

The Service anticipates that a Final CCP will be available by September 30, 2001.

Dated: March 6, 2001.

Geoffrey Haskett,
Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Decision and Availability of Decision Documents on the Issuance of Permits for Incidental Take of Threatened and Endangered Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision.

SUMMARY: Between February 22, 2000, and February 16, 2001, Region 1 of the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) approved 19 Habitat Conservation Plans (Plans) and issued 38 permits, transferred 2 permits, and amended 1 permit for the incidental take of threatened and endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Service also issued one Safe Harbor Agreement permit and one Candidate Conservation Agreement permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of

the Act. The Service also returned two permit applications and denied two permit applications.

Copies of the permits and associated decision documents are available upon request. Charges for copying (10 cents per page), plus shipping and handling may apply.

ADDRESSES: If you would like copies of any of the above documents, please contact the Fish and Wildlife Reference Service, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 110, Bethesda, Maryland 20814; telephone (800) 582-3421.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Hollis, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon; telephone (503) 231-6241.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulation prohibit the take of wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened, respectively. Under the Act, the term "take" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed wildlife, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. The Service may, under limited circumstances, issue permits to authorize take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are found in 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22.

Between February 22, 2000, and February 16, 2001, Region 1 of the Service issued the following permits for incidental take of threatened and endangered species, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) and section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act. We issued each permit after making the following determinations: the application had been submitted in good faith; all permit issuance criteria were met, including the requirement that granting the permit will not jeopardize the continued existence of listed species; and the permit was consistent with the Act and applicable regulations, including a thorough review of the environmental effects of the action and alternatives pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Copies of these permits, their accompanying Plans, and associated documents are available upon request. Decision documents for each permit include Findings and Recommendations; a Biological Opinion; and either a Finding of No Significant Impact, a Record of Decision, or an Environmental Action Statement. Associated documents may also include an Implementing Agreement, Assumption Agreement, Environmental Assessment, or Environmental Impact Statement, as applicable.

Approved plan/permit	Permit No.	Issuance date
<i>Habitat Conservation Plans:</i>		
Tulare Irrigation District	TE022815-0	02/22/00
Weyerhaeuser Venture—Tributary Point	TE023095-0	03/31/00
Union Pacific Railroad	TE023739-0	04/04/00
City of Seattle, Cedar River Watershed	TE020907-0	04/21/00
MFS Globenet, Inc	TE021702-0	04/26/00
Pacific Bay Properties	TE024042-0	05/08/00
Van Daele	TE025437-0	05/24/00
Cornerstone Homes, Railroad Canyon	TE026003-0	06/08/00
Regency Realty, Prairie City Crossing	TE026908-0	06/15/00
California Department of Fish and Game	TE028154-0	06/23/00
Simpson Timber, NW Operations	TE032463-0	10/13/00
Plum Creek Native Fish	TE034609-0	10/24/00
High Desert Power Project	TE021703-0	10/26/00
Clark County and others	TE034927-0	11/01/00
City of Anaheim	TE036082-0	11/20/00
Westwood Tributary Point	TE034909-0	11/27/00
County of San Diego partial transfer	TE037338-0	12/22/00
<i>Assessment District 161 (12 permits):</i>		
Metropolitan Water District	TE030490-0	12/04/00
OBED Properties, Inc.	TE030495-0	12/04/00
Parcel Five, Inc.	TE030497-0	12/04/00
Winchester 700, LLC	TE030499-0	12/04/00
Crown Meadows	TE030500-0	12/04/00
Hill County, S.A. Ltd.	TE030501-0	12/04/00
Murrieta Valley Unified School District	TE030502-0	12/04/00
Rancho California Water District	TE030503-0	12/04/00
SDI Communities, LLC	TE030504-0	12/04/00
Butterfield Development Company, Inc	TE030505-0	12/04/00
Pulte Home Corp.	TE030506-0	12/04/00
Buie Communities, LLC	TE030507-0	12/04/00
Granite Homes/Lake Elsinore	TE036074-0	12/29/00
Evergreen Nursery	TE023022-0	02/09/01

