

efficient vehicle for the Department to dispose of the Mortgage Loans.

At one time, the Department considered and discussed with industry participants a loan sale procedure that afforded the borrowers the opportunity to acquire their Mortgage Loans on a noncompetitive basis prior to offering the Mortgage Loans for sale to others (Borrower Settlement Option). For the reasons set forth above, however, the Department decided to dispose of these Mortgage Loans through a competitive auction.

Freedom of Information Requests

The Department has approved a policy for responding to Freedom of Information Act requests for information on the Department's multifamily mortgage loan sales. The purpose of this policy is to clarify for the public and potential purchasers the types of sales information that will be disclosed in connection with the Department's multifamily mortgage sales program. The policy strikes a balance between the Department's policy of disclosing as much information as possible to the public and (i) the harm premature release of this information will have upon bidders and (ii) the harm to the American taxpayer by fettering the Department's ability to comply with the specific mandates of the Multifamily Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of 1994 to reduce losses to the FHA fund through mortgage sales.

Given the foregoing, the Department's policy with respect to Freedom Of Information Act requests is as follows:

(i) The Department has determined that after the Award Date it will disclose the aggregate number of bidders and the aggregated proceeds the Department expects from the sale, as well as the bid information materials that the Department provided to the bidders (not subject to a privacy or confidentiality exemption).

(ii) After all sales are closed the Department will release (a) a list of all who received bid materials, (b) a list of all bidders, (c) a list of all winning bidders, and (d) the aggregate amount paid by each successful bidder of multiple mortgage loans (whether bid as a pool or otherwise).

(iii) No earlier than one year after all of the sales are closed, the Department will disclose individual winning mortgage loan bid prices.

Scope of Notice

This notice applies to the North and Central Regions Nonperforming Mortgage Loan Sale, and does not establish the Department's policy for the sale of any other mortgage loans.

Dated: July 18, 1996.

Stephanie A. Smith,

Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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© of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-817149

Applicant: Duke University Primate Center, Durham NC.

The applicant requests a permit to export tissue samples from Coquerel's Sifaka (*Propithecus verreauxi coquereli*), lesser mouse lemur (*Microcebus murinus*), Coquerel's mouse lemur (*Microcebus coquereli*) and red-fronted brown lemur (*Eulemur fulvus rufus*) for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-817218

Applicant: Denver Zoological Gardens, Denver, CO.

The applicant requests a permit to import one male Sumatran orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus abelii*) from Calgary Zoo, Alberta, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the propagation of the species.

PRT-817261

Applicant: Department of Biology, University of California, San Diego, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import hair samples from wild and captive-held gentle lemurs (*Haplemur grisens alaotrensis*) from Madagascar and Jersey for scientific research related to population genetics.

PRT-817260

Applicant: Department of Biology, University of California, San Diego, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import blood and hair samples from captive-held Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) from Thailand for scientific research related to population genetics.

PRT-817259

Applicant: Department of Biology, University of California, San Diego, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import shed feathers from helmeted hornbills (*Buceros vigil*) throughout its

range for scientific research related to population genetics.

PRT-817096

Applicant: Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo, Cleveland, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to import up to six captive-held bicolor tamarins (*Sanguinus bicolor bicolor*) from the Brazilian Institute for the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources, Manaus, Brazil, for the purpose of enhancement of the propagation 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 430, 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 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: July 19, 1996.

Mary Ellen Amtower,

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

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Final Supplementary Rules to Require the Use of Certified Noxious Weed-Free Forage on Bureau of Land Management-Administered Lands in Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of final supplementary rules to require the use of certified noxious weed-free forage on Bureau of Land Management-administered lands in Colorado.

SUMMARY: Beginning August 1, 1996, The State Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Colorado will require that all BLM visitors and permittees in Colorado use certified noxious weed-free hay, straw, or mulch when visiting BLM administered lands in Colorado. This requirement affects