

**Texas**

Land—Approx. 50 acres  
Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant  
Texarkana Co: Bowie TX 75505-9100  
Landholding Agency: Army  
Property Number: 219420308  
Status: Unutilized  
Reason: Secured Area

Land—Harrison Bayou  
Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant  
Karnack Co: Harrison TX 75661  
Landholding Agency: Army  
Property Number: 219640187  
Status: Unutilized  
Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material; Floodway

Land—.036 acres  
Fort Sam Houston  
San Antonio Co: Bexar TX 78234-5000  
Landholding Agency: Army  
Property Number: 219730202  
Status: Unutilized  
Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material

**Wisconsin**

Land  
Badger Army Ammunition Plant  
Baraboo Co: Sauk WI 53913-  
Location: Vacant land within plant boundaries.  
Landholding Agency: Army  
Property Number: 219013783  
Status: Unutilized  
Reason: Secured Area

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Information Collection Renewal To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Information collection; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The collection of information described below will be submitted to OMB for renewal under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. A copy of the information collection requirement is included in this notice. Copies of specific information collection requirements, related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Service Information Collection Office at the address and/or phone numbers listed below.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before April 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and suggestions on specific requirements should be sent to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW, Washington DC 20240. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the above address. You may also comment via the Internet to R9LE www@fws.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "Attn: Information Collection Renewal, 3-177 Form" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed below. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Adams, Chief, Office of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, telephone (703) 358-1949, fax (703) 358-2271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will submit a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information for the "Declaration For Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife." The current OMB control number is 1018-0012. As part of this process, we invite comments on (1) whether the collection of information is necessary as it relates to the function of the Service, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden on the public to complete the form; and (3) ways to enhance the quality and clarity of the information collection for those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. This form will be made available in an electronic format. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1538(e)) makes it unlawful to import or export fish, wildlife or plants without filing any declaration or report deemed necessary for enforcing the Act or upholding the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). The U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service Form 3-177, "Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife," is the documentation required of any individual importing or exporting a fish or wildlife product into or out of the United States. The information collected is unique to each wildlife shipment and enables the Service to accurately inspect the contents of the shipment, maintain records and enforce government regulations. Additionally, much of the collected information is compiled in an annual report and is forwarded to the CITES Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland. Submission of an annual report on the number and types of imports and exports of fish and wildlife is a treaty obligation under CITES.

Service personnel use the information obtained from a 3-177 form as an enforcement tool and management aid in monitoring the international wildlife market and detecting trends and changes in the commercial trade of wildlife and plants. The Agency's Office of Scientific Authority and the Office of Management Authority use this data to assess the needs for additional protection for indigenous species.

In addition, non-government organizations, as well as the commercial wildlife community request information that has been obtained from the 3-177 declaration form.

The 3-177 form must be filed with the Service at the time of import or export, at a port where clearance is requested. In certain instances, this form may be filed with the U.S. Customs Service.

The standard information collection includes the name of the importer/exporter and broker, the scientific and common name of the wildlife, permit numbers (if a permit is required), a description of the commodity, quantity and value, and country of origin of the wildlife. In addition, information such as the airway bill or bill of lading number, the location of the goods for inspection, and number of cartons containing wildlife assists the inspectors if a physical examination is required, and expedites the inspection and eventual clearance of the shipment.

*Title:* Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife.

*Approval Number:* 1018-0012.

*Service Form Number:* 3-177.

*Frequency of Collection:* Hourly.

*Description of Respondents:*

Businesses or individuals that import/export wildlife, scientific institutions, government agencies.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* The reporting burden is estimated to average 14 minutes per respondent. The total annual burden hours is 19,780 hours.

*Total Annual Responses:*

Approximately 86,000 individual declaration forms are filed with the Service in a fiscal year.

