA as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity.

Regulations governing such take of endangered and threatened species are found at 50 CFR 17.21–22 and 50 CFR 17.31–32, respectively.

Proposed Action

The proposed action involves the issuance of an amended 10(a)(1)(B) ITP to TF Cibolo Canyons, LP and approval of the proposed amendment to the HCP. The ITP would cover incidental “take” of the species associated with vegetation clearing and construction of homes,

apartments, and other such facilities as described in the ITP and HCP.

The existing ITP expires February 18, 2036, and no extension has been requested. The original permit authorized incidental take of the species on 846 acres (ac) and resulted in 768 ac of mitigation on site (May 2, 2005; 70 FR 22682). The proposed amendment would add 144 ac of the original development area to the mitigation lands in exchange for an unoccupied 30-ac tract of the original preserve area, which would reduce the development area from 846 ac to 732 ac and increase the preserve area from 768 ac to 882 ac. The 144 acres being added to the preserve has sufficient habitat to support warblers periodically, while the 30 acres being removed does not contain warbler habitat and, therefore, does not support warblers. The proposed swap will result in less edge-to-area ratio in the preserve area, a reduction in the amount of habitat loss and take of the warbler due to the implementation of the HCP and will provide contiguity between two occupied portions of the preserve.

To meet the requirements of a section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP, the applicant would continue to implement the amended HCP. The HCP describes the conservation measures the applicant has agreed to undertake to minimize and mitigate incidental take, to the maximum extent practicable and ensures that incidental take will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of species in the wild.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the ITP application, proposed amendment to the HCP, draft NEPA screening form, and comments we receive to determine whether the HCP application meets the requirements of the ESA, NEPA, and implementing regulations. If we determine that all requirements are met, we will approve the proposed amendment to the HCP and issue the amended ITP to the applicant under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA in accordance with the terms of the HCP and specific terms and conditions of the authorizing ITP. We will not make our final decision until after the 30-day comment period ends, and we have fully considered all comments received during the public comment period.

Public Availability of Comments

All comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Requests for copies of comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA, and

Service and Department of the Interior policies and procedures. 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 to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Authority

We provide this notice under the authority of section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Jeffrey Fleming,

Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Public Meeting, Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed withdrawal extension.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior proposes to extend Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7628 for an additional 20-year term. PLO No. 7628 withdrew 1,960.10 acres of public lands in Big Horn County, Wyoming, from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, to protect the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range. The withdrawal created by PLO No. 7628 will expire on March 7, 2025, unless extended. This notice announces to the public the opportunity to comment on the proposal and announces the date, time, and location of the public meeting to be held in conjunction with this withdrawal extension application.

DATES: Interested parties who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the withdrawal extension application may submit their views in writing to the Billings Field Office Manager by April 16, 2024 to the address below. Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a public meeting in connection with the withdrawal extension application on February 29, 2024 at 4 p.m. at the Lovell Community Center, 1925 US 310, Lovell, WY 82431.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed or hand delivered to BLM, Billings Field Office Manager, Attn: Pryor Mountain Proposed Withdrawal Extension, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marzha Fritzler, BLM Realty Specialist, Billings Field Office, (406) 896-5244, or via email at mfritzler@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or Tele Braille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The withdrawal established by PLO No. 7628 (70 FR 11271, March 8, 2005) and serialized as WYW-152420 will expire on March 7, 2025, unless extended. At the request of the BLM, the Secretary is proposing to extend PLO No. 7628 for an additional 20-year term for the protection of wild horse and wildlife habitat, and watershed, recreation, cultural, and scenic values within the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range.

The proposed withdrawal extension would encompass the same 1,960.10 acres withdrawn in 2005 by PLO No. 7628. The BLM has updated the legal description of the lands to conform to Specifications for Descriptions of Land Status (2017) and described as follows:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 58 N., R. 95 W.,

Sec. 19, lot 2 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 20, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 21, A portion of land lying southwesterly of a diagonal line drawn from the $\frac{1}{4}$ cor. of secs. 20 and 21 to the $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. cor. of secs. 21 and 28;

Sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 26, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 27, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 28, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 29, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 33, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 34, NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 1,960.10 acres.

The use of a right-of-way would not provide adequate protection.

There are no suitable alternative sites available.

Water is required and protected pursuant to a Public Water Reserve No. 107, established pursuant to an Executive order dated April 17, 1926.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Billings Field Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101, during regular business.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

This withdrawal extension proposal will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2310.4.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714)

Sonya I. Germann,

Montana State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Abandoned Mine Reclamation Funds

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 16, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed

information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to Mark Gehlhar, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C Street NW, Room 4556-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to mgehlhar@osmre.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1029-0054 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Mark Gehlhar by email at mgehlhar@osmre.gov, or by telephone at (202) 208-2716. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA; 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on September 12, 2023 (88 FR 65597). No comments were received.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;