

incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE-019709-0. The request permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction of a single family residence on Lot 14. Two Coves Road, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before January 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contracting Scott Rowin, Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0063). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Austin, Texas at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-019709-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Rowin at the above Austin Ecological Services Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take 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.

Applicant: David Anderson plans to construct a single family residence on Lot 14, 8004 Two Coves Drive, Austin, Travis County, Texas. This action will

eliminate less than one acre of habitat and indirectly impact less than four additional acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by donating \$1,500 into the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible, and alteration of the project design would not decrease the impacts.

Thomas L. Bauer,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare Land Use Plan Amendments for Land Tenure Adjustment and New Designations of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) Within the Upper Snake River District (USRD), Shoshone Field Office in Southern Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Intent, Amendment of the existing Sun Valley, Bennett Hills/Timmerman Hills and Magic Management Framework Plans (MFPs) and the Monument Resource Management Plan (RMP) for (a) land ownership adjustments and (b) designation of new Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR 1600, the USRD, Shoshone Field Office proposes to amend the Field Office's existing MFPs and RMP to identify public lands retention and transfer zones within the USRD, Shoshone Field Office area. Also pursuant to 43 CFR 1610, new areas having potential for ACEC designation and protective management shall be identified and considered. The Shoshone Field Office manages approximately 1.8 million acres of public land, located primarily in Blaine, Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln Counties, with a small portion in Elmore and Minidoka Counties.

DATES: Written comments on the BLM's intention to prepare these proposed land use plan amendments will be accepted until January 31, 2000. An informal public scoping meeting to

identify planning issues and alternatives will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on January 12, 2000, at the fire conference room at the Shoshone Field Office warehouse, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, Idaho. Additional meetings will be considered as appropriate.

ADDRESS, LOCATION AND AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

All documents related to the proposed amendments are located at the USRD, Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, Idaho. The hours of availability are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above street address and times and may be published as part of the environmental assessment (EA) or other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment.

Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. Comments should be sent to Bill Baker, Shoshone Field Office Manager, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 2-B, Shoshone, Idaho 83352.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the proposed land use plan amendments may be obtained from Debbie Kovar, Realty Specialist, at P.O. Box 2-B, Shoshone, Idaho 83352, or by calling (208) 886-2206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The amendments will include proposals to identify changes in public lands retention or transfer status and designate new ACECs. Appropriate alternatives to the proposed amendments will be identified and analyzed in a draft amendment document and accompanying environmental assessment. These documents will be made available for public comment.

At a minimum, expertise related to the following topics will be utilized during the planning process: lands, wildlife habitat, rangeland management, minerals, cultural resources, trust responsibilities, treaty rights, watershed/soils, threatened/endangered and sensitive species and hazardous materials. As issues are identified, appropriate additional expertise will be

added to the planning team. Staff members representing these resources will be involved in the planning process.

The BLM anticipates that at least the following issues would be considered during preparation of the proposed amendments:

1. Which public lands should be retained in public ownership, and identified for "retention only" (i.e., not available for disposal)?

2. Should land tenure actions be taken to improve manageability of public lands in areas having high public value? If so, where are these lands located (i.e., which lands are considered to be of "high value" and also in need of land tenure adjustments to consolidate ownership or otherwise improve BLM's ability to manage resources on the lands)? Is there a need to consolidate ownership of scattered parcels of public land by exchanging for private or State lands? If so, which areas are most important, which public lands could be disposed of by exchange, and which non-federal lands should the BLM seek to acquire?

3. Which lands, if any, should be identified for disposal by sale, exchange, or under other authorities, to address concerns such as trespass, community expansion, enhanced manageability of State and Federal lands, pending expiration of land use permits, etc.?

4. If public lands are proposed for exchange, should there be some kind of priority process utilized in considering the resource values gained and lost? For example, should the exchange lands provide better federal land management, and better meet the needs of the State of Idaho and local people? Should it be considered whether the lands needed are for the economy, community expansion, recreation areas, food, wood fiber production, minerals, and fish and wildlife habitat, or other important values and uses?

5. In addition to presently designated Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs), which public lands, if any, should be considered for designation as ACECs?

Dated: November 30, 1999.

James E. May,
District Manager.

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ACTION: Development of a Recreation Management Plan to guide the activities in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area through the next decade. The current plan was written in 1987 and is in need of revision. The recent listing of Threatened and Endangered Species, use patterns, and demographics for the Imperial Sand Dunes have changed in the past 13 years bringing new issues and concerns to be addressed.

SUMMARY: This notice affects public lands under the administrative responsibility of the Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Field Office and is known as the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. The boundary is delineated by in the following townships and ranges.

T12S, R16E,
T17S, R19E,
T16S, R21E

The most highly visited portion of the dune system is traversed to the north by Highway 78 and the south by Interstate 8. The west boundary follows the abandoned Old Coachella Canal, while the east boundary follows the Union Pacific Railroad. The exact planning area location is available at the El Centro BLM office.

Public Scoping meetings have been established to allow comments and public participation at the following dates and locations:

January 10, 2000 6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m	Yuma, AZ	Yuma Civic and Convention Center, 1440 W Desert Hills Drive, Yuma, AZ.
January 12, 2000 6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m	Long Beach, CA	Long Beach Gas Co. 2400 East Spring Street, Long Beach, CA.
January 14, 2000 6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m	Cahuilla	Cahuilla Ranger Station, Gecko Road, Imperial Sand Dunes.
January 25, 2000 6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m	Phoenix, AZ	Phoenix Public Library, Music Room—4th Floor, Phoenix, AZ.
January 27, 2000 6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m	San Diego, CA	San Diego County Admin Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA.

DATES: The planning process and comment period will be effective December 15, 1999. Interested parties may submit comments to the Field Manager, El Centro Field Office, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243 until February 29, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Roxie Trost, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243 or telephone (760) 337-4436.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

Elayne Briggs,
Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Alaska Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Region Offshore Advisory Committee; Notice and Agenda for Meeting

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Alaska OCS Region Offshore Advisory Committee of the Minerals Management Service will meet on Thursday, January 6, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The agenda will cover the following principal subjects:

—The area identification for Proposed OCS oil and gas lease Sale 176, Beaufort Sea.

The meeting is open to the public. Upon request, interested parties may make oral presentations or submit written materials to the Alaska OCS Region Offshore Advisory Committee. Such requests should be made no later than December 30, 1999. Requests to make oral statements should be accompanied by a summary of the statement to be made. All oral presentations and written statements submitted before the conclusion of the meeting will be made part of the meeting record and will be made available to the Committee for its