We invite comments on the renewal of the 3-177 form. The information collections in this program are part of a system of records covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of

respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may also be limited circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record, a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address,

you must state this clearly at the beginning of your comment. We will not consider anonymous comments. We generally make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

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## Filing Instructions

**Note:** Failure to file a declaration for importation or exportation of fish or wildlife when required by the regulations in 50 CFR 14.61-14.64 is a violation of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq*)

Regulations concerning the importation and exportation of wildlife may be found in 50 CFR Part 14. Specific regulation concerning the filing of declaration for the importation and exportation of wildlife may be found in 50 CFR 14.61-14.64.

Instructions: File original declaration and up to 2 copies to be retained by Importer/Exporter or broker. Print or type legibly. Provide all relevant information, including supplemental documentation (as required in 50 CFR 14.52(c)(1-5)).

1. Enter the date of import or export (as defined by 50 CFR 14.4)

2. Enter Import/Export License Number as in 50 CFR 14.91.

3. Check appropriate box.

4. Use 2-letter code on list. Include a copy of your Non-designated Port Permit, if applicable. If the Port is not listed, use the numeric code for the Region where the port is located.

Agana, GU—AG  
 Alcan, AK—AL  
 Anchorage, AK—AN  
 Atlanta, GA—AT  
 Baltimore, MD—BA  
 Blaine, WA—BL  
 Boston, MA—BO  
 Brownsville, TX—BV  
 Buffalo/Niagara Falls, NY—BN  
 Calais, ME—CA  
 Calexico, CA—CX  
 Champlain, NY—CP  
 Chicago, IL—CH  
 Cleveland, OH—CL  
 Dallas, Fort Worth, TX—DF  
 Del Rio, TX—DR  
 Denver, CO—DN  
 Detroit, MI—DE  
 Douglas, AZ—DG  
 Dunseith, ND—DS  
 Eastport, ID—EA  
 El Paso, TX—EL  
 Fairbanks, AK—FB  
 Golden, CO—GO  
 Grand Portage, MN—GP  
 Highgate Springs, VT—HS  
 Honolulu, HI—HA  
 Houlton, ME—HO  
 Houston, TX—HN  
 International Falls, MN—IF  
 Jackman, MN—JK  
 Juneau, AK—JU  
 Laredo, TX—LR  
 Los Angeles, CA—LA  
 Lukeville, AZ—LK  
 Miami, FL—MI  
 Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN—MP  
 New Orleans, LA—NO  
 New York, NY—NY  
 Newark, NJ—NW  
 Nogales, AZ—NG  
 Norfolk, VA—NF  
 Pembina, ND—PB  
 Philadelphia, PA—PA  
 Port Huron, MI—PH

Portal, ND—PL  
 Portland, OR—PT  
 Raymond, MT—RY  
 San Diego/San Ysidro, CA—SY  
 San Francisco, CA—SF  
 San Juan, PR—SJ  
 Sault Saint Marie, MI—SS  
 Seattle, WA—SE  
 Sumas, WA—SU  
 Sweetgrass, MT—SW  
 Tampa, FL—TP  
 Tulsa, OK—TU  
 Washington Dulles, VA—DU  
 Region 1—Other 01  
 Region 2—Other 02  
 Region 3—Other 03  
 Region 4—Other 04  
 Region 5—Other 05  
 Region 6—Other 06  
 Region 7—Other 07

5. Use one-letter Purpose Code on list.

T—Commercial  
 Z—Zoos  
 G—Botanical gardens  
 Q—Circuses and traveling exhibitions  
 S—Scientific  
 H—Hunting trophies  
 P—Personal  
 M—Biomedical research  
 E—Educational  
 N—Reintroduction or introduction into the wild  
 B—Breeding in captivity or artificial propagation

6. Provide the Customs entry number, if applicable.

7. Name of carrier—airline, vessel, rail or truck company, or personally owned vehicle.

8. Provide Master, House Airway Bill number or Bill of Lading, if applicable.

9. Use one-letter Transportation Code on list. For automobiles, list license number and state.

A—Air cargo  
 R—Rail  
 M—Mail  
 P—Personal baggage  
 T—Truck (commercial)  
 O—Ocean cargo  
 V—Personal vehicle  
 B—Border crossing on foot

10. Provide bonded location where available for inspection.

11. Indicate the quantity of cartons in the entire shipment containing wildlife.

12. List any unique markings or codes on cartons containing the wildlife, if applicable.

13. Check appropriate box and complete the name and address in full.

14a. Provide complete name and address information.

