

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit**

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-002648

Applicant: Michelle Chapman, Sarasota, FL.

The applicant requests a permit to reexport and reimport leopards (*Panthera pardus*), and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

PRT-001990

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive-born male Kuhl's deer (*Axis kuhlii*) from Zoo Poznan, Poland for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

PRT-002885

Applicant: Emil J. Graham, Jr., Homestead, FL.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-002952

Applicant: Thomas E. Cate, Tulsa, OK.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

PRT-002869

Applicant: Robert B. Ashton, Hanover, NH.

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

Written data or comments, requests for copies of any of these complete applications, or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, 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 a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Documents and other information submitted with the application 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 to the above address within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: September 18, 1998.

Mary Ellen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-930-1430-01; N-49782]

Termination of Recreation and Public Purpose Classification; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action terminates Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Classification N-49782 in its entirety. The land will be opened to the public land laws generally, including the mining and mineral leasing laws.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Gene L. Drais, Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, HC 33, Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael McGinty, Realty Specialist, at the above address or telephone (702) 289-1882.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority delegated by appendix 1 of Bureau of Land Management Manual 1203 dated April 6, 1998, Recreation and Public Purpose Classification N-49782 is hereby terminated in its entirety:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 1 N., R. 68 E.,

Sec. 16, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, S¹/₂NW¹/₄, S¹/₂,

Sec. 17, E¹/₂SE¹/₄,

Sec. 21, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, N¹/₂NW¹/₄.

The area described contains 640 acres in Lincoln County.

The classification made pursuant to the Act of June 14, 1926, as amended, segregated the public land from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including location under the United States mining laws and the mineral leasing laws. The land was leased to the State of Nevada, Division of State Lands for the construction of a women's prison facility. The women's prison facility was never developed. The lease expired February 14, 1996. The Recreation and Public Purpose classification is, therefore, no longer considered appropriate.

At 10 a.m. on October 23, 1998, the land will be open to the operation of the public land laws and the mineral leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, existing classifications and withdrawals, and requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received prior to or at 9 a.m. on October 23, 1998, will be considered as simultaneously filed. All other applications received will be considered in order of filing.

At 9 a.m. on October 23, 1998, the lands described above will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of lands under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38, shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a