

effect on the species covered in the habitat conservation plan.

(3) The issuance of special regulations for public use of Service-managed land, which maintain essentially the permitted level of use and do not continue a level of use that has resulted in adverse environmental effects.

(4) The issuance or reissuance of permits for limited additional use of an existing right-of-way for underground or above ground power, telephone, or pipelines, where no new structures (i.e., facilities) or major improvement to those facilities are required; and for permitting a new right-of-way, where no or negligible environmental disturbances are anticipated.

(5) The issuance or reissuance of special use permits for the administration of specialized uses, including agricultural uses, or other economic uses for management purposes, when such uses are compatible, contribute to the purposes of the refuge system unit, and result in no or negligible environmental effects.

(6) The denial of special use permit applications, either initially or when permits are reviewed for renewal, when the proposed action is determined not compatible with the purposes of the refuge system unit.

(7) Activities directly related to the enforcement of fish and wildlife laws, not included in 516 DM 2, Appendix 1.4. These activities include:

- (a) Assessment of civil penalties.
- (b) Forfeiture of property seized or subject to forfeiture.

(C) The issuance or reissuance of rules, procedures, standards, and permits for the designation of ports, inspection, clearance, marking, and license requirements pertaining to wildlife and wildlife products, and for the humane and healthful transportation of wildlife.

(8) Actions where the Service has concurrence or coapproval with another agency and the action is a categorical exclusion for that agency. This would normally involve one Federal action or connected actions where the Service is a cooperating agency.

D. Recovery Plans.

Issuance of recovery plans under section 4(f) of the ESA.

E. Financial Assistance.

(1) State, local, or private financial assistance (grants and/or cooperative agreements), including State planning grants and private land restorations, where the environmental effects are minor or negligible.

(2) Grants for categorically excluded actions in paragraphs A, B, and C, above; and categorically excluded actions in Appendix 1 of 516 DM 2.

1.5 Actions Normally Requiring an EA

A. Proposals to establish most new refuges and fish hatcheries; and most additions and rehabilitations to existing installations.

B. Any habitat conservation plan that does not meet the definition of "low-effect" in the Section 10(a)(1)(B) Handbook.

C. If, for any of the above proposals, the EA determines that the proposal is a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, an EIS will be prepared. The determination to prepare an EIS will be made by a notice of intent in the Federal Register and by other appropriate means to notify the affected public.

1.6 Major Actions Normally Requiring an EIS

A. The following Service proposals, when determined to be a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, will normally require the preparation of an EIS.

(1) Major proposals establishing new refuge system units, fish hatcheries, or major additions to existing installations, which involve substantive conflicts over existing State and local land use, significant controversy over the environmental effects of the proposal, or the remediation of major on-site sources of contamination.

(2) Master or comprehensive conservation plans for major new installations, or for established installations, where major new developments or substantial changes in management practices are proposed.

B. If, for any of the above proposals it is initially determined that the proposal is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, an EA will be prepared and handled in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.4(e)(2). If the EA subsequently indicates the proposed action will cause significant impacts, an EIS will be prepared.

Dated: January 13, 1997.

Willie Taylor,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior.

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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-822203

Applicant: Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo, Monroe, LA.

The applicant requests a permit to purchase a female captive-bred jaguar (*Panthera onca*) from Marion Nature Park, Bellview, Florida, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

PRT-824037

Applicant: Siegfried & Roy Enterprises, Inc., Las Vegas, NV.

The applicants request a permit to import 2 pair of tigers (*Panthera tigris tigris*) born in captivity from Guadalajara Zoo, Guadalajara, Mexico for survival of the species through propagation and conservation education.

PRT-824036

Applicant: Charles Sammut, Salinas, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to export and reimport one male captive born leopard (*Panthera pardus*) and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

PRT-823928

Applicant: Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD.

The applicant requests a permit to import one female Siberian tiger (*Panthera tigris altaica*) born in captivity at the Greater Vancouver Zoological Centre, Canada, to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education.

PRT-823832

Applicant: The Hawthorn Corporation, Grayslake, IL.

The applicant requests a permit to reexport and reimport captive-born tigers (*Panthera tigris tigris*) and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities done by the applicant over a three year period.

PRT-823896

Applicant: The Jane Goodall Institute's Center for Primate Studies, St. Paul, MN.

The applicant requests a permit to import chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*) hair samples collected from night nests in the Gombe National Park, Tanzania, for the purpose of scientific research.

