

suggestions on the requirement should be made directly to the Bureau clearance officer and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Washington, DC 20503, telephone 202-395-3470.

Title: Helium End-Use Survey

Abstract: Respondents supply

information which will be used by the Bureau of Mines, Division of Helium Field Operations to (a) update current trends in helium usage, (b) predict future domestic helium demands, and (c) determine the prospects of potential suppliers entering into the helium market. Results of this information are made available to the general public in the Annual Helium Commodity Review.

Bureau form number: None

Frequency: Every 5 years

Description of respondents: Helium distributors and federal users of Bureau of Mines Helium

Estimated completion time: ½ hour

Annual response: 300

Annual burden hours: 150

Bureau Clearance Officer: Alice J. Floyd
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Dated: August 31, 1995.

Billy J. Moore,

General Manager-Helium Field Operations.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Incidental Take of Threatened Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

On July 19, 1995, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 37067) that an application had been filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) by The Coleman Company, Golden, Colorado, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), threatened Utah prairie dogs (*Cynomys parvidens*) in conjunction with the development of a 33-acre housing community in Cedar City, Iron County, Utah, pursuant to an implementation agreement which implements West Hills, L.L.C.'s Habitat Conservation Plan. No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

Notice is hereby given that on September 20, 1995, as authorized by the provisions of the Act, the Service issued an incidental take permit (PRT-804479) to the above-named party subject to certain conditions set forth therein. The permit 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 threatened species, and that it will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act, as amended.

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Additional information on this permit action may be obtained by contacting the Assistant Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 145 East 1300 South, Suite 404, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114, telephone (801) 524-5001, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Dated: October 2, 1995.

Terry T. Terrell,

Deputy Regional Director, Denver, CO.

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ACTION: Notice.

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Availability of Draft Recovery Plan for the Big Island (Island of Hawaii); Plant cluster for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior..

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for the Big Island Plant Cluster. This plan addresses 22 plant taxa from the island of Hawaii (Big Island) in the State of Hawaii. Twenty taxa are listed as endangered, one is proposed for endangered status, and one is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Twelve of the 22 taxa are endemic to the Big Island while an additional four, which originally had a wider distribution, are now confined to the Big Island. Other taxa currently persist on the islands of Niihau, Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Lanai, and/or Maui as well as the Big Island.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before December 11, 1995 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following locations: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, room 6307, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., P.O. Box 50167, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850 (phone 808/541-2749); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Regional Office, Ecological Services, 911 N.E. 11th Ave., Eastside Federal Complex, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181 (phone 503/231-6131); the Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75-138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740 (phone 808/329-2196); and the Hilo Public Library, 300 Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (Phone 808/933-4650). Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding this plan should be addressed to Brooks Harper, Field Supervisor, at the above Honolulu address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen W. Rosa, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Honolulu address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the Untied States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act as amended in 1988 requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during the public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. Substantive technical comments will result in changes to the plans. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plans, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions. Individualized responses to comments will not be provided.

The endangered taxa being considered in the Big Island recovery plan are: *Clermontia linseyana*, *Clermontia peleana* (subsp. *peleana*, subsp. *singuliflora*), *Clermontia pyrularia*, *Colubrina oppositifolia*, *Cyanea copelandii* subsp. *copelandii*, *Cyanea hamatiflora* subsp. *carlsonii*, *Cyanea shipmanii*, *Cyanea stictophylla*, *Cyrtandra giffardii*, *Cyrtandra tintinnabula*, *Delissea undulata* (subsp. *niihauensis*, subsp. *kauaiensis*, subsp. *undulata*), *Ischaemum byrone*, *Isodendrion pyrifolium*, *Mariscus fauriei*, *Nothrocestrum breviflorum*, *Ochrosia kilaueaensis*, *Plantago hawaiensis*, *Portulaca sclerocarpa*, *Pritchardia affinis*, *Tetramolopium arenarium* (subsp. *arenarium* var. *arenarium*, subsp. *arenarium* var. *confertum*), subsp. *laxum*, and *Zanthoxylum hawaiiense*. The threatened taxon in the Big Island Plant Cluster is *Silene hawaiiensis*.

Twelve of the 22 taxa are endemic to the Big Island while an additional four, which originally had a wider distribution, are now confined to the Big Island. Other taxa currently persist on the islands of Niihau, Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Lanai, and/or Maui as well as the Big Island. The island of Hawaii is the largest, highest, and youngest of the Hawaiian Islands, and was built by at least six volcanic mountains. One, the Kilauea volcano, is currently erupting and adding land mass to the island. As a result, the taxa included in this plan grow in a variety of vegetative communities (grassland, shrubland, and forests, elevational zones (coastal to alpine), and moisture regimes (dry to wet). They and their habitats are currently threatened by one or more of the following: habitat degradation by federal or domestic animals (goats, pigs, deer (on Maui and Molokai), cattle and sheep); competition for space, light, water, and nutrients by introduced vegetation; fire, a threat which is exacerbated by introduced grasses; direct human perturbation such as recreational and military activities; pest invertebrates; disease; and vulnerability to stochastic events and genetic limitations due to small population size.

Recovery efforts will focus on protection of all the populations from current threats via fencing and/or hunting to control ungulates; control of alien plants; protection from fire; protection from human disturbance; control of rodents, insects, and disease, where applicable; collection, storage, and maintenance of genetic material. In addition, research concerning the reproductive biology, population ecology, and habitat requirements of these taxa may be needed to establish further causes of decline as well as requirements for their short and long-term survival. Augmentation of small populations that are not expanding after protection from threats, and reestablishment of new populations within the historical range of the taxa may also be needed to achieve recovery goals.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of these plans.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: October 3, 1995.

Thomas Dwyer

Acting Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1.

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Minerals Management Service**Environmental Document Prepared for a Three-Dimensional (3-D) Seismic Survey on the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of an environmental document prepared for the 3-D Seismic Survey on the Pacific OCS.

SUMMARY: The MMS, in accordance with Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1501.4 and 1506.6) that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of a NEPA-related Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), prepared by the MMS for a proposed 3-D seismic survey to take place offshore Santa Barbara County, California in the Santa Ynez Unit.

Parties

Exxon Company, U.S.A.

| Activity | Location | Date |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| 3-D Seismic Survey. | Santa Barbara Channel, Santa Ynez Unit. | 10/95 through 12/95. |

Persons interested in reviewing the environmental document for the proposal listed above or obtaining information about EA's and FONSI's prepared for activities on the Pacific OCS are encouraged to contact the MMS office in the Pacific OCS Region.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regional Supervisor, Office of Environmental Evaluation, Pacific OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 770 Paseo Camarillo, Mail Stop 7300, Camarillo, California, 93010, Telephone (805) 389-7801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMS prepares EA's and FONSI's for proposals that relate to research and development of mineral resources on the Pacific OCS. The EA's examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the significance of those effects. The EA is used as a basis for determining whether or not approval of the proposals constitutes major Federal actions that