

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-039100

Applicant: Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska.

The applicant requests a permit to conduct surveys for interior least terns (*Sterna antillarum*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

Permit No. TE-039267

Applicant: Ronald L. Hartman, Rocky Mountain Herbarium, Laramie, Wyoming.

The applicant requests a permit to take Osterhout milkvetch (*Astragalus osterhoutii*), North Park phacelia (*Phacelia formosula*), and Penland alpine fen mustard (*Eutrema penlandii*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Permit No. TE-040242

Applicant: Harold Tyus, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

The applicant requests a permit to take Colorado pikeminnows (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), humpback chubs (*Gila cypha*), bonytail chubs (*Gila elegans*), and razorback suckers (*Xyrauchen texanus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Permit No. TE-040241

Applicant: Roger L. Boyd, Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas.

The applicant requests a permit to take interior least terns (*Sterna antillarum*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

Written data or comments in regard to the applications should be sent to the address provided below. Documents and other information submitted in conjunction with this application 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, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225-0486 (Attn: ARD-

Ecological Services); phone (303) 236-7400 or fax (303) 236-0027.

Dated: April 12, 2001.

John A. Blankenship,

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 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-040341

Applicant: William Charles Larsen, Round Rock, Texas

Applicant requests a permit for recovery purposes to conduct surveys for the Texas blind salamander (*Typhlomolge rathbuni*), Peck's Cave amphipod (*Stybobromus*) (= *Stygonectes pecki*), and following karst cave invertebrate species: Tooth Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta myopica*), Bee Creek Cave harvestman (*Texella reddelli*), Bone Cave harvestman (*Texella reyesi*), Tooth Cave ground beetle (*Rhadine persephone*), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle (*Texamaurops reddelli*), Coffin Cave mold beetle (*Batrises texanus*), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (*Tartarocreagriss texana*), Helotes mold beetle (*Batrises venyivi*), Robber Baron Cave harvestman (*Texella cokendolpheri*), Robber Baron Cave spider (*Cicurina baronia*), Madla's cave spider (*Cicurina madla*), vesper cave spider (*Cincurina vespera*), Government Canyon cave spider (*Neoleptoneta microps*), as well as another cave spider (*Cicurina venii*) and two cave beetles (*Rhadine exilis* and *Rhadine infernalis*) that do not have common names. These activities will be conducted within Texas.

Permit No. TE-040342

Applicant: North Wind Environmental, Inc., Idaho Falls, Idaho

Applicant requests a permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for the black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*),

Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), and razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*) within Chaco Culture National Historic Park, New Mexico.

Permit No. TE-040345

Applicant: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Yuma Area Office, Yuma Arizona

Applicant requests a permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) in Arizona.

Permit No. TE-014168

Applicant: Peter Sprouse, Austin, Texas

Applicant requests a permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following karst cave invertebrates: Helotes mold beetle (*Batrises venyivi*), Robber Baron Cave harvestman (*Texella cokendolpheri*), Robber Baron Cave spider (*Cicurina baronia*), Madla's cave spider (*Cicurina madla*), vesper cave spider (*Cincurina vespera*), Government Canyon cave spider (*Neoleptoneta microps*), as well as another cave spider (*Cicurina venii*) and two cave beetles (*Rhadine exilis* and *Rhadine infernalis*) that do not have common names. These activities will be conducted within Texas.

Permit No. TE-820022

Applicant: PBS&J, Austin, Texas

Applicant requests a permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*), Barton Springs salamander (*Eurycea sosorum*), Helotes mold beetle (*Batrises venyivi*), Robber Baron Cave harvestman (*Texella cokendolpheri*), Robber Baron Cave spider (*Cicurina baronia*), Madla's cave spider (*Cicurina madla*), vesper cave spider (*Cincurina vespera*), Government Canyon cave spider (*Neoleptoneta microps*), Bracken Bat Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina venii*) and two cave beetles (*Rhadine exilis* and *Rhadine infernalis*) that do not have common names. All activities will take place in Texas.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before June 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103; (505) 248-6649; Fax (505) 248-6788. Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 to 4:30) at the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico. 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: Chief, Endangered Species Division, Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the above address. 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 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, to the address above.

Bryan Arroyo,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Reopening of Comment Period: Draft Policy on National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes (Notice); Draft Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); Draft Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); and Draft Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964 (Notice)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; further reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are reopening the comment period on the **Federal Register** notice dated January 16, 2001, that invites the public to comment on the following draft policies: National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes; Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964.

DATES: Submit comments by or before June 14, 2001. Note that you must

resubmit comments sent to us between April 19, 2001 and before May 15, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in the following ways: in writing to Acting Chief, Division of Conservation Planning and Policy, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 670, Arlington, Virginia 22203; by FAX to (703) 358-2248; or by e-mail to one of the following addresses:

Mission_And_Goals

Policy_Comments@fws.gov;

Appropriate_Uses_Policy_

Comments@fws.gov;

Wildlife_Dependent_Recreational

_Uses_Policy_Comments@fws.gov; or

Wilderness_Policy_Comments@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry Stieglitz, Acting Chief, Division of Conservation Planning and Policy, National Wildlife Refuge System (703) 358-1744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a **Federal Register** notice dated January 16, 2001 (66 FR 3668) we published draft policies for: National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes; Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964. These policies, affecting management and use of the National Wildlife Refuge System, represent the culmination of our initial policy development in response to the landmark National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997.

In a subsequent **Federal Register** notice dated March 15, 2001 (66 FR 15136) we extended the comment period until April 19, 2001 to ensure that the public had an adequate opportunity to review and comment on our draft policy.

To allow for continued discussion with the States on these policies, we are reopening the comment period for an additional 30 days.

Dated: April 30, 2001.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action—Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in San Juan County, New Mexico has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease/conveyance to Farmington Municipal School under the provisions of the R&PP Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Farmington School proposes to use the land for an elementary, a middle school, and a satellite transportation yard.

T. 29 N., R. 12 W.,

Sec. 2, lot 7;

Sec. 10, lot 1;

Sec. 11, lot 4.

Containing 116.14 acres, more or less.

Comment Dates: On or before June 29, 2001. Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed classification/conveyance of the lands to the Bureau of Land Management at the following address. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, NM 87401, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action becomes the final determination of the Department of the Interior and 60 days from date of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information related to this action, including the environmental assessment, is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect will terminate upon issuance of the patent to Farmington Municipal School, or two (2) years from the date of this publication, whichever occurs first.

The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations: