

Federal holiday on Monday, February 15, 1999, this notice, generally published every Friday, will be published on Monday, February 22, 1999.

Dated: February 16, 1999.

Camille E. Acevedo,

Assistant General Counsel for Regulations.

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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-007653

Applicant: International Center for Gibbon Studies, Santa Clarita, CA

The applicant requests a permit to import two male and two female wild caught hoolock gibbons (*Hylobates hoolock*) from Yangon Zoological Gardens, Myanmar, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through conservation education, propagation, and scientific research.

PRT-008037

Applicant: John M. Saba, Jr., Sarasota, FL

The applicant requests a permit to import 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 purposes of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-007980

Applicant: Bodega Bay Institute, Berkeley, CA

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples salvaged from infertile eggs, unhatched eggs, and dead nestlings of the Bermuda petrel (*Pterodroma cahow*) by representatives of the government of Bermuda for the purpose of scientific research on marine contaminants affecting the recovery of the species. This notice covers activities by the applicant for a period of 5 years.

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 applications were 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-843163

Applicant: Eugene Giscombe, Amityville, NY

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.

The following applicants have each requested a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from the Lancaster Sound or Norwegian Bay populations, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant/Address	PRT-
Lancaster Sound Populations	
Henry Anderson III, Tulare, CA	004877
Harold Armstrong, Modesto, CA ..	844554
Rex Baker, Marietta, GA	007078
Kenneth Lee Barr, Kelseyville, CA	004730
Lee Bernson, Traverse City, MI ...	006591
Dort S. Bigg, Manchester, NH	004451
Johnny Bliznak, Abilene, TX	004455
Don Brown, Silverton, TX	004875
Dennis Brownley, Bulverde, TX ...	003835
Dennis Danner, Spencerville, MD	007279
James DiFrancia, Yorktown Heights, NY	843640
James Hugh Doyle, Kenai, AK	002160
Roger Ebnet, Avon, MN	003974
Lawrence Epping, Salem, OR	004769
Robert B. Fay, Allison Park, PA ...	841665
Gary Joal Ganz, Beverly Shores, IN	844917
Robert Gegenheimer, Wortham, TX	843446
Val Goldthwaite, Brielle, NJ	842041
John Grabenstein, Atlanta, GA ...	004452
Kenneth Greg, Emporium, PA	003421
Leonard Guldman, Aurora, CO ...	007981
William Haley, Mead, WA	004879
Irving Hansen, Wauwatosha, WI ...	841144
Arthur Kobrine, Potomac, MD	004766
Steve Kobrine, Potomac, MD	006302
George Koebel, Waleska, GA	007081
Thomas LaBarge, Medford, WI ...	003976
Harold Landis, Silver Spring, MD	007278
Michael Langer, Burlington, CT	843641
Peter Leach, Kansasville, WI	842321
Leo Mack, Jr., Tyler, TX	005290
Gerald Medlin, Sullivan, MO	842843
Grant Medlin, Bourbon, MO	840855
Greg Medlin, Omaha, NE	843166
Jeffrey Miller, Omaha, NE	004771
Willis Moore III, Beverly, NJ	004876
Michael P. O'Neill, Centre Hall, PA	003414
Joe Baker Owen, Abilene, TX	003075

Applicant/Address	PRT-
Walter Prothero, Eden, UT	004450
Arlo Reynolds, Stoneboro, PA	004871
Jerry Rubenstein, Bellaire, TX	004001
Larry Saltzgiver, Hanover, PA	007670
Danny Sardella, Greensboro, GA	004449
Pat Short, Waco, TX	007671
Daniel Smith, San Jose, CA	004453
Tommy Smith, Salisbury, NC	842044
Kirk Sorensen, Stillwater, MN	843725
Gregory Stafford, Chelan, WA	004925
Daniel Stiehl, Bloomer, WI	843164
R.R. Tipton, Myrtle Beach, SC	841984
Ken Trudell, DePere, WI	004729
Carl Ulberg, Grandville, MI	003949
James D. Verbugge, Grand Rapids, MI	003975
John F. Walchli, Hermiston, OR ...	004732
Gary Waterhouse, Chetck, WI	001500
Dean Wilkie, Lenoir, NC	840282
William Wilson, Beaver Dam, WI	004767
Robert Wood, San Francisco, CA	006301
Norwegian Bay Populations	
Ivan McDaniel, John Day, OR	003659

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete applications, or requests for a public hearing on any of 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 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 to the above address within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: February 16, 1999.

