

lands for up to two years from surface entry and mining. The lands will remain open to mineral leasing.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received August 10, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Albuquerque District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 435 Montano NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hal Knox, BLM Taos Resource Area Office, 224 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM 87571, (505) 758-8851.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 1, 1995, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

- T. 23 N., R. 8 E.,
 - Sec. 1, lot 5 and W¹/₂SE¹/₄NW¹/₄;
 - Sec. 13, lots 13 and 14;
 - Sec. 24, N¹/₂NE¹/₄NE¹/₄ and NW¹/₄NE¹/₄.
 - T. 24 N., R. 8 E.,
 - Sec. 12, lots 17 and 18;
 - Sec. 13, lot 6;
 - Sec. 23, lots 11 and 12.
- The areas described aggregate 291.10 acres in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect four large Tewa Indian pueblo ruins dating from the Classic Period (1350-1550 AD). Three of the pueblos are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the fourth is eligible for nomination.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections, in connection with the proposed withdrawal, may present their views in writing to the Albuquerque District Manager of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Albuquerque District Manager within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Upon a determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature, but only with the approval of an authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: March 29, 1995.

Michael R. Ford,

District Manager.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-799715

Applicant: The Living Desert, Palm Desert, CA

The applicant requests a permit to import 1 female captive born cheetah (*Acionyx jабatus*) from the National Zoological Gardens, Pretoria, South Africa to the Living Desert for enhancement of the species through breeding.

PRT-802008

Applicant: M. William Boller, Elma, NY

The applicant requests a permit to import one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from the captive herd maintained by Mr. M. Weinand, Bedford, Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the species.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 420(c), Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are

available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 420(c), Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: May 8, 1995.

Caroline Anderson,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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Endangered Species Permits Issued for the Months of January, February, and March 1995

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has taken the following action with regard to permit applications duly received according to section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1539, *et seq.*). Each permit listed as issued was granted only after it was determined that it was applied for in good faith, that by granting the permit it will not be to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and that it will be consistent with the purpose and policy set forth in the Endangers Species Act of 1993, as amended.

MONTHLY FEDERAL REGISTER REPORT

| | Permit No. | Date |
|--|------------|---------|
| January | | |
| Audubon Zoological Garden | 795196 | 1/06/95 |
| Peregrine Fund, Inc .. | 798035 | 1/06/95 |
| W. R. Thompson, Jr . | 796018 | 1/09/95 |
| Circus Tihany | 794720 | 1/09/95 |
| Enrique Segovia | 794994 | 1/10/95 |
| International Crane Foundation | 795219 | 1/11/95 |
| Patricia Wainright | 796145 | 1/13/95 |
| Patrich Wainright | 795191 | 1/13/95 |
| USFWS, Regional Director, Reg. 2 | 795522 | 1/13/95 |
| Patricia Wainright | 795195 | 1/13/95 |
| Patricia Wainright | 795190 | 1/13/95 |
| Northern Animal Exchange, Ltd. | 770742 | 1/19/95 |
| Gems of the Jungle .. | 793049 | 1/23/95 |
| Florida Atlantic University | 795477 | 1/25/95 |

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| | Permit No. | Date |
|---|------------|---------|
| February | | |
| Roger Gregg | 796328 | 2/03/95 |
| Steven Rohrbach | 796329 | 2/03/95 |
| Lubee Foundation, Inc. | 797414 | 2/08/95 |
| Carle Foundation | 691972 | 2/08/95 |
| Charles Hawkey | 797694 | 2/08/95 |
| John Shadd | 797900 | 2/13/95 |
| David Owens | 792842 | 2/14/95 |
| Kevin Thommes | 795000 | 2/17/95 |
| Riverbanks Zoological Park | 799227 | 2/22/95 |
| Int'l Wildlife Veteri- nary Services | 797485 | 2/22/95 |
| March | | |
| Cincinnati Zoo | 792583 | 3/02/95 |
| Keith Evans | 783660 | 3/03/95 |
| Michelle Pomeroy | 794583 | 3/27/95 |
| Wildlife Conservation Society | 793320 | 3/29/95 |
| Mark Rohde | 788774 | 3/39/95 |
| Texas A & M Univer- sity | 796331 | 3/30/95 |
| Michel Bergerac | 796661 | 3/30/95 |

Additional information on these permit may be requested by contacting the Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, room 432, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone (703/358-2104) during normal business hours (7:45 a.m. 4:15 p.m.) weekdays.

