

Ecological Services Field Office, 300 West Congress, Room 4D, Tucson, Arizona 85701 (520-670-4860), or Angie Brooks, Arizona Ecological Services Field Office, 2321 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, Arizona 85021, (602-640-2720; Fax 602-640-2730). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (7:30 to 4:30), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tucson or Phoenix, Arizona. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Phoenix, Arizona (see address above). Please refer to permit number PRT-837858 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Duncan at the above Tucson Suboffice.

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

The EA considers the environmental consequences of two alternatives, including the proposed action. Three other alternatives were explored, but were rejected as unworkable. The proposed action alternative is issuance of the incidental take permit and implementation of the HCP as submitted by the Applicant. The HCP provides for a strategy to conserve the listed and unlisted Plan Species and to restore watershed health in the West Turkey Creek drainage. The HCP is designed to provide a net benefit to the Plan Species. The HCP has stipulations for monitoring of species populations and habitats and functioning of the HCP. The HCP also provides for funding the mitigation measures and monitoring. The Service specifically requests comment on the appropriateness of the "No Surprises" assurances contained in this application.

Applicant: El Coronado Ranch plans to pursue ranching and related activities on 1,920 acres of private land and 13,284 acres of leased grazing allotments. The anticipated incidental take will occur on ponds, ditches, and associated structures on private land. El Coronado Ranch is located in the West Turkey Creek watershed of the

Chiricahua Mountains, Cochise County, Arizona.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request revising the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503 and to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Industrial Minerals Surveys.

Current OMB approval number: 1032-0038.

Abstract: Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with domestic production and consumption data on nonfuel mineral commodities. This information is published as Annual Reports, Mineral Industry Surveys, and

in Mineral Commodity Summaries for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

Bureau form numbers: Pending OMB information collection approval. (37 forms)

Frequency: Monthly, Quarterly, Semiannual, and Annual.

Description of respondents: Producers and consumers of Industrial Minerals.

Annual Responses: 15,162.

Annual burden hours: 10,203.

Bureau clearance officer: John E. Cordyack, Jr., 703-648-7313.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection to be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request extending the collection of information listed below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

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