

- Use, display or carry weapons within developed campsites or picnic areas.
- Bring equine stock, llamas, cattle or other livestock within campgrounds or picnic areas unless facilities have been specifically provided for such use.
- Discharge firearms or other weapons, or hunt and trap within a developed recreation area or within 150 yards of a developed recreation site.
- Be publicly nude at Wild Rivers, Orilla Verde or Santa Cruz Lake Recreation Areas; Lower Gorge Special Recreation Management Area; or John Dunn Bridge Recreation Site.
- Shower or bathe at any improved or developed water source, outdoor hydrant pump, faucet, or fountain, or restroom water faucet, unless such water source is designated for that purpose.

List of Developed Recreation Sites/ Areas and Special Recreation Management Areas In

Rio Puerco Resource Area

1. Tent Rocks
 - T. 16 N., R. 5 E., secs. 3, 4, 5
 - T. 17 N., R. 5 E., secs. 27-31
2. El Malpais National Conservation Area
 - a. La Ventana Natural Arch Special Management Area
 - T. 8 N., R. 10 W., secs. 33, 34
 - T. 7 N., R. 10 W., secs. 3, 4
 - b. South Narrows Recreation Area
 - T. 7 N., R. 10 W., sec. 17
 - c. El Malpais Ranger Station
 - T. 9 N., R. 9 W., sec. 32
3. Elk Springs
 - T. 18 N., R. 1 W., secs. 1-4
 - T. 19 N., R. 1 W., secs. 10, 11, 14, 15, 21-23, 26-29, 33-35
4. Pronoun Cave Complex
 - T. 6 N., R. 5 W., secs. 10, 14
5. Guadalupe Ruin and Community
 - T. 15 N., R. 3 W., secs. 14, 15, 22, 23
6. Cañon Tapia (applies only to lands within the canyon)
 - T. 15 N., R. 3 W., sec. 20, 21, 22, 29, 31
7. Ignacio Chavez Grant
 - T. 15 N., R. 3 W.
 - T. 15 N., R. 4 W.
 - T. 15 N., R. 5 W.
 - T. 15 N., R. 6 W.
 - T. 16 N., R. 4 W., secs. 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30
 - T. 16 N., R. 5 W., secs. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30
 - T. 16 N., R. 6 W.
8. San Ysidro Trials Area
 - T. 15 N., R. 1 E., secs. 3, 4, 9, 10
 - T. 16 N., R. 1 E.
9. Bluewater Canyon
 - a. Canyon Entrance
 - T. 12 N., R. 11 W., sec. 5
 - b. Lands Within Canyon
 - T. 12 N., R. 11 W., secs. 5, 6

Taos Resource Area

1. Lower Gorge Special Recreation Management Area
 - T. 26 N., R. 11 E., sec. 31, river section to T. 23 N., R. 9 E., sec. 34, including:

- a. Quartzite Recreation Site T. 24 N., R. 11 E., sec. 32
 - b. County Line Recreation Site T. 23 N., R. 11 E., secs. 14, 15
 - c. Lover's Lane Recreation Site T. 23 N., R. 10 E., sec. 20
2. Orilla Verde Recreation Area
 - T. 24 N., R. 11 E., secs. 2, 10, 11, 14-16, 20-22, 28, 29
 - 3a. Rio Chama Wild and Scenic River
 - T. 24 N., R. 2 E., sec. 1; T. 24 N., R. 3 E., secs. 5, 6, 8-10, 13-15; T. 25 N., R. 2 E., secs. 2, 3, 11, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 36; T. 25 N., R. 3 E., sec. 31; T. 26 N., R. 2 E., secs. 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22, 26, 27, 34; T. 27 N., R. 2 E., secs. 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, 33, 34
 - 3b. Ward Ranch Recreation Site
 - T. 27 N., R. 2 E., sec. 27
 4. Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River
 - T. 23 N., R. 10 E., secs. 1, 11-16, 22; T. 23 N., R. 11 E., secs. 5-7; T. 24 N., R. 11 E., secs. 2, 10, 11, 15, 16, 20, 21, 28, 29, 31-33; T. 25 N., R. 11 E., secs. 1, 12, 13, 23-26, 35, 36; T. 26 N., R. 11 E., secs. 1, 12-14, 23-26, 35, 36; T. 27 N., R. 11 E., sec. 36; T. 27 N., R. 12 E., secs. 5, 7, 8, 17-19, 30, 31; T. 28 N., R. 12 E., secs. 5-10, 16-20, 29-30; T. 29 N., R. 12 E., secs. 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 29-32; T. 30 N., R. 12 E., secs. 6, 7, 17-20, 29, 30, 32; T. 31 N., R. 11 E., secs. 1, 2, 11, 14, 23-26; T. 31 N., R. 12 E., secs. 30, 31; and T. 32 N., R. 11 E., secs. 24, 25, 36.
 - a. John Dunn Bridge Recreation Site T. 27 N., R. 12 E., sec. 31
 - b. Manby Spring Recreation Site T. 26 N., R. 11 E., sec. 12
 - c. Black Rock Spring Recreation Site T. 26 N., R. 11 E., sec. 1
5. Santa Cruz Lake Recreation Area
 - T. 20 N., R. 10 E., secs. 7, 18
 6. Wild Rivers Recreation Area
 - T. 29 N., R. 12 E., secs. 16, 17, 20, 29, 31, 32
 - T. 28 N., R. 12 E., secs. 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 16, 17

DATES: Comments on the proposed rules will be accepted until September 1, 1995. Comments received or postmarked after the above date may not be considered in the decision-making process on the final rulemaking.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: District Manager (014), BLM, 435 Montaña NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107. All written comments made pursuant to this action will be made available for public inspection during normal business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., MDT) at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Bristol, Outdoor Recreation Planner, BLM, Albuquerque District Office, 435 Montaña NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107, Telephone: (505) 761-8755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The New Mexico State Director is establishing these supplementary rules for the Albuquerque District.

They are necessary to protect persons, property and public lands and resources

currently under BLM administration, and those lands acquired for inclusion within the administrative jurisdiction of the district as provided for in 43 CFR 8365.1-6. These supplementary rules apply to all persons using public lands. Violations of these rules are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Exceptions to these proposed supplementary rules may be permitted by the authorized officer, subject to the limits and restrictions of controlling federal and state law. Persons granted use exemptions must possess written authorization from the BLM office having jurisdiction over the area. Users must further comply with the zoning, permitting, rules or regulatory requirements of other agencies, where applicable.

Dated: July 17, 1995.

Gilbert J. Lucero,

Associate State Director, New Mexico.

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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-805140

Applicant: Vincent dePaul Kelly, Alexandria, VA

The applicant has requested a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) from the captive herd maintained by Contour, National Nature Conservation and Tourism Board, South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the species.

PRT-805134

Applicant: Kimberly Whitman, Villanova Univ., Villanova, PA

The applicant requests a permit to import up to 30 - 1ml blood samples collected in the wild from Rodrigues fruit bats (*Pteropus rodricensis*) on Rodrigues Island, Mascarene Islands, Mauritius, for the purpose of scientific research to determine genetic diversity.

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: July 28, 1995.

Mary Ellen Amtower,

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

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Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for a Timber Harvest Operation by Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority in Perry County, Mississippi

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (Applicant) is seeking an incidental take permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act), as amended. The permit would authorize the take of the gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*), a threatened species, in Perry County, Mississippi for a period of 20 years. The proposed taking is incidental to the construction and operation of a solid waste landfill within a 340-acre tract located approximately 2 miles north of Runnelstown in Sections 8 and 9, Township 5 North, Range 11 West. The Service also announces the availability of an environmental assessment (EA) and habitat conservation plan (HCP) for the incidental take application. The Service prepared the EA and the HCP was developed by the Applicant. Copies of the EA and HCP may be obtained by making a request to the Regional Office address below. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act Regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the permit application, EA, and HCP should be received on or before September 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application, HCP, and EA may obtain a copy by writing the Service's Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Requests must be in writing to be processed. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Regional Office, or the Jackson, Mississippi, Field Office. Written data or comments concerning the application, EA, or HCP should be submitted to the Regional Office. Please reference permit under PRT-804406 in such comments.