14b. Use the two letter ISO (International Organization for Standardization) Country Code.

Afghanistan—AF  
 Albania—AL  
 Algeria—DZ  
 American Samoa—AS  
 Andorra—AD  
 Angola—AO  
 Anguilla—AI  
 Antarctica—AQ  
 Antigua and Barbuda—AG  
 Argentina—AR  
 Armenia—AM

Aruba—AW  
 Ascension Islands—GB  
 Australia—AU  
 Austria—AT  
 Azerbaijan—AZ  
 Azores—ES  
 Bahamas—BS  
 Bahrain—BH  
 Bangladesh—BD  
 Barbados—BB  
 Belarus—BY  
 Belgium—BE  
 Belize—BZ  
 Benin—BJ  
 Bermuda—BM  
 Bhutan—BT  
 Bolivia—BO  
 Bosnia-Herzegovina—BA  
 Botswana—BW  
 Bouvet Island—BV  
 Brazil—BR  
 British Indian Ocean Territory—IO  
 British Virgin Islands—VG  
 Brunei Darussalam—BN  
 Bulgaria—BG  
 Burkina Faso—BF  
 Burundi—BI  
 Cambodia (Kampuchea)—KH  
 Cameroon—CM  
 Canada—CA  
 Canary Islands—ES  
 Cape Verde—CV  
 Cayman Islands—KY  
 Central African Republic—CF  
 Chad—TD  
 Chile—CL  
 China, People's Republic of—CN  
 Christmas Island—CX  
 Cocos Islands (Keeling)—CC  
 Colombia—CO  
 Comoros—KM  
 Congo—CG  
 Congo, Democratic Republic of (formerly Zaire)—CD  
 Cook Islands—CK  
 Costa Rica—CR  
 Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—CI  
 Croatia—HR  
 Cuba—CU  
 Curacao (Netherlands Antilles)—AN  
 Cyprus—CY  
 Czech Republic—CZ  
 Denmark—DK  
 Djibouti—DJ  
 Dominica—DM  
 Dominican Republic—DO  
 Ecuador—EC  
 Egypt—EG  
 El Salvador—SV  
 Equatorial Guinea—GQ  
 Eritrea—ER  
 Estonia—EE  
 Ethiopia—ET  
 Falkland Islands (Malvinas)—FK  
 Faroe Islands—FO  
 Fiji—FJ  
 Finland—FI  
 France—FR  
 French Guiana—GF  
 French Polynesia (Tahiti)—PF  
 French Southern and Antarctic Lands—TF  
 Gabon—GA  
 Gambia—GM  
 Gaza Strip—GZ  
 Georgia—GE  
 Germany—DE

