

within the Waterman Mountains Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 28, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tony Herrell, BLM Tucson Resource Area, 12661 East Broadway, Tucson, Arizona 85748, 520-722-4289.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1988)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect the Bureau of Land Management's Waterman Mountains Area of Critical Environmental Concern:

Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 12 S., R. 9 E.,

Sec. 29, lots 3 and 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 30, lots 1 to 5, inclusive, lot 9, that portion of lot 10 lying outside of Mineral Patent No. 02-79-0008, lot 11, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 31, lots 3 and 4, those portions of lots 5 and 8 lying outside of Mineral Patent No. 02-79-0008, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 32, Mineral Survey No. 3885;

Sec. 33, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 13 S., R. 9 E.,

Sec. 5, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 6, lots 1 to 7, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 2,335.21 acres in Pima County.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 50 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1988), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: May 20, 1996.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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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 14, 1995, a notice was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 36305) that an application had been filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) by Washington County, Utah, 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 desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) in conjunction with otherwise legal activities including building construction, in portions of Washington County pursuant to the Implementation Agreement that implements the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan.

Notice is hereby given that on February 23, 1996, as authorized by the provisions of the Act, the Service issued an incidental take permit PRT-811471 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 policies set forth in the Act, as amended.

Additional information on this permit action may be obtained by contacting

the Assistant Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Utah Field Office, 145 East 1300 South Street, Suite 404, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115, telephone (801) 524-5001, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Dated: May 20, 1996.

Terry Terrell,

Deputy Regional Director Denver, Colorado, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge, Union Parish, LA; Right-of-Way Pipeline Application

Notice is hereby given as required under Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (41 Stat. 449; 30 U.S.C. 185) as amended by Public Law 93-153, that NorAm Gas Transmission Company has applied for a right-of-way for a 20-inch pipeline to be located on lands of the D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge in Union Parish, Louisiana, described as follows: (See Exhibits A through G Attached)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: The Fish and Wildlife Service is in the process of issuing a right-of-way permit across the D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge in Union Parish, Louisiana.

SUMMARY: The notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service plans to issue a permit to NorAm Gas Transmission Company, for a 20-inch pipeline on a portion of the D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 27, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Craig McBroome, Realty Specialist, Division of Realty, Arkansas Field Office, c/o Cache River National Wildlife Refuge, Route 2, Box 126-T, Augusta, Arkansas 72006, Telephone (501) 347-5947.

Dated: May 13, 1996.

Noreen K. Clough,

Regional Director.

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