Dated: May 8, 1995.

Caroline Anderson,
Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of
Management Authority.

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Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for Issuance of a Permit to Allow Incidental Take of Threatened and Endangered Species Within the Multiple Species Conservation Program Planning Area in San Diego County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a draft joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) for the proposed incidental take of species listed pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The proposed take would occur due to urban development in southwestern San Diego County, California. The County of San Diego and cities of San Diego, Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Imperial

Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and Santee (applicants) intend to apply to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for incidental take permits pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act.

The Service anticipates that the applicants will request permits for 10 listed animals: the threatened Western snowy plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*) and coastal California gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*); and the endangered Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), California brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis californicus*), bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), light-footed clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris levipes*), California least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), and Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*).

The Service also anticipates that the applicants will request covered species agreements for 3 endangered plants, 4 plants and 1 animal proposed for listing, and 39 other unlisted species (26 plants, 9 birds, 2 reptiles, 1 mammal, and 1 invertebrate). The exact number of species included in these covered species agreements may change between the draft and final EIR/EIS. The purpose of the agreements is to conserve listed and unlisted species, thereby reducing the uncertainty associated with development and future species' listings.

The programmatic DEIR/DEIS evaluates the effects on the human environment expected to occur from proposed issuance of the permits and covered species agreements. Incidental take would be minimized and mitigated by implementation of the regional Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) plan. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

In addition, Federal approval of the MSCP plan is required as part of the special 4(d) rule for the California gnatcatcher. Incidental take of the gnatcatcher is allowed under section 4(d) of the Act if take results from activities conducted pursuant to the California Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP) Act, the NCCP Process Guidelines, and the NCCP Southern California Coastal Sage Scrub Conservation Guidelines.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIR/DEIS should be received on or before June 26, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Mr. Gail Kobetich, Field

Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue, Carlsbad, California 92008. Comments also may be sent by facsimile to telephone (619) 431-9618.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Gilbert, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address, telephone (619) 431-9440. Individuals wishing copies of the DEIR/DEIS should immediately contact Ms. Gilbert. Copies of the DEIR/DEIS have been sent to City and County libraries in the greater San Diego area, and to all agencies and individuals who participated in the scoping process or requested copies. In addition, copies of the draft MSCP Plan are available at public libraries and can be obtained by contacting the City of San Diego Clean Water Program, 600 B Street, Suite 500, San Diego, California 92101, telephone (619) 533-4200. Upon receipt of an official permit application, the Service will officially announce availability of the final MSCP Plan for public review as required by section 10(c) of the Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 9 of the Act and its implementing regulations, wildlife listed as threatened or endangered are protected from "taking." The Act defines take, in part, as killing, harming, or harassing listed wildlife. Service regulations further define harm to include significant habitat modification that results in death or injury of listed wildlife (50 CFR 17.3). Under limited circumstances, the Service may issue permits to take listed wildlife if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. The taking prohibitions of the Act do not apply to listed plants on private lands unless such take would violate State law. Regulations governing permits are in 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32. Under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act, the Service may issue incidental take permits for listed animals with an approved conservation plan. Among other criteria, issuance of such permits must not jeopardize the existence of listed species, both plant and animal.

The proposed action would allow incidental take of listed animals over a 30-year period. Take would occur on approximately 314,900 acres of habitat within the 581,600-acre planning area. Approximately 102,400 acres of the planning area is already developed. To mitigate the impacts of the proposed take, the applicants propose establishment of a 164,300-acre preserve within the boundaries of a Multiple Habitat Planning Area (MHPA). According to the draft MSCP plan, 24 habitats would be conserved under the