Ghana—GH	Norfolk Island—NF	West Bank—WE
Gibraltar—GI	Northern Mariana Islands—MP	“West Indies”/Unidentified Caribbean Is.—WI
Greece—GR	Norway—NO	Western Sahara—EH
Greenland—GL	Oman—OM	Western Samoa—WS
Grenada—GD	Pacific Islands (Miscellaneous)—PC	Yemen—YE
Guadeloupe—GP	Pakistan—PK	Yugoslavia—YU
Guam—GU	Palau—PW	Zambia—ZM
Guatemala—GT	Panama—PA	Zimbabwe—ZW
Guinea—GN	Papua New Guinea—PG	
Guinea-Bissau—GW	Paraguay—PY	15. Enter the name of the appropriate agent, if applicable. (including phone number, FAX number and printed contact name)
Guyana—GY	Peru—PE	16a. List the scientific name for each species. This is a Latin name including genus and species (and sub-species, when applicable).
Haiti—HT	Philippines—PH	16b. Include the common name in English.
Heard and McDonald Islands—HM	Pitcairn Islands—PN	17a. List the shipper's Foreign CITES permit number for each species in 16a, if applicable. List one permit number per block.
Honduras—HN	Poland—PL	17b. List any U.S. CITES permit number, if applicable.
Hong Kong—HK	Portugal—PT	18a. Use the description code from the list below.
Hungary—HU	Puerto Rico—PR	BOC— <i>Bone product</i> or carving
Iceland—IS	Qatar—QA	BOD— <i>Whole dead animal</i>
India—IN	Reunion—RE	BON— <i>Bones</i> (including jaws, but not skulls)
Indonesia—ID	Romania—RO	BOP— <i>Bone pieces</i> (not manufactured)
Iran—IR	Russian Federation—RU	BUL— <i>Bulbs, corms or tubers</i>
Iraq—IQ	Rwanda—RW	CAL— <i>Calipees</i> (turtle calipees or calipashes)
Ireland—IE	Saint Helena—SH	CAP— <i>Carapaces</i> (raw or unworked turtle or tortoise shells)
Israel—IL	Saint Kitts and Nevis—KN	CAR— <i>Carvings</i> (other than bone, horn, or ivory which have separate codes)
Italy—IT	Saint Lucia—LC	CLA— <i>Claws</i>
Jamaica—JM	Saint Pierre and Miquelon—PM	CLO— <i>Cloth</i>
Japan—JP	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines—VC	COR— <i>Coral</i> (raw or unworked))
Jordan—JO	San Marino—SM	CPR— <i>Coral products</i>
Kazakhstan—KZ	Sao Tome and Principe—ST	CUL— <i>Cultures</i> (of artificially propagated plants)
Kenya—KE	Saudi Arabia—SA	CUT— <i>Cuttings</i> (plant cuttings or divisions)
Kiribati—KI	Senegal—SN	DEA— <i>Dead specimens</i> (live animals or plants that died during shipment)
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of—KP	Seychelles—SC	DPL— <i>Dried plants</i>
Korea, Republic of—KR	Sierra Leone—SL	EAR— <i>Ears</i> (usually elephant)
Kuwait—KW	Singapore—SG	EGG— <i>Eggs</i> (whole dead or blown eggs, including caviar)
Kyrgyzstan—KG	Slovakia—SK	EGL— <i>Live eggs</i>
Lao People's Democratic Republic—LA	Slovenia—SI	EXT— <i>Extracts</i> (usually plant)
Latvia—LV	Solomon Islands—SB	FEA— <i>Feathers</i>
Lebanon—LB	Somalia—SO	FIB— <i>Fiber</i> (usually plant, but includes tennis racket strings)
Lesotho—LS	South Africa—ZA	FLO— <i>Flowers</i>
Liberia—LR	South Georgia/South Sandwich Islands—GS	FPT— <i>Flower pots</i> (flower pots made of tree fern fiber)
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya—LY	Spain—ES	LEG— <i>Frog legs</i>
Liechtenstein—LI	Sri Lanka—LK	FRU— <i>Fruit</i>
Lithuania—LT	Sudan—SD	FOO— <i>Feet</i>
Luxembourg—LU	Suriname—SR	GAL— <i>Galls</i> (bile)
Macau—MO	Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands—SJ	GAB— <i>Gall bladders</i>
Macedonia (Skopje)—MK	Swaziland—SZ	GAR— <i>Garments</i> (not including shoe or trim, which have separate codes)
Madagascar (Malagasy)—MG	Sweden—SE	GRS— <i>Graft rootstocks</i>
Malawi—MW	Switzerland—CH	HAI— <i>Hair</i>
Malaysia—MY	Syrian Arab Republic—SY	HAP— <i>Hair products</i> (such as paint brushes, etc.)
Maldives—MV	Taiwan (Province of China)—TW	HOC— <i>Horn carving</i> (horn or antler carvings or products)
Mali—ML	Tajikistan—TJ	HOP— <i>Horn pieces</i> (pieces of horn, not manufactured)
Malta—MT	Tanzania, United Republic of—TZ	HOR— <i>Horns</i> (substantially whole horns or antlers)
Maritius—MU	Thailand—TH	IJW— <i>Ivory jewelry</i>
Marshall Islands—MH	Togo—TG	IVC— <i>Ivory carvings</i>
Martinique—MQ	Tokelau—TK	IVP— <i>Ivory pieces</i> (pieces of ivory, not
Mauritania—MR	Tongu—TO	
Mayotte—YT	Trinidad and Tobago—TT	
Mexico—MX	Tunisia—TN	
Micronesia, Federated States of—FS	Turkey—TR	
Moldova—MD	Turkmenistan—TM	
Monaco—MC	Turks and Caicos Islands—TC	
Mongolia—MN	Tuvalu—TV	
Montserrat—MS	Uganda—UG	
Morocco—MA	Ukraine—UA	
Mozambique—MZ	United Arab Emirates—AE	
Myanmar (Burma)—MM	United Kingdom (England/N. Ireland/Scotland/Wales)—GB	
Namibia—NA	United States Minor Outlying Islands—UM	
Nauru—NR	United States of America—US	
Nepal—NP	United States, Virgin Islands—VI	
Netherlands Antilles—AN	Unknown—XX	
Netherlands—NL	Uruguay—UY	
New Caledonia—NC	Uzbekistan—UZ	
New Zealand—NZ	Vanuatu—VU	
Nicaragua—NI	Vatican City—VA	
Niger—NE	Viet Nam—VN	
Nigeria—NG	Wallis and Futuna Islands—WF	
Niue—NU		

