

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.*). Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division 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.

Applicant: University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, PRT-831689.

The applicant request re-issuance of a permit to import blood and feather samples taken from captive-held and wild-caught Andean condors (*Vultur gryphus*) in South America for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

Applicant: Steven E. Kobrine, Potomac, MD, PRT-036841.

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.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife has information collection approval from OMB through February 28, 2001. OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

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, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); Fax: (703/358-2281).

Dated: December 11, 2000.

Anna Barry,

Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey****Request for Public Comments on Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

A request extending the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the USGS Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to the USGS Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the USGS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the USGS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.
Current OMB approval number: 1028-0059.

Abstract: This information, required by the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

(CTBT), will provide the CTBT Technical Secretariat with geographic locations of sites where chemical explosions greater than 300 tons TNT-equivalent have occurred. Respondents to the information collection request are U.S. nonfuel minerals producers.

Bureau form numbers: 9-4040-A.

Frequency: Annual.

Description of respondents:

Companies that have conducted in the last calendar year, or that potentially will conduct in the next calendar year, explosions with a total charge size of 300 tons of TNT-equivalent, or greater.

Annual Responses: 3,000.

Annual burden hours: 750.

Bureau clearance officer: John Cordyack, 703-648-7313.

K.W. Mlynarski,

Acting Chief Scientist, Minerals Information Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey****Biological Resources Division Request for Public Comments on Information Collection To Be Submitted to OMB for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

The proposal for the information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. the accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: North American Breeding Bird Survey.

Current OMB Approval Number: None.

SUMMARY: The North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) is a large-scale avian monitoring program used to track the status and trends of North American bird populations. The survey consists of over 4100 road-side routes of which approximately 2500 U.S. routes are sampled annually. Along each route participants record every bird seen or heard during 50, 3-min point counts. This information will be used by scientists and federal, state and local agencies to identify bird populations demonstrating significant declines in order to direct conservation and research efforts towards those populations before their numbers have reached critically low levels. For more information see the web site (www.mp2-pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs/).

Participants are provided with detailed survey instructions, a map of the route, a blank survey form, and a postage-paid reply envelope. Once the data are submitted, each participant is provided with a report summarizing the results from their route.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 2500.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 12,500 hours.

Affected Public: Primarily U.S. residents.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain copies of the survey, contact the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313.

Dated: December 5, 2000.

Dennis B. Fenn,

Chief Biologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-080-1220-PA]

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater District, Coeur d'Alene Field Office, Idaho.

ACTION: Notice of restriction order number ID-086-27 for the Wallace Forest Conservation Area.

SUMMARY: By order, the following restrictions apply to the Wallace Forest Conservation Area, described as all public land located in T50N, R2W, Sec 31, T50N, R3W, Sec 35, T49N, R2W, Sec 6 and those portions of T49N, R3W, Sec 1 north of Lake Coeur d'Alene:

(1) Camping by any person or group of persons is prohibited except at the log landing at the terminus of the Landing Road.

(2) Camping as allowed by restriction number one above is limited to a maximum of two nights or 48 hours within any 28-day period. The two night limit may be reached through separate visits or continuous occupation. After the second night of occupation, campers must move outside of a 25-mile radius of the previous location.

(3) No person may leave personal property or supplies unattended for a period of more than 12 hours.

(4) Cutting of personal use firewood is prohibited.

(5) Use of motor vehicles on other than existing country roads is prohibited.

(6) Possession of a loaded firearm is prohibited, except that:

A. Firearms may be legally possessed within a motor vehicle in accordance with the Idaho State Code.

B. Waterfowl hunters may transport unloaded shotguns by the most direct route from either the Yellowstone Trail or the Landing Road for the purpose of hunting waterfowl below the high water mark of Lake Coeur d'Alene within Blue Creek Bay.

The authority for establishing these restrictions is Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations 8364.1 and 8341.2.

These restrictions become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until revoked and/or replaced with supplemental rules.

This Order includes lands previously described under Order ID-060-14, ID-060-19 and ID-080-21; these orders are hereby rescinded.

Definitions

Camping is defined as the erecting of a tent or shelter of natural or synthetic material, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, or parking a motor vehicle, motor home or trailer for the apparent purpose of overnight occupancy during any part of the night period from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Firearms are defined as pistols, rifles, shotguns or any implement capable of firing a projectile with the use of compressed gas or gunpowder.

The *Log Landing* is defined as the southern end of the Landing Road south of the last unnamed road blocked with a concrete jersey barrier.

These restrictions do not apply to:

(1) Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force while engaged in the performance of an official duty.

(2) Any Bureau of Land Management employee, agent, contractor or cooperator while engaged in the performance of an official duty.

(3) Any person or group expressly authorized by an Authorized Officer to use or occupy the subject public land through the issuance of a special use permit or other use authorization.

These restrictions are necessary to:

(1) Preclude any individual or group from camping at one location for an extended period, thereby depriving others an opportunity to use the location for recreational purposes.

(2) Protect public land from habitat degradation due to illegal firewood cutting and soil erosion due to off-road vehicle use.

(3) To protect property and families of adjacent homeowners.

Violation of this order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Thomson, Coeur d'Alene Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1808 N. Third St., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814.

Dated: December 7, 2000.

Ted Graf,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf, Central Gulf of Mexico, Oil and Gas Lease Sale

ACTION: Amendment to proposed notice of sale 178.

The Minerals Management Service made available the proposed Notice of Sale for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 178 in the Central Gulf of Mexico through the Notice of Availability published in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 71119 on Wednesday, November 29, 2000. This Notice amends the area identified in the proposed Notice of Sale as available for leasing.

On October 18, 2000, the United States Senate gave advice and consent to ratification of the treaty establishing the continental shelf boundary between the United States and Mexico in the area beyond the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) known as the Western Gap.