Regional Permit Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345, (telephone 404/679-7110, fax 404/679-7280).

Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Jackson, Mississippi 39213, (telephone 601/965-4900, fax 601/965-4340).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Will MacDearman at the Jackson, Mississippi Field Office, or Rick G. Gooch at the Atlanta, Georgia Regional Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The gopher tortoise, *Gopherus polyphemus*, is listed as a threatened species in the western part of its range, from the Tombigbee and Mobile Rivers in Alabama west to southeastern Louisiana. As a native burrowing species of the fire-maintained longleaf pine ecosystem, typical gopher tortoise habitat consists of frequently burned longleaf pine or longleaf pine/scrub oak uplands on moderately well-drained to xeric soils. About 80 percent of the original habitat for gopher tortoises has been lost due to urbanization and agriculture. Certain forest management practices in remaining upland pine habitats have also adversely affected the gopher tortoise. Silvicultural systems using intensive site preparation, dense plantations and stands of loblolly pine or slash pine, and infrequent fire have reduced or eliminated the open forest and sunny forest floor of grasses and forbs where gopher tortoises burrow, nest, and feed. Though gopher tortoises are widely distributed in south Mississippi, most populations are fragmented, small in size, and functionally non-viable.

Section 9 of the Act, and implementing regulations, prohibits taking the gopher tortoise. Taking, in part, is defined as an activity that kills, injures, harms, or harasses a listed endangered or threatened species. Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act provides an exemption, under certain circumstances, to the Section 9

prohibition if the taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of otherwise lawful activities.

Gopher tortoise surveys conducted by the Applicant have identified at least one tortoise and six other burrows in the landfill operations area. Two of these burrows exhibited signs of recent gopher tortoise use within the past year. This area will consist of four waste disposal cells and sites for the excavation and stocking of soil to be used to cover solid wastes. Tortoises within the area would be expected to be taken as an incidental consequence of landfill construction and operation. Heavy equipment operations can directly kill or injure tortoises as a result of their becoming crushed or entombed in burrows. The HCP describes measures the Applicant will take to avoid and mitigate such taking. Prior to landfill construction, the Applicant will survey the operations area to identify, trap, and relocate gopher tortoises to an adjacent site designated as a permanent gopher tortoise habitat conservation area. The conservation area, owned by the Applicant, consists predominately of suitable habitat, a longleaf pine/blackjack oak upland, that is partially occupied by other gopher tortoises. The Applicant will manage the conservation area using a program of prescribed fire and tree thinning to maintain and improve habitat conditions for the gopher tortoise. Without such active management, particularly the use of prescribed fire, gopher tortoise habitat would deteriorate as a natural consequence of ecological succession.

Also, a temporary conservation area will be managed using the same methods as in the permanent conservation area. About one-half of the temporary area contains solid waste cells that are forecast to be used about 20 years from now. No tortoises currently occupy this portion, though habitat is suitable. The remaining portion of the temporary area, which is occupied by tortoises, may be used within 5-10 years to provide soil for waste overfill. Tortoises in this remaining portion will be relocated to the permanent conservation area prior to landfill operations.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of two alternatives; issue the requested permit as conditioned by the HCP, or take no action (deny permit). The Service has made a preliminary determination that the Applicant has satisfactorily complied with the statutory and regulatory criteria for permit issuance. The Service's proposed alternative is to issue the requested incidental take permit. The principal environmental consequence of