manufactured—includes scraps)  
 JWL—*Jewelry* (other than ivory jewelry)  
 KEY—*Ivory piano keys*  
 LPS—*Small leather product* (small manufactured leather products, e.g. notebooks, purses, wallets, watch bands)  
 LPL—*Large leather products* (large manufactured leather products, e.g. briefcases, furniture, handbags, suitcases)  
 LIV—*Live specimens* (live animal or plant specimens)  
 LVS—*Leaves*  
 ME—*Meat*  
 MED—*Medicinals*  
 MUS—*Musk*  
 OIL—*Oil*  
 PIV—*Pianos with ivory keys*  
 PLA—*Fur plates* (plates of fur skins— includes rugs if made from more than one skin)  
 ROO—*Dead roots* (roots, usually ginseng)  
 RUG—*Rugs* (rugs if made from one skin)  
 SAL—*Saw logs* (substantially whole tree trunks)  
 SAW—*Sawn wood* (tree trunks sawn into unworked planks, beams, blocks, etc.)  
 SCA—*Scales* (Scales of turtles, other reptiles, fish, pangolins)  
 SDL—*Seedlings*  
 SEE—*Seeds*  
 SHE—*Shells* (raw or unworked shells of molluscs or eggshell, except whole eggs)  
 SHO—*Shoes* (shoes or boots)  
 SID—*Sides* (skin sides or flanks, not including tinga frames)  
 SKE—*Skeletons* (substantially whole skeletons)  
 SKI—*Skins* (substantially whole skins, raw or tanned, including tinga frames)  
 SKP—*Skin pieces* (pieces of skin, including scraps, raw or tanned)  
 SKU—*Skulls*  
 SOU—*Soup*  
 SPE—*Scientific specimens* (scientific or biological specimens, including blood, tissue, histological preparations)  
 SPR—*Shell products* (products from mollusc or turtle shells)  
 STE—*Stems* (plant stems)  
 TAI—*Tails*  
 TEE—*Teeth* (tusks are recorded as “TUS”)  
 TIM—*Timber* (raw timber except saw-logs and sawn wood)  
 TRI—*Trim* (shoe trim, garment trim, or other decorative trim)  
 TRO—*Trophies* (all the trophy parts of one animal, if they are exported together e.g., horns, skull, cape, backskin, tail, and feet constitute one trophy)  
 TUS—*Tusks* (substantially whole tusks, whether worked or not)  
 UNS—*Unspecified*  
 VEN—*Veneers*  
 WAX—*Wax* (including ambergris)  
 WPR—*Wood products* (wood products, including furniture, cactus rainsticks, etc.)  
 18b. Use one-letter code for wildlife source from the list below.  
 W—Specimens taken from the wild  
 R—Specimens originating from a ranching operation  
 D—Appendix—I animals bred in captivity for commercial purposes and Appendix I plants artificially propagated for

