

## Fish and Wildlife Service

### Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for a Permit To Allow Incidental Take of the Endangered Pahrump Poolfish by the Nevada Division of State Parks, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, Clark County, Nevada

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Nevada Division of State Parks (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The application includes the proposed habitat conservation plan fully describing the proposed project and mitigation, and the accompanying implementing agreement. The application has been assigned permit number PRT-804120. The requested permit would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Pahrump poolfish (*Empetrichthys latos latos*) in the irrigation storage reservoir at the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park (Park) in Clark County, Nevada. The proposed incidental take would occur during the renovation and operation of the reservoir in which the Pahrump poolfish occupies.

The Service also announces the availability of an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed issuance of the incidental take permit. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10 of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application and EA should be received on or before August 2, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the application or adequacy of the EA should be addressed to Mr. Carlos H. Mendoza, State Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada State Office, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Building C-125, Reno, Nevada 89502. Please refer to permit number PRT-804120 when submitting comments. All comments, including names and addresses, received will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark Maley, at the above Reno, Nevada, address or at telephone number (702) 784-5227. Individuals wishing copies of the application or EA for review should immediately contact the above individual.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 9 of the Act, "taking" of the Pahrump poolfish, an endangered species, is prohibited. However the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are in 50 CFR 17.22.

The Applicant proposes to implement a habitat conservation plan (HCP) for the Pahrump poolfish that would allow the renovation and operation of the Park reservoir. The proposed reservoir renovation would include dredging of the reservoir to restore its holding capacity and construction of a dam to control sedimentation. The Applicant estimates that there would be no incidental take of Pahrump poolfish during renovation activities and an unquantifiable number of poolfish during the 30-year operation of the reservoir. However, if an unanticipated accident should occur during renovation of the reservoir, the incidental take of the reservoir's Pahrump poolfish population (estimated at 15,039 ± 1,127 poolfish in 1994) could occur. The likelihood for such an accident to occur would be greatly reduced by the implementation of the proposed minimizing and monitoring measures outlined in the HCP. These measures include modification of construction activities to minimize poolfish mortalities and installation of two protective barriers between the construction zone and the inundated portion of the reservoir. The Applicant, as mitigation for the incidental take of Pahrump poolfish, proposes over the term of the permit, to continue to manage the reservoir jointly for irrigation and Pahrump poolfish. Management actions would include the termination of the annual practice of drawing down the reservoir to minimum pool, except for those years when maintenance is necessary. In addition, if renovation activities resulted in the total loss of the reservoir population of Pahrump poolfish within 1 year after completion of these activities, the Applicant would assist the Nevada Division of Wildlife and the Service in the reintroduction of poolfish from existing refugia back into the reservoir.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of three alternatives, the No-Action Alternative, Sediment Control Alternative, and the Reservoir Renovation Alternative (Preferred Alternative). The Reservoir Renovation Alternative would allow the renovation and continued operation of the

reservoir, the short-term modification of suitable Pahrump poolfish habitat, and the incidental take of Pahrump poolfish. Under the No-Action Alternative, reservoir renovation would not occur and the permit would not be issued. Without reservoir dredging, increasingly restricted reservoir capacity would inevitably result in shortened irrigation and grazing seasons, most noticeably reflected in the shorter periods that Park pastures remained green. As a consequence, ranching, one of the Park's scenic and historic qualities, would be diminished, or lost. Over the long-term, gradual sedimentation of the reservoir would shrink Pahrump poolfish habitat and eventually fish numbers would decline. The Sediment Control Alternative would forego reservoir renovation in favor of a earth dam to reduce the rate of further sedimentation. The construction of the sediment dam would not result in any immediate adverse effects to the Pahrump poolfish population in the reservoir.

Dated: June 27, 1995.

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## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

### Agency For International Development

#### Housing Guaranty Program; Notice of Investment Opportunity

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has authorized the guaranty of loans to the Banco General S.A., Panama ("Borrower") as part of USAID's development assistance program. The proceeds of these loans will be used to finance shelter and shelter-related infrastructure for the benefit of low-income families in Panama. At this time, the Banco General S.A. has authorized USAID to request proposals from eligible lenders for a loan under this program of \$7.0 Million U.S. Dollars (US\$7,000,000). The name and address of the Borrower's representative to be contacted by interested U.S. lenders or investment bankers, the amount of the loan and project number are indicated below:

#### **Banco General S.A., Panama**

Project No: 525-HG-013

Housing Guaranty Loan No.: 525-HG-014 A02

Amount: US\$7,000,000

Attention: Mr. Francisco Sierra, Vice President—Treasury Banco General S.A., Panama  
 (Street address: Avenida Cuba y Calle 34, Panama City, Panama)  
 Telex No.: 2733 GENERAL PG  
 Telefax No.: 507/225-2868 (preferred communication)  
 Telephone Nos.: 507/227-0770 or 507/227-3200

Interested lenders should contact the Borrower as soon as possible and indicate their interest in providing financing for the housing Guaranty Program. Interested lenders should submit their bids to the Borrower's representative by *Tuesday, July 11, 1995, 12:00 noon Eastern Daylight Savings Time*. Bids should be open for a period of 48 hours from the bid closing date. Copies of all bids should be simultaneously sent to the following:

Mr. Michael C. Trott, Chief, General Development Office and Economics, USAID, Unit 0949, APO AA 34002, c/o American Embassy, Panama City, Panama (Street address: Plaza Regency 2nd Floor, Avenida Via Espana #1), Telefax No.: 507/264-0104 (preferred communication), Telephone No.: 507/263-6011 and

Mr. Ronald A. Carlson, Director, Regional Housing and Urban Development Office, Latin America, USAID/RHUDO/Guatemala, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Unit 3323, APO AA 34024, Telefax No.: 502/2-320-663, Telephone No.: 502/2-320-603

Mr. Charles Billand, Assistant Director, Mr. Peter Pirnie, Financial Advisor, Address: U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of Environment and Urban Programs, G/ENV/UP, Room 409, SA-18, Washington, D.C. 20523-1822, Telex No.: 892703 AID WSA, Telefax No.: 703/875-4384 or 875-4639 (preferred communication), Telephone No.: 703/875-4300 or 875-4510

For your information the Borrower is currently considering the following terms:

(1) *Amount*: U.S. \$7.0 million.

(2) *Term*: 30 years.

(3) *Grace Period*: Ten years grace on repayment of principal. (During grace period, semi-annual payments of interest only). If *variable* interest rate, repayment of principal to amortize in equal, semi-annual installments over the remaining 20-year life of the loan. If *fixed* interest rate, semi-annual level payments of principal and interest over the remaining 20-year life of the loan.

(4) *Interest Rate*: Alternatives of *fixed rate*, and *variable rate* are requested.

(a) *Fixed Interest Rate*: If rates are to be quoted based on a spread over an

index, the lender should use as its index a long bond, specifically the 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% U.S. Treasury Bond due February 15, 2025. Such rate is to be set at the time of acceptance.

(b) *Variable Interest Rate*: To be based on the six-month British Bankers Association LIBOR, preferably with terms relating to the Borrower's right to convert to fixed. The rate should be adjusted weekly.

(5) *Prepayment*:

(a) Offers should include an option for prepayment and mention prepayment premiums, if any.

(6) *Fees*: Offers should specify the placement fees and other expenses, including USAID fees, Paying and Transfer Agent fees, and out of pocket expenses, etc. Lenders are requested to include all legal fees in their placement fee. Such fees and expenses shall be payable at closing from the proceeds of the loan.

(7) *Closing Date*: As early as practicable, but not to exceed 60 days from date of selection of lender.

Selection of investment bankers and/or lenders and the terms of the loan are initially subject to the individual discretion of the Borrower, and thereafter, subject to approval by USAID. Disbursements under the loan will be subject to certain conditions required of the Borrower by USAID as set forth in agreements between USAID and the Borrower.

The full repayment of the loans will be guaranteed by USAID. The USAID guaranty will be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America and will be issued pursuant to authority in Section 222 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the "Act").

Lenders eligible to receive the USAID guaranty are those specified in Section 238(c) of the Act. They are: (1) U.S. citizens; (2) domestic U.S. corporations, partnerships, or associations substantially beneficially owned by U.S. citizens; (3) foreign corporations whose share capital is at least 95 percent owned by U.S. citizens; and, (4) foreign partnerships or associations wholly owned by U.S. citizens.

To be eligible for the USAID guaranty, the loans must be repayable in full no later than the thirtieth anniversary of the disbursement of the principal amount thereof and the interest rates may be no higher than the maximum rate established from time to time by USAID.

Information as to the eligibility of investors and other aspects of the USAID housing guaranty program can be obtained from: Mr. Michael J. Lippe, Director, Office of Environment and

Urban Programs, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 409, SA-18, Washington, DC 20523-1822, Fax Nos: 703/875-4384 or 875-4639, Telephone: 703/875-4300.

Dated: June 28, 1995.

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## INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Finance Docket No. 32708]

### Chicago and North Western Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Wisconsin Central Limited

Wisconsin Central Limited (WC) has agreed to grant trackage rights to Chicago and North Western Railway Company (C&NW)<sup>1</sup> over portions of WC's lines between Wisconsin Central Milepost 48.85 and Wisconsin Central Milepost 50.2A, in Wisconsin Rapids, Wood County, WI. The proposed transaction will allow C&NW to facilitate economical and efficient operation of its traffic through the City of Wisconsin Rapids. The trackage rights were to become effective on or after June 21, 1995 and the transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after June 30, 1995.

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction. Pleadings must be filed with the Commission and served on: Stuart F. Gassner, 165 North Canal St., Chicago, IL 60606-1551.

As a condition to the use of this exemption, any employees adversely affected by the trackage rights will be protected under *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

Decided: June 26, 1995.

<sup>1</sup> The acquisition of control of C&NW by Union Pacific Railroad, et al., was approved by the Commission in *Union Pacific Corporation, Union Pacific Railroad Company and Missouri Pacific Railroad Company—Control—Chicago and North Western Transportation Company and Chicago and North Western Railway Company*, Finance Docket No. 32133 (ICC served Mar. 7, 1995).