

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

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.*):

Applicant: Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE PRT-031707

The applicant requests a permit to import one male captive born Black-footed cat (*Felis nigripes*) from the Johannesburg Zoo, Parkview, Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation.

Applicant: University of California—Davis, Davis, CA, PRT-031804

The applicant requests a permit to import serum samples of Oriental white stork (*Ciconia ciconia boyciana*), red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) and white-naped crane (*Grus vipio*) from Japan for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research.

Applicant: Mark B. Misner, Germantown, TN, PRT-031759

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.

Applicant: Columbus Zoo, Powell, OH, PRT-028352

The applicant requests a permit to import two female Pygmy chimpanzee (*Pan paniscus*) for the purpose of increasing the genetic diversity in the global population.

Applicant: National Zoological Park, Washington, DC, PRT-007870

The applicant requests a permit to import one male and one female captive-born giant pandas (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*) from Wolong, China for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement of the survival and propagation 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.

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 following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: August 11, 2000.

Charlie Chandler,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals**

On June 15, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 116, Page 37568, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Felix G. Widlacki, Orland Park, IL, for a permit (PRT-028560) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Norwegian Bay polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on July 26, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On May 22, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 99, Page 32120, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Peter M. Shaw, Foristell, MO, for a permit (PRT-027207) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on July 26, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On May 22, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 99, Page 32120, that an

application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Samuel Francis, Goshen, KY, for a permit (PRT-027386) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the McClintock Channel polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on July 26, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On June 15, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 116, Page 37568, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Robert McCreary, Newaygo, MI, for a permit (PRT-028559) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Southern Beaufort sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on August 1, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On June 8, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 111, Page 36454, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by George H. Brimhall, Paradise Valley, AZ, for a permit (PRT-027988) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the McClintock Channel polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on August 2, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On June 15, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 116, Page 37569, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Douglas L. Buell, Michigan City, IN, for a permit (PRT-028561) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Norwegian Bay polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on August 3, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of

1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On June 8, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 111, Page 36454, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Stanley S. Gulub, Chester, NJ for a permit (PRT-028044) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on August 7, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On June 8, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 111, Page 36454, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Gordon F. Kolling, Hermosa, SD for a permit (PRT-028044) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Northern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on August 7, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Dated: August 11, 2000.

Charlie Chandler,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-912-0777-HN-003E]

Notice of Implementation of Level 4 Fire Restrictions in Western and Central Montana; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Bureau of Land Management Montana State Director Mat Millenbach has initiated Level 4 fire restrictions, effective August 15, 2000, on the BLM lands in the Montana counties listed below. These restrictions strengthen and encompass those initiated last week on BLM lands and are in response to the regions's increasing fire potentials, the current level of fire activity, and the

current scarcity of fire suppression resources.

The Level 4 fire restrictions apply to BLM lands in: Lincoln, Sanders, Flathead, Lake, Glacier, Toole, Pondera, Teton, east Lewis and Clark, Cascade, Meagher, Broadwater, Jefferson, Beaverhead, Madison, Gallatin, Park, Sweetgrass, Stillwater, and Carbon counties.

With Level 4 fire restrictions, the following activities are prohibited on BLM managed lands:

Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire or any open fire is prohibited (43 CFR 9212.1(h)). Petroleum fueled stoves and lanterns or heating devices are not considered fires, provided such devices meet Fire Underwriters' specifications for safety.

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building; at an improved place of habitation; at a developed, designated recreation site or campground; or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material, is prohibited (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Use of chainsaws or other equipment with internal combustion engines for felling, bucking, skidding/wood cutting, road-building, and other high fire risk operations is prohibited. Exceptions are helicopter yarding and earth moving on areas of cleared and bare soil. Sawing incidental to loading operations on cleared landings is not necessarily restricted (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Welding, blasting (except seismic operations confined by ten or more feet of soil, sand or cuttings), and other activities with a high potential for causing wildland fires are prohibited (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

A patrol is required for a period of one hour following the cessation of all work activity. The patrolperson's responsibilities include checking for compliance with required fire precautions.

Possessing or using motorized vehicles such as, but not limited to cars, trucks, trail bikes, motorcycles and all terrain vehicles off of cleared roads is prohibited except for persons engaged in a trade, business or occupation in the area. Cleared roads are defined as roads at least 12' wide and cleared of vegetation shoulder to shoulder (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

These restrictions are in addition to the following area closures which became effective August 5, 2000. Specific closures include: Departure Point Campground at Holter Lake T 14 N, R 3 W, Sec 23, NE¼; Sleeping Giant Area including BLM lands along the west shore of Holter Lake from Jackson Peak to the southern boundary across

from Mann Gulch and east to I-15; Galena Gulch T6N, R5W, Sec 23, SE¼ and Crow Creek Campgrounds T6N, R1W, Sec 25, N½; and Spokane Hills including BLM lands on the west side of Canyon Ferry Reservoir from Canyon Ferry Dam south to the White Earth Recreation site and west to Highway 287.

Exemptions to the above prohibitions are allowed only for any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty, or persons with a permit or written authorization allowing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Authority for these prohibitions is pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.*), Sections 302(b) and 301(a); and Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9210 (Fire Management), Subpart 9212 (Wildfire Prevention). These restrictions will become effective at 1 a.m., Mountain Daylight Time, Tuesday, August 15, 2000, and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both.

DATES: Restrictions go into effect Tuesday, August 15, 2000, and remain in effect until further notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to BLM Montana State Director, Attention: Pat Mullaney, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Mullaney, Fire Management Specialist, 406-896-2915.

Dated: August 14, 2000.

Mat Millenbach,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Management Plan/Special Resource Study/Abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District, VA

AGENCIES: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Commission and National Park Service; Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

Notice: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District