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: January 10, 1997.

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

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Endangered and Threatened Species Permits Issued

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued for the months of April 1996—December 1996.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3, has taken the following action with regard to permit applications duly received in accordance with section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1539, *et seq.*) Each permit listed as issued 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 endangered species, and that it will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

| Name | Permit No. | Date issued |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Dr. James R. Curry | PRT 810469 | 4/3/96 |
| Dr. Francesca Cuthbert. | PRT 810834 | 4/3/96 |
| Dr. Daniel Hornbach. | PRT 811008 | 4/17/96 |
| Mr. Don Helms | PRT 811314 | 7/12/96 |
| Dr. Arthur Clarke ... | PRT 811679 | 4/29/96 |

| Name | Permit No. | Date issued |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Mr. David Evans | PRT 811958 | 4/29/96 |
| Dr. Kirk Larsen | PRT 813258 | 4/29/96 |
| Mr. Thomas Erdman. | PRT 813259 | 6/6/96 |
| National Biological Service. | PRT 813261 | 7/23/96 |
| N. Anthony and G. Gelembiuk. | PRT 814105 | 7/26/96 |
| Dr. Mark Hove | PRT 814107 | 6/6/96 |
| Mr. Robert Bevill | PRT 814684 | 7/22/96 |
| The Nature Conservancy. | PRT 815484 | 7/17/96 |
| National Biological Service. | PRT 815942 | 9/19/96 |
| 3D/International | PRT 817175 | 9/5/96 |
| National Biological Service. | PRT 818186 | 9/19/96 |
| Dr. Daniel Soluk | PRT 805269 | 9/20/96 |
| | A1* | |
| Ms. Marian Havlik .. | PRT 801471 | 6/28/96 |
| | A1* | |
| Dr. John Whitaker | PRT 802777 | 6/18/96 |
| | A2* | |
| 3D/Environmental .. | PRT 809227 | 7/18/96 |
| | A2* | |

* indicates permit amendment.

Additional information on these permit actions may be requested by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, telephone 612/725-3536 x250, during normal business hours (7:30am—4:00pm) weekdays.

Dated: January 9, 1997.

Matthias A. Kerschbaum,
Acting Assistant Regional Director, IL, IN, MO (Ecological Services), Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-00; N-57459]

Notice of Realty Action: Non-Competitive Sale of Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Non-Competitive Sale of Public Lands in Nye County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Pahrump, Nye County, Nevada, has been examined and found suitable for classification for sale utilizing non-competitive procedures, at not less than the fair market value. Authority for the sale is Section 203 and Section 209 of P.L. 94-579, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (U.S.C. 1713 and 43 U.S.C. 1719).
Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 21 S., R. 54 E.,
Section 31, E½NE¼NW¼SE¼

Containing 5 acres, more or less.

This parcel of land, situated in Pahrump, is being offered as a non-competitive FLPMA sale to Mr. Edward E. Wheeler. This land is not required for any federal purposes. The sale is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest.

In the event of a sale, conveyance of the available mineral interests will occur simultaneously with the sale of the land. The mineral interests being offered for conveyance have no known mineral value. Acceptance of a direct sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those mineral interests. The applicant will be required to pay a \$50.00 non-returnable filing fee for conveyance of the available mineral interests.

The patent, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. Oil, gas, sodium, potassium and saleable minerals, and will be subject to:

1. An easement for roads, public utilities and flood control purposes in accordance with the transportation plan for Nye County/the City of Pahrump. Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the above described lands will continue to be segregated from all other forms appropriate under the public land laws including the general mining laws, except for sales and disposal under the mineral disposal laws. The segregative effect will end upon issuance of a patent or 270 days from the date of the publication, whichever occurs first.

Publication of this notice in the Federal Register previously occurred on April 18, 1996 (61 FR 16933), July 13, 1995 (60 FR 36157) and, December 27, 1994 (59 FR 49251). The December 27, 1994, publication allowed for the required 45 day comment period. Publication of this notice will not initiate an additional comment period. The Bureau of Land Management may accept or reject any or all offers, or withdraw any land or interest in the land from sale, if, in the opinion of the authorized officer, consummation of the sale would not be fully consistent with FLPMA, or other applicable laws.

Dated: January 8, 1997.

James Wesley Abbott,
Acting District Manager, Las Vegas, NV.

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