Mary Ellen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-09-1320-01; WYW/147809]

Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended by section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.A. 201(b), and to the regulations adopted as 43 CFR, Subpart 3410, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Antelope Coal Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands in Campbell and Converse Counties, WY:

T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 14: Lot 5;

Sec. 15: Lots 7, 8, 15, 16;

Sec. 22: Lots 3, 9, 10, 12;

Sec. 23: Lots 5, 6, 13;

Sec. 25: Lots 11, 14;

Sec. 26: Lots 2, 4, 5, 7, 12, 13;

Sec. 27: Lots 1, 2, 14.

Containing 903.36 acres, more or less.

All of the coal in the above-described land consists of unleased Federal coal within the Powder River Basin Known Recoverable Coal Resource Area. The purpose of the exploration program is to assess overburden quality.

ADDRESSES: The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYM147809): Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and, Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, 1701 East "E" Street, Casper, WY 82601.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of invitation will be published in "The News-Record" of Gillette, WY, once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the week of February 15, 1999, and in the **Federal Register**. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land Management and Antelope Coal Company no later than thirty days after publication of this invitation in the **Federal Register**. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Antelope Coal Company, Attn: Patrick J. Baumann, Caller Box 3008, Gillette, WY 82717, and the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, Minerals and Lands Authorization Group, Attn: Mavis Love, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

The foregoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR, Section 3410.2-1(c)(1).

Dated: February 9, 1999.

Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Leasable Minerals Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-610-09-1220-00]

Imperial Gold Mine Project; National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; Public Hearing

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Pub. Ls. 92-463 and 94-579, that the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Bureau of Land Management will hold a formal public hearing to gather comments and hear concerns regarding the proposed Imperial Gold Mine Project from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 1999. The hearing will be held in the Convention Center at the Barbara Worth Resort, located at 2050 Country Club Drive in Holtville, California.

All public comments will be recorded, and the transcript will become part of the record. Speaking time will be divided equally among those who register to make public comments.

The proposed Imperial Project, an open pit, heap leach gold mine, would be located in eastern Imperial County, approximately 45 miles northeast of El Centro and 20 miles northwest of Yuma, Arizona. The proposed project area would encompass approximately 1,625 acres of public lands administered by the BLM, of which 1,392 acres would be disturbed.

The proposed Imperial Project would be operated by the Glamis Imperial Corporation, formerly known as Chemgold Corporation. Approximately 150 million tons of ore and 300 million tons of waste rock would be mined from three open pits during the operation of the mine, which would conclude in the year 2018.

The site for the proposed mining project is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Archaeological and cultural inventories indicate the site has scientifically important archaeological, cultural, and spiritual value. The proposed mine could adversely effect or part of the land.

The Bureau of Land Management and the County of Imperial released a joint draft environmental impact statement/ environmental impact report for the proposed project on December 8, 1997. Public comment on the draft ended April 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carole Levitzky at (909) 697-5217 or Doran Sanchez at (909) 697-5220, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs.

Dated: February 12, 1999.

Carole Levitzky,

Assistant District Manager, External Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management, Interior

[CA-920-1310-03; CACA 35881]

California: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Pub. L. 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease CACA 35881 for lands in Kings County, California, was timely filed and was accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from November 1, 1998, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms of rentals and royalties at the rate of \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice.

The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease CACA 35881 effective November 1, 1998, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bonnie Edgerly, Land Law Examiner, California State Office (916) 978-4370.

Dated: February 12, 1999.

Leroy M. Mohorich,

Chief, Branch of Energy Mineral Science, and Adjudication.

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