

polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-828866

Applicant: Everett Pannkuk, Jr., Raleigh, NC.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-829415

Applicant: Roger Lee Baber, Jr., Churchville, VA.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications as well as the applications of Kenneth Johnson (PRT-829284) and Ronald Baetens (PRT-829285) published in last weeks **Federal Register** should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

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 at the above address.

Dated: May 19, 1997.

Anna Barry,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Plan Amendment to Land Use Plans in the Development of Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management on Public Lands in California and Northwestern Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in California has available a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) to address Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management as provided in BLM's grazing regulations (43 CFR part 4100) and to amend, as necessary, existing Land Use Plans in the State. The Draft EIS is prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. This notice announces the availability of the Draft EIS for public review and comment.

DATES: Comments concerning the Draft EIS must be received by August 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments to the Draft EIS and requests to receive a copy of the Draft EIS should be mailed to Rangeland Health Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825-0451.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Morrison at (916) 979-2830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM opened an initial scoping period on March 25, 1996, closing on April 24, 1996 and due to public desires, reopened the scoping period on August 5, 1996, closing September 4, 1996. Information taken during the scoping periods, information developed from BLM's Resource Advisory Councils (RACs), and other information, both existing and new, were used to formulate alternatives and to analyze the impacts to the environment as documented in the Draft EIS.

As indicated in the previous notices of intent, BLM is required by grazing management regulations (43 CFR part 4100), effective August 21, 1995 to develop state-wide Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management. The final selected Standards and Guidelines (S&Gs) will be incorporated into existing Land Use Plans as plan amendments. The draft EIS is tiered to the national EIS which

was completed in early 1995 during the development of the above referenced regulations. The development of rangeland S&Gs for the public owned rangelands in Southern California are not included in this effort and will be developed later in conjunction with the development of coordinated management plans.

There are four alternative sets of rangeland S&Gs considered in the Draft EIS including: (1) a set of S&Gs from each of three RACs which constitutes the proposed action, (2) a consolidated state-wide set of S&Gs, (3) a set of fall-back S&Gs as references in the regulations and constitutes the no action alternative, and (4) a set of S&Gs for rapid improvement and recovery of rangeland health. The Draft EIS analyzes the environmental, social, and economic impacts for each alternative.

The public is invited to comment on the Draft EIS as to the adequacy of the analysis, suggest modifications and provide recommendations to consider in finalizing EIS and development of plan amendments. No formal public hearings or meetings are anticipated.

Dated: May 12, 1997.

Carl Rountree,

Acting Deputy State Director, Ecosystem Sciences and Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District, Interior.

NOTICE: Notice of Meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council.

ACTION: Meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council; June 11, 1997, in Spokane, Washington.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council will be held on June 11, 1997. The meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m., at the Red Lion, "Spokane Falls Ball Room", 322 Spokane Falls Ct., Spokane, Washington, 99201; (509) 455-9600. The meeting will adjourn at approximately 9:00 p.m. or upon completion of business. Public comments will be heard from 7:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. If necessary to accommodate all wishing to make public comments, a time limit may be placed upon each speaker. The purposes of the meeting are to discuss the status