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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10 (a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Permit No.'s: 741345, 756268, 777965, 816204, 831207, 787392, 745541, 804203, 744707, 802453, 787644, 809230, 775869

Applicants: Baxter Consulting Services, Lake Mathews, California; Philip Behrends, Solana Beach, California; LSA, Irvine, California; Douglas Kelt, Davis, California; Kirtland Biological Services, Riverside, California; San Bernardino County Museum, Redlands, California; SJM Biological Consultants, San Diego, California; Stephen Myers, Riverside, California; Michael O'Farrel, Las Vegas, Nevada; Mary Price, Riverside, California; William Vanherweg, Bakersfield, California; Leroy McClenaghan, San Diego, California; Richard Friesen, Irvine, California.

These applicants request a permit amendment to take (capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys, population monitoring, and research in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No.'s: 780195, 786497, 802447, 781220, 783926

Applicants: Royce B. Riggan, Jr., San Diego, California; Paul Principe, Murrieta, California; Kimberly Miller, San Diego, California; William D. Wagner, Wrightwood, California; California Department of Transportation, San Diego, California.

These applicants request a permit amendment to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and ecological research throughout the species' range in California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No.'s: 838741, 839084, 839078

Applicant: Larry D. Munsey, Tustin, California; Wendy Loeffler, Orange, California; Spencer Langdon, Costa Mesa, California.

These applicants request a permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and ecological research throughout the species' range in California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 838739

Applicant: Larry Munsey International, Irvine, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and ecological research throughout the species' range in California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 702631

Applicant: Assistant Regional Director-Ecological Services, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) throughout the species' range in California in conjunction with recovery efforts, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before March 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Division of Consultation and Conservation Planning, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; FAX: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments, including names and addresses, received will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each

application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: February 4, 1998.

Don Weathers,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the Star Cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*) for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for the star cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*). This species occurs in the grasslands and thornshrub of the Rio Grande Plains of Texas and Tamaulipas, Mexico. It is found on gravelly clays or loams overlaying the Tertiary Catahoula and Frio formations in the United States, and on soils of limestone origin overlaying Cenozoic to Mesozoic marine sediments in Tamaulipas. The historical range of star cactus included Cameron, Hidalgo, and Starr Counties in South Texas and the states of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas in Mexico. The cactus was historically and is still found on private lands and may also occur on State lands or highway right-of-ways. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before May 11, 1998, to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may examine a copy by contacting Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Field Office, c/o TAMU-CC Campus Box 338, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78412. Telephone (512) 994-9005. Fax No. (512) 994-8262. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should also be addressed to the above address. Comments and materials received will be made available upon request for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Corpus Christi) at (512) 994-9005.