

Pathfinder National Wildlife Refuge, all located in Wyoming.

However, CCPs for these Arapaho NWR stations in Wyoming will not be prepared concurrent with the CCP for Arapaho NWR. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCP policy to advise other agencies and the public of its intentions and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be considered in the planning process.

DATES: Written comments should be received by December 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for more information regarding Arapaho NWR should be sent to Bernardo Garza, Planning Team Leader, Division of Planning, PO Box 25486, DFC, Denver, CO 80225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernardo Garza, Planning Team Leader, Division of Planning, PO Box 25486, DFC, Denver, CO 80225; or Michael Spratt, Chief, Division of Planning, PO Box 25486, DFC, Denver, CO 80225.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Service has initiated Comprehensive Conservation Planning for the Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge near Walden, Colorado.

Each National Wildlife Refuge has specific purposes for which it was established and for which legislation was enacted. Those purposes are used to develop and prioritize management goals and objectives within the National Wildlife Refuge System mission and to guide which public uses will occur on the Refuge. The planning process is a way for the Service and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives for the best possible conservation efforts of this important wildlife habitat, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each National Wildlife Refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge (approximately 24,800 acres) was established in 1967 and is located in an intermountain glacial basin immediately south of Walden (county seat of Jackson County, Colorado) in a 45-mile long basin commonly known as North Park. Current public use opportunities at this Refuge include wildlife observation, photography, and fishing.

The Service will conduct a comprehensive conservation planning process that will provide opportunity for Tribal, State, and local governments, agencies, organizations, and the public to participate in issue scoping and public comment. The Service is

requesting input for issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge in north-central Colorado. Anyone interested in providing input is invited to respond to the following three questions:

(1) What makes Arapaho NWR special or unique for you?

(2) What problems or issues do you want to see addressed in the Comprehensive Conservation Plan?

(3) What improvements would you recommend for Arapaho NWR?

The Service has provided the above questions for your optional use; you are not required to provide information to the Service. The Planning Team developed these questions to facilitate finding out more information about individual issues and ideas concerning these Refuges. Comments received by the Planning Team will be used as part of the planning process; individual comments will not be referenced in our reports or directly responded to.

An opportunity will be given to the public to provide input at open houses to scope issues and concerns (schedules can be obtained from the Planning Team Leaders at the above addresses). Comments may also be submitted anytime during the planning process by writing to the above addresses. All information provided voluntarily by mail, phone, or at public meetings becomes part of the official public record (i.e., names, addresses, letters of comment, input recorded during meetings). If requested under the Freedom of Information Act by a private citizen or organization, the Service may provide informational copies.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

All comments received from individuals on Service Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6(f)), and other Departmental and Service policy and procedures. When requested, the Service generally will provide comment letters with the names and addresses of the individuals who wrote the comments.

However, the telephone number of the commenting individual will not be

provided in response to such requests to the extent permissible by law. Additionally, public comment letters are not required to contain the commentator's name, address, or any other identifying information. Such comments may be submitted anonymously to the Service.

Dated: November 15, 2000.

Elliott Sutta,

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

ACTION: Notice of Receipt of Applications

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

Permit No. TE—10472

Applicant: Geo-Marine, Newport News, Virginia

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

Permit No. TE—034087

Applicant: University of New Mexico, Dept. of Biology, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Applicant requests authorization to conduct activities for research and recovery purposes for the Comanche Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon elegans*) and the Leon Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon bovinus*).

Permit No. TE—34960

Applicant: Arizona Department of Transportation-Natural Resources, Phoenix, Arizona

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) and the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Arizona on Department of Transportation right-of-ways.

Permit No. TE—35179

Applicant: Denis P. Humphrey, Show Low, Arizona

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) on Bureau of Reclamation lands in central and south central Arizona.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before December 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. 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: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents. 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 before December 26, 2000, to the address above.

Stephen C. Helfert,
Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of a Letter of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations (50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)), notice is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities has been issued to the following companies:

Company	Activity	Date issued
Western Geophysical Company	Exploration	October 13, 2000.
Western Geophysical Company	Exploration	October 13, 2000.

Contact: Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities (65 FR 16828; March 30, 2000)."

Dated: November 13, 2000.

Gary Edwards,
Deputy Regional Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[No. CIV 90-0957 LH/WWD]

Notice of Publication of Final Share Percentage Schedule: Ramah Navajo Chapter v. Bruce Babbitt

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the "Final Share Percentage Schedule" for the Class in *Ramah Navajo Chapter, et al. v. Bruce Babbitt, et al.*, as required by paragraphs 11 and 12 of Appendix D of the Partial Settlement Agreement

(PSA) previously approved by the Court in this case for the years 1989-1993.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael P. Gross, Class Counsel, 460 St. Michael's Drive, #300, Santa Fe, NM 87505-7602; (505) 983-6686; FAX (505) 986-1367; or C. Bryant Rogers, Co-Counsel, Roth, VanAmberg, Rogers, Ortiz, Fairbanks & Yepa LLP, 347 East Palace Avenue, Post Office Box 1447, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1447; (505) 988-8979; FAX (505) 983-7508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs in Part 290, Chapter 8, of the Departmental Manual.

The notice of "Final Share Percentage Schedule" in *Ramah Navajo Chapter, and Oglala Sioux Tribe, for themselves and on behalf of a Class of persons similarly situated v. Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior; Robert J. Williams, Acting Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Interior; and the United States of America* [No. CIV 90-0957 LH/WWD], before the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico, reads as follows:

Dated: November 17, 2000.

Kevin Gover,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

Notice of Publication of Final Share Percentage Schedule

This Notice publishes the "Final Share Percentage Schedule" for the Class in *Ramah Navajo Chapter, et al. v. Bruce Babbitt, et al.*, as required by paragraphs 11 and 12 of Appendix D of the Partial Settlement Agreement (PSA) previously approved by the Court in this case for the years 1989-1993.

The "Final Share Percentage Schedule" appended hereto as Exhibit A sets out each Class Member's percentage share of the partial settlement amount separately stated for each of the five settlement years for all class members reflected in the "Amended Final List of Class Members" prepared per paragraph 8(c) of Appendix D of the PSA and filed on October 2, 2000. The methodology and computations used by the Independent CPA in preparing this schedule were independently reviewed and verified by Kenton Keckler, P.C., CPAs & Consultants, 1850 Calle Medico, Suite K, Santa Fe, NM 87505, the Court Approved Class Monitor. The draft schedule was also made available to Class Counsel and Defendants' counsel for review prior to finalization per paragraphs 11 and 12 of Appendix D of the PSA. A Stipulation of Counsel was subsequently filed shortening all review