

Permit No. 823442

Applicant: Richard Long, Houston, Texas

The applicant requests authorization to collect specimens of prairie dawn (*Hymenoxys texana*) from population sites in the wild at Addicks and Barker reservoirs, southwest Harris County and northeast Fort Bend County, Texas. They will be preserved for use as an educational exhibit of the interpretive center at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Addick Project Office at Barker reservoir.

Permit No. PRT-823964

Applicant: Dr. Paul Krausman, Tucson, Arizona

The applicant requests authorization to survey for Mexican spotted owls (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) on U.S. Navy Observatory property in Flagstaff, Arizona for the purpose of making appropriate management decisions regarding timber thinning and fire control.

Permit No. PRT-823956

Applicant: Dr. Thomas M. Engels, Austin, Texas

The applicant requests authorization to conduct surveys of large fruited sand verbena (*Abronia macrocarpa*), Navasota ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*), and the Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*) at the ALCOA Sandow Mine and surrounding areas in Milam and Lee Counties, Texas. No individuals of any species will be handled, captured, or removed from the wild at any time.

Permit No. PRT-824062

Applicant: Joseph Lawrence Kowalski, McAllen, Texas

The applicant requests authorization to receive deceased sea turtle specimens from the Coastal Studies Laboratory in South Padre Island, Texas. The director of the facility, has agreed to sign over any deceased listed, sea turtle specimens to Mr. Kowalski for taxonomy and comparative anatomy studies in his classroom.

Permit No. PRT-824714

Applicant: Barney Wegener, Farmington, New Mexico

The applicant requests authorization to conduct field surveys, locate, and map the distribution of Mexican spotted owls (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Rio Arriba, San Juan, and McKinley Counties, New Mexico.

**DATES:** Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before March 13, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents. 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, to the address above.

Lynn B. Starnes,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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#### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-930-07-1310-00-241A; LAES 46792]

#### Mississippi: Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease LAES 46792, Wayne County, Mississippi, was timely filed and accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from June 1, 1996, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent. Payment of \$500 in administrative fees and a \$125 publication fee has been made.

The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective June 1, 1996, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. This is in accordance with section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gina Goodwin at (703) 440-1534.

Dated: January 31, 1997.

Marilyn H. Johnson,

Associate State Director.

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[ES-930-07-1310-00-241A; LAES 46793]

#### Mississippi: Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease LAES 46793, Wayne County, Mississippi, was timely filed and accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from June 1, 1996, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent. Payment of \$500 in administrative fees and a \$125 publication fee has been made.

The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective June 1, 1996, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. This is in accordance with section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gina Goodwin at (703) 440-1534.

Dated: January 30, 1997.

Marilyn H. Johnson,

Associate State Director.

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#### Prohibited Acts in Owyhee National Wild and Scenic River Area

**AGENCY:** Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of amendment to closures and restrictions within the boundaries of the Main Owyhee River as established in the Main, West Little and North Fork Owyhee National Wild and Scenic Rivers Management Plan. Refer to Federal Register Notice Vol. 59, No. 240 dated Thursday, December 15, 1994.

**SUMMARY:** The Vale District is amending 2 closures or restrictions that were initiated as part of the implementation of the 1993 Main, West Little and North Fork Owyhee National Wild and Scenic Rivers Management Plan. One change is made to incorporate the original intent of requiring all float boaters to carry a firepan, and the other is to allow