

in consideration of section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA allow otherwise prohibited activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Service regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17.

**III. Permit Applications**

We invite comments on the following applications.

*Applicant: Erich Jarvis, c/o Rockefeller University, New York, NY; Permit No. PER8605010*

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples of all endangered vertebrate species worldwide for the purposes of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant: Sea Turtle Conservancy, Gainesville, FL; Permit No. PER8655195*

The applicant requests authorization to renew and amend their multi-use permit to import scientific samples taken from the following wild sea turtles, that would be imported from the government of Bermuda, for scientific research purposes: Green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), and Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant: Emory University, Atlanta, GA; Permit No. PER7757383*

The applicant requests authorization to import biological samples of wild chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) from the Jane Goodall Institute in Tanzania for the purposes of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant: Susanne Meyer, Santa Barbara, CA; Permit No. PER6018870*

The applicant requests authorization for a single export of biological samples

taken from wild blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*), from the University of California at Santa Barbara to the University of Calgary's Department of Comparative Biology and Experimental Medicine, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification is for a single export.

*Applicant: Todd Dalton, New Orleans, LA; Permit No. PER9214329*

The applicant requests a permit to import one tiger (*Panthera tigris*) pelt and skull, one full-body mount and articulated skeleton of a marbled cat (*Pardofelis marmorata*), one full-body mount and articulated skeleton of a clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*), one full-body mount and articulated skeleton of a red panda (*Ailurus fulgens*), and one taxidermy of a slow loris (*Nycticebus bengalensis*) into the United States from the United Kingdom for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

*Applicant: Naples Zoo, Naples, FL; Permit No. PER8764801*

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

Common name	Scientific name
Cheetah .....	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i> .
Red-collared lemur ....	<i>Eulemur collaris</i> .
Slender-horned gazelle.	<i>Gazella leptoceros</i> .
Radiated tortoise .....	<i>Geochelone radiata</i> .
Siamang .....	<i>Symphalangus syndactylus</i> .
Ring-tailed lemur .....	<i>Lemur catta</i> .
Clouded leopard .....	<i>Neofelis nebulosa</i> .
Tiger .....	<i>Panthera tigris</i> .
African lion .....	<i>Panthera leo melanochaita</i> .
Red-ruffed lemur .....	<i>Varecia rubra</i> .
Cotton-top tamarin (marmoset).	<i>Saguinus oedipus</i> .

**Multiple Trophy Applicants**

The following applicants request permits to import sport-hunted trophies of 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 enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

- Tyler Zirpel, Parkston, SD; Permit No. PER8631906
- Ronald Carter, Bonney Lake, WA; Permit No. PER8710173

**IV. Next Steps**

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

**V. Authority**

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

**Timothy MacDonald,**

*Government Information Specialist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Geological Survey**

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**Notice of Public Meeting of Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of teleconference meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is hereby giving notice that the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) will meet as noted below.

**DATES:** The teleconference meetings will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT); and on Friday, May 17, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Gavin Hayes, USGS, by email at [ghayes@usgs.gov](mailto:ghayes@usgs.gov) or by telephone at 303-374-4449. 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The teleconference meeting will be open to the public. The SESAC will review the current activities of the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program (EHP) and discuss future priorities. Agenda topics will include EHP update, administration priorities and interactions, budget opportunities, balance of activities supported by the EHP, external grants, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, National Seismic Hazards Model, ShakeAlert, reports from SESAC subcommittees and preparation for a report to the USGS Director.

*Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations:* Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting to give the Department of the Interior sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Members of the public wishing to participate in the teleconference meeting should contact Dr. Gavin Hayes by email at [ghayes@usgs.gov](mailto:ghayes@usgs.gov) at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Teleconference meeting call-in information and any updates to the agenda will be provided via email to registered participants.

Time will be allowed at the public meeting for any individual or organization wishing to make formal oral comments. Depending on the number of people who wish to speak and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited.

Written comments for the SESAC may be sent electronically in advance of the scheduled meeting to Dr. Gavin Hayes by email at [ghayes@usgs.gov](mailto:ghayes@usgs.gov) at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Any written comments received will be provided to the SESAC members.

*Public Disclosure of Comments:* Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Detailed minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting.

*Authority:* 5 U.S.C. ch. 10.

**Gary Latzke,**

*Chief of Staff, U.S. Geological Survey Natural Hazards Mission Area.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in Oregon/Washington and California

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), Presidential Proclamations No. 7318 (Establishment of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument) (June 9, 2000) and No. 9564 (Boundary Enlargement of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument) (January 12, 2017), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM), and by this notice is providing information announcing the opening of the comment period on the Draft RMP/EIS and the comment period on the BLM's proposed areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs).

**DATES:** This notice announces the opening of a 90-day comment period for the Draft RMP/EIS beginning with the date following the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) publication of its Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft RMP/EIS in the **Federal Register**. The EPA usually publishes its NOAs on Fridays.

To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider comments in the Proposed RMP/Final EIS, please ensure that the BLM receives your comments prior to the close of the 90-day public comment period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

This notice also announces the opening of a 90-day comment period for proposed ACECs. To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider comments for proposed ACECs, please ensure that the BLM receives your comments prior to the close of the 90-day public comment

period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft RMP/EIS is available for review on the BLM ePlanning project website at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2023675/510>. Written comments related to the CSNM Draft RMP/EIS may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2023675/510>.
- *Mail:* ATTN: CSNM RMP Project Manager, BLM Medford District, 3040 Biddle Rd., Medford, OR 97504.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2023675/510> and at the BLM Medford District Office, 3040 Biddle Rd., Medford, OR 97504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Nikki Haskett, Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument RMP Project Manager; telephone (458) 246-8861, address 3040 Biddle Rd., Medford, OR 97504; email [blm\\_csnm\\_rmp@blm.gov](mailto:blm_csnm_rmp@blm.gov). Contact Ms. Haskett to have your name added to our mailing list. 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 for contacting Ms. Haskett. 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:** This document provides notice that the BLM Oregon/Washington and California State Directors have prepared a Draft RMP/EIS, announces the opening of the comment period on the Draft RMP/EIS, and announces the comment period on the BLM's proposed ACECs. The planning area is located in Jackson and Klamath Counties in Oregon and Siskiyou County, California, and encompasses approximately 113,500 acres of BLM-administered lands. While most of the BLM-administered lands are within the BLM Ashland and Klamath Falls Field Offices, approximately 5,000 acres are located within the BLM Redding Field Office.

In response to Proclamation No. 9564, multiple plaintiffs sued the President and BLM, claiming that the Monument expansion violated the 1937 Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands Act of 1937 (O&C Act). In 2017, two plaintiffs filed separate suits in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. A third plaintiff filed suit in the District of