

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application must be received on or before March 31, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the permit application may obtain a copy by writing to the Assistant Field Supervisor, Utah Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 145 East 1300 South Street, Suite 404, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, or by appointment only, during business hours (8:00 AM to 4:30 PM) at the above address.

Written data or comments concerning the permit application should be submitted to the Assistant Field Supervisor, Utah Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Salt Lake City, Utah (see **ADDRESSES** above). Please refer to permit number PRT-825570 in all correspondence regarding these documents.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert D. Williams, Assistant Field Supervisor or Marilet A. Zablan, Wildlife Biologist, at the above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office in Salt Lake City, Utah (see **ADDRESSES** above) (telephone: (801) 524-5001, facsimile: (801) 524-5021).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of any threatened or endangered species, such as the threatened Utah Prairie Dog. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take threatened or endangered wildlife species when such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

#### Applicant

The Applicant plans to develop a 6.3-acre church facility, located in section 35 in Township 35 South, Range 11 West, Salt Lake Base and Meridian, within Cedar City, Iron County, Utah. Development is planned to include a meeting house, seminary building, parking area, and installation of associated infrastructure such as natural gas, sewer, water, electrical power, and telephone service. The construction will impact 6.3 acres of Utah Prairie Dog habitat, and the Applicant foresees an incidental take of a maximum of 22 Utah Prairie Dogs through trapping and relocation and the potential incidental take of no more than two Utah Prairie Dogs as a result of direct mortality during construction. The Applicant proposes to compensate for this habitat loss by payment of \$900 per acre for

each acre developed, to be used for public land management actions for Utah Prairie Dog conservation and to implement recovery actions for conservation of the Utah Prairie Dog, through contribution to the Utah Prairie Dog Conservation Fund.

A no-action alternative to the proposed action was considered, consisting of foregoing the development of the 6.3-acre area of Utah Prairie Dog habitat. The no-action alternative was rejected for reasons including loss of use of the private property, resulting in significant economic loss to the Applicant.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et. seq.*) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et. seq.*)

Dated: February 24, 1997.

Terry Terrell,

*Deputy Regional Director, Region 6, Denver, Colorado.*

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#### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice for Publication; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Section 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(1), will be issued to Calista Corporation for approximately 36.8 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Nunivak Island, Alaska.

Seward Meridian, Alaska

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A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Anchorage Daily News. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until March 31, 1997 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the

address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Patricia A. Baker,

*Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.*

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#### National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board; Notice

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for seven seats on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board. The Advisory Board, created in 1997 by the Secretary of the Interior, provides advice to BLM on matters pertinent to the Bureau of Land Management's responsibilities for the management of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. Nominations should be received 45 days from the publication date of this notice. In making appointments to the Advisory Board, the Secretary will also consider nominations made by the Governor of Oregon. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish advisory councils to provide advice on land use planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. In order to reflect a fair balance of viewpoints, the membership of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board must represent various interests concerned with the management of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. These include:

1. The Wallowa Whitman Forest Supervisor or his designee.
  2. A representative from Trail Tenders, Inc.
  3. A representative from the Oregon Trail Preservation Trust.
  4. A representative from the business community.
  5. A representative of county or local elected office.
  6. Two members of public-at-large.
- Individuals may nominate themselves or other but nominees must be residents of Oregon. Nominees will be evaluated