commercial purposes, as well as parts and derivatives thereof, exported under the provisions of Article VII, paragraph 4, of the Convention.

A—Plants that are artificially propagated, parts and derivatives.  
 C—Animals bred in captivity, parts and derivatives.  
 F—Animals born in captivity (F1 or subsequent generations) that do not fulfill the definition of “bred in captivity” in Resolution Conf. 10.16, as well as parts and derivatives thereof.  
 U—Source unknown (must be justified)  
 I—Confiscated or seized specimens.  
 P—Pre-convention  
 19a. Provide the specific quantity of wildlife, and the unit of measure from the list. Multiply pairs by two.  
 C3—Cubic centimeters  
 GM—Grams  
 KG—Kilograms  
 LT—Liters  
 MT—Meters  
 M2—Square meters  
 M3—Cubic Meters  
 NO—Number of specimens

19b. Indicate total value of items containing wildlife in U.S. dollars (rounded to the nearest dollar).

20. Use two-letter ISO (International Organization for Standardization) Code for country where animal originated.

21. Sign and date the form. Type or print your name below signature.

If additional space is needed, please use continuation form USFWS Form 3-177a.

Dated: February 2, 2000.

**Jamie Rappaport Clark,**

*Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of a Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the Wiley Creek Unit, Linn County, OR

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that Mr. Alvin and Mrs. Marsha Seiber (applicants) have applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The application has been assigned permit number TE022715-0. The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take, in the form of habitat modification, of the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), federally listed as threatened. The permit term has not yet been defined by

the applicants. The permit would address up to approximately 200 acres, which is the entirety of their property in Linn County, Oregon.

The Service announces the receipt of the applicant's incidental take permit application and the availability of the proposed Wiley Creek Unit Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan) and draft Implementation Agreement, which accompany the incidental take permit application, for public comment. The Plan describes the proposed project and the measures the applicant will undertake to mitigate for project impacts to the spotted owl. These measures and associated impacts are also described in the background and summary information that follow. The Service is presently reviewing our responsibilities for compliance under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will announce the availability of any appropriate NEPA documents at a later date.

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application and Plan should be received on or before March 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Individuals wishing copies of the permit application or copies of the full text of the Plan, should immediately contact the office and personnel listed below. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address below. Comments regarding the permit application, Draft Implementation Agreement or the Plan should be addressed to State Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon State Office, 2600 S.E. 98th Avenue, Suite 100, Portland, Oregon 97266. Please refer to permit number TE022715-0 when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rich Szlemp, Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon State Office, telephone (503) 231-6179.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act and federal regulation prohibits the “taking” of a species listed as endangered or threatened. However, the Service, under specific circumstances, may issue permits to “incidentally take” listed species, which is take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.32. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.22.

#### Background

The applicants are proposing to harvest approximately 40 acres of mature second growth forest from a 200-