Approved plan/permit	Permit No.	Issuance date
Ocean Trails:		
Amendment and transfer	TE032423-1	01/06/01
City of Rancho Palos Verdes	TE037483-0	01/06/01
Reichel et al. (4 permits):		
John J. Reichel	TE036465-0	02/16/01
Serenata, LLC	TE036467-0	02/16/01
Richard and Brigitta Steidl	TE036469-0	02/16/01
West San Bernardino County Water District	TE036470-0	02/16/01
Safe Harbor Agreements:		
Bob and Peggy Mack	TE030508-0	09/18/00
Candidate Conservation Agreements:		
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	TE034590-0	10/11/00

In addition to issuing the above permits, the Service took action on four other applications that had been noticed in the **Federal Register** for public comment. The Service returned an application submitted by Weyerhaeuser Company for the Willamette Valley Plan because both the Service and Weyerhaeuser Company agreed to discontinue negotiations. The Service returned an application submitted by Boise Cascade Corporation for the Walker Creek Plan when the northern spotted owl that was the subject of the application died. The Service denied two permit applications submitted during this time frame: an application submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Seiber for the Wiley Creek Plan and an application submitted by Coast Range Conifers for the Beaver Tract Plan. In both cases, the applicant failed to meet all of the statutory permit issuance criteria under section 10(a)(2)(B)(ii) of the Act.

Dated: March 20, 2001.

Rowan W. Gould,

Deputy Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[ES-930-08-1320-00-241A: WVES 50816]

Notice of Exploration License Application

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pen Coal Corporation has filed application WVES 50816 for an Exploration License for lands in Wayne County, West Virginia.

This is a notice of invitation, pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3410.2-1(c), to participate in the exploration the following lands on a prorata cost-sharing basis, in which the coal deposits have been reserved by the United States of America:

A portion of the East Lynn Lake Reservoir Project, Real Estate Segments 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 29, located on the East Fork of Twelvepole Creek, near East Lynn, Wayne County, West Virginia, containing 7,639.63 acres more or less.

Anyone wishing to participate in this exploration license, should contact Monte Hieb, Manager of Engineering, Pen Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 191, Dunlow, West Virginia 25511, Telephone: (304) 385-4664 or contact the Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, Telephone: (703) 440-1527.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ida V. Doup, Chief, Branch of Use Authorization, Division of Resources Planning, Use and Protection, BLM Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, (703) 440-1541, or Vince Vogt, Rolla Assistant Field Manager (700) 751-0203.

Dated: March 19, 2001.

Walter Rewinski,

Deputy State Director, Division of Resources Planning, Use and Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

(OR-931-6320 DB; GP1-0115)

Oregon Seed Orchard; Environmental Impact Statements, Notice of Intent

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

ACTION: Revised Notice; intent to prepare for three environmental impact statements.

SUMMARY: On March 26, 1999, the Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, (BLM) published a Notice of Intent to prepare a consolidated draft and final environmental impact

statement (EIS) for proposed pest management programs at each of our four Oregon Seed Orchards (See **Federal Register**/Vol. 64, No. 58/Friday, March 26, 1999/ Notices, page 14747-14748). To improve efficiency and provide for more site specific management prescriptions, including pest management and fertilization programs, the Salem, Eugene and Medford BLM Districts will prepare separate draft and final EISs. The Seed Orchards are: the Horning Seed Orchard (Salem District) near Colton, in Clackamas County Oregon; the Tyrrell Seed Orchard (Eugene District) near Lorane, in Lane County, Oregon; the Sprague Seed Orchard (Medford District) near Merlin, in Josephine County, Oregon and the Provolt Seed Orchard (Medford District) near Grants Pass, in Jackson and Josephine Counties, Oregon.

The BLM Salem, Eugene and Medford Districts invite written comments on the scope of the analysis. In addition, the Salem, Eugene and Medford Districts will give notice of the environmental analysis and decision making process that will occur on the proposed action to ensure that the interested and affected public has information concerning how they may participate and contribute to the final decision. These notices will be published in local newspapers and mailed to known persons or groups of interest in the local areas.

Each of the four seed orchards is also subject to land use allocations and management direction as defined in the 1995 Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the applicable District. Since the seed orchard management plans may include one or more alternatives which would amend portions of the applicable RMP, the planning process will also be completed in conformance with 43 CFR 1610.2 and 1610.5-5. Any proposed RMP amendments would be expected to clarify long-term management direction for the seed orchard lands, support new or renewed protective lands withdrawals and describe any