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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing is issuing this Order of Succession of officials authorized to perform the functions and duties of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Assistant Secretary is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the office. This Order of Succession is subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345-3349d. This publication supersedes the Order of Succession notice on August 22, 2000 at 65 FR 51015.

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing designates the following Order of Succession:

Section A. Order of Succession

Subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, during any period when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, the following officials within the Office of Public and Indian Housing are hereby designated to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Office:

- (1) General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing;
- (2) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Assisted Housing Delivery;
- (3) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives;
- (4) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments;
- (5) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Troubled Agency Recovery.

These officials shall perform the functions and duties of the Office in the order specified herein, and no official shall serve unless all the other officials, whose position titles precede his/hers in this order, are unable to act by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office.

Section B. Authority Superseded

This Order of Succession supersedes the Order of Succession for the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, published at 65 FR 51015 (August 22, 2000).

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 3535(d).

Dated: August 23, 2000.

Harold Lucas,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Permit No. TE-814216

Applicant: Mark A. Holmgren, Santa Barbara, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, capture, mark, band, and release) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with surveys and scientific research through out each species range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-032209

Applicant: Guam Department of Agriculture, Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources, Mangilao, Guam

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect eggs, hatchlings, and adults; band; collect blood samples; and apply radio transmitters) the Mariana crow (*Corvus kubaryi*) in conjunction with captive propagation, translocation, and release on the island of Rota, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam for the purposes of enhancing its survival. These activities have previously been authorized under subpermit GDAWR-4.

Permit No. TE-032711

Applicant: Timothy Ziesmer, Bodega, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture) the San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*) in conjunction with population studies throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-016591

Applicant: Wendy Weber, Hayward, California

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (capture) the San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*) and the Alameda whipsnake (*Masticophis lateralis euryxanthus*) in conjunction with surveys and population studies throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-832262

Applicant: Department of Parks and Recreation, San Luis Obispo, California

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (locate) the Morro shoulderband snail (*Helminthoglypta walkeriana*) in conjunction with habitat enhancement in San Luis Obispo, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-032713

Applicant: California Department of Transportation, Clovis, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, collect and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with surveys throughout each species' range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-034299

Applicant: Psoimas, Costa Mesa, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys and scientific research through out each species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-034293

Applicant: Bureau of Reclamation, Klamath Falls, Oregon

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and sacrifice) the shortnose sucker (*Chasmistes brevirostris*) and the Lost River sucker (*Deltistes luxatus*) in conjunction with population and ecological studies throughout each species range for the purpose of enhancing their survival. These activities were previously authorized under subpermit BUETM-3.

Permit No. TE-003483

Applicant: Biological Resources Division,
Pacific Island Ecosystems Research Center,
Hawaii National Park, Hawaii

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (locate and monitor nests) the nene goose (*Branta sandvicensis*) in conjunction with population estimates and ecological studies throughout the species range within the Hawaiian Islands, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-032726

Applicant: Nevada Division of Wildlife,
Reno, Nevada

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, remove biological samples, translocate, and release) the Devil's Hole pupfish (*Cyprinodon diabolis*) in conjunction with genetic research; take (capture, remove biological samples, and transport) the Pahrnagat roundtail chub (*Gila robusta jordani*); take (capture, mark, transfer, and release) the Pahrump poolfish (*Empetrichthys latos latos*); take (capture, release, or kill) the Ash Meadows speckled dace (*Thinichthys osculus nevadensis*); and take (hold, mark, transfer, and release) the woundfin (*Plagopterus argentissimus*) in conjunction with population management and scientific research; and take (capture, rear, mark, and release) the razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*) in conjunction with an established recovery program throughout each species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival. These activities were previously authorized under subpermit NDOW-15.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before December 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief-Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE, 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the

official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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 within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: October 27, 2000.

Rowan W. Gould,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-00-1020-PB]

New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. appendix 1, The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), announces a meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting will be held on January 25 and 26, 2001, at the Holiday Inn Express Conference Center, in the Neptune Room, 1100 California N.E., Socorro, New Mexico 87801. There will be an optional all day field trip on Wednesday, January 24, 2001. Transportation will be provided for RAC members. The optional field trip will be organized by the Socorro Field Office of the BLM. The Field Tour will leave from the Holiday Inn Express at 8:00 a.m. The first stop will be The Box Special Management Area to visit the renowned rock climbing recreation area. Significant use has led the Socorro Field Office to enter into an extensive contracted cultural survey that will test, record, and mitigate significant cultural properties that are currently threatened by recreational users. There will follow a stop at Datil Well Campground before seeing the Horse Mountain urban interface hazardous fuels reduction

project. Socorro Field Office is dedicated to protecting the sensitive natural resources within the Wildlife Study Area, and to protecting the rural homeowners in the area from potential catastrophic wildfire. The tour will proceed to Pelona Mountain to see how prescribed fire projects over the last seven or eight years minimized potentially catastrophic effects that were likely to have been evident during this summer's 32,000 acre Chance wildfire. Land exchange consolidation efforts and easement acquisitions will also be viewed along the way as will issues relative to access along a current powerline. The last stop will be at the Kellogg Canyon watershed project in which BLM and the USFS have worked cooperatively to complete fire and watershed restoration projects. Those interested may continue on to the proposed site of the Camino Real International Heritage Center and the Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge to see the birds return at dusk. In case of bad weather, there is an alternate plan for the tour. The meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2001, will start at 8:00 a.m. and will end about 5:00 p.m. The draft agenda for the RAC meeting includes agreement on the meeting agenda, any RAC comments on the draft minutes of the last RAC meeting on October 11 through 13, 2001, in Silver City, New Mexico, and a check-in from the RAC members. The focus of the meeting will be on all aspects of wildfire. Presentations will include discussion. Invited speakers are: Dr. Carl Edminster of the Rocky Mountain Research Station in Flagstaff, Arizona; Doug Boykin, District Forester with New Mexico Forestry and Resources Conservation Division in Socorro; Brad Vierra, President, New Mexico Archaeological Council; Tom Swetnam of the Tree Ring Laboratory at the University of Arizona; Bob Lee, Fire Management Officer, of the New Mexico State Office of the BLM, and Dave Heft, Wildlife Biologist and Dan Huisjen, Fire Management Officer, of the Socorro BLM Field Office.

The three established RAC Subcommittees may have late afternoon or evening meetings on Wednesday, January 24, after the optional field trip, or on Thursday, January 25, after the meeting. The exact time and location of possible Subcommittee meetings will be established by the Chairperson of each Subcommittee and be available to the public following the field trip on Wednesday, January 24, and during the RAC meeting on Thursday, January 25, for that evening. That information will also be available at the desk of the Holiday Inn Express on those two days.