

permit (TE-049034-0) pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The requested permit would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad. The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and occupation of a single-family residence on approximately 0.75 acres of a 33.525-acre property on FM 2104, Bastrop County, Texas.

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before December 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, PO Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Clayton Napier, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). 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, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas, at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-049034-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clayton Napier at the above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

An Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application has been prepared. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Applicant: Virginia Bartlett plans to construct a single-family residence, within 7 years, on approximately 0.75 acres of a 33.525-acre property on FM 2104, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate 0.75 acres or less of Houston toad habitat and result in

indirect impacts within the lot. The Applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by providing \$3,000.00 to the Houston Toad Conservation Fund at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat.

Steven M. Chambers,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-680-02-1610-JP-064B]

Temporary Motorized Vehicle use Closure and Establish an Interim Motorized Vehicle Access Network on Selected Federal Lands in Western San Bernardino County, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Temporary closure to motorized vehicle use on selected federal lands in San Bernardino County, California and establish an interim motorized vehicle access network. The area encompasses 222,750 acres in the Fremont subregion.

DATES: The temporary closure was approved November 15, 2001, and is in effect.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Rd, Barstow, CA 92311.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Read, BLM, Barstow Field Office 2601 Barstow Rd, Barstow, CA 92311, telephone (760) 252-6000. The closure is posted in the Barstow Field Office and at places near and/or within the area to which the closure applies. Maps identifying the affected areas are available at the Barstow Field Office as well as on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California website at www.ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This temporary closure is implemented pursuant to Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 8341.2(a). The closure was approved November 15, 2001 and will remain in effect until a Record of Decision is signed on the West Mojave Coordinated Management Plan (WEMO Plan), which is expected to be signed June 2003.

Exceptions to this closure include government vehicles conducting official business which shall be allowed inside the closed areas as authorized and an interim route network is signed as open

routes on the ground and identified on the map. Official business may include public service emergencies, resource monitoring/research, and management activities, and other actions authorized by BLM's Barstow Field Office.

Dated: November 15, 2001.

Tim Read,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of the BLM-administered public lands on Friday, December 7, 2001, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and meet in formal session on Saturday, December 8, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Saturday meeting will be held at the Southwest Performing Arts Theatre, Southwest High School, located at 2001 Ocotillo Drive, El Centro, California. The Bureau of Land Management is publishing this notice without 15 days public notice in order to avoid any additional delays.

The Council and interested members of the public will assemble for a field tour at the parking lot of the Best Western John Jay Inn at 7:15 a.m. and depart 7:30 a.m. The Inn is located at 2352 S. 4th Street, El Centro. Tour stops will include areas within the Northern and Eastern Colorado Desert Coordinated Management planning area and the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. Presentations and discussions will focus on issues being addressed in the Draft Northern and Eastern Colorado Desert Coordinated Management Plan and Draft Northern and Eastern Mojave Plan, and development of the Draft Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area Resource Management Plan. The public is welcome to participate in the tour, but should plan on providing their own transportation, drinks, and lunch.

Agenda items for the Saturday Council meeting will include presentations and Council discussions regarding the Draft Northern and Eastern Colorado Desert Coordinated Management Plan and the Draft Northern and Eastern Mojave Plan, and a summary of public comments for the