

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

ADDRESSES: 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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North

Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit(s) subject to certain

conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Endangered Species

Permit	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
063702	S.O.S. Care, Inc	68 FR 22409; April 28, 2003.	June 4, 2003
064172	Exotic Feline Breeding Compound, Inc	68 FR 15477; March 31, 2003	June 12, 2003.
069654	Russell Davis	68 FR 20019; April 23, 2003	June 9, 2003.
068234 thru 068244	Hawthorn Corporation	68 FR 20166; April 24, 2003	June 10, 2003.
069429, 069439, 069443	Steve Martin's Working Wildlife	68 FR 20166; April 24, 2003	June 10, 2003.
070682	Andrew K. Stahl	68 FR 22409; April 28, 2003	June 9, 2003.
072856	Robert J. Le Mieux	67 FR 76183; December 11, 2002 (as PRT-065433).	June 11, 2003.

Dated: June 13, 2003.

Monica Farris,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by August 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: 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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) 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, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

PRT-073077

Applicant: Arthur L. Rathburn, Grosse Pointe Park, MI

The applicant request 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.

PRT-073130

Applicant: Marshall N. Rush, Pine Bluff, AR

The applicant request 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.

PRT-073162

Applicant: Ancil L. Lindley, III, Crestview, FL

The applicant request 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.

PRT-073242

Applicant: Gary M. Story, Edmond, OK

The applicant request 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.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The application(s) was/were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*) and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and/or marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be

appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

PRT-071628

Applicant: Dr. Iskande Larkin,
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

The applicant requests a permit to import fecal samples deposited by captive-held manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) from Mexico for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

PRT-073125

Applicant: Christopher K. Fannin,
Ashland, KY

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

PRT-073132

Applicant: Juan B. Suarez, Coral Gables,
FL

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

PRT-073481

Applicant: Gerald E. Meyer, Sr.,
Waterford, WI

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

PRT-073227

Applicant: Charles Dennis Anderson,
Anaheim, CA

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, 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.

Dated: June 13, 2003.

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Division of Management Authority.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

**Draft Environmental Assessment/
Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt
of an Application for an Incidental Take
Permit for Struthers Ranch, El Paso
County, CO**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and
receipt of application.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that Struthers Ranch Development, LLC, (Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended. The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*) (Preble's), federally listed as threatened, through loss and modification of its habitat associated with construction of a residential and commercial development in El Paso County, Colorado. The duration of the permit would be 30 years from the date of issuance.

We announce the receipt of the Applicant's incidental take permit application that includes a combined Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the Preble's for the Struthers Ranch Property. The proposed EA/HCP is available for public review and comment. It fully describes the proposed project and the measures the Applicant would undertake to minimize and mitigate project impacts to the Preble's.

The Service requests comments on the EA/HCP for the proposed issuance of the incidental take permit. We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(a) of the ESA and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). All comments on the EA/HCP and permit application will become part of the administrative record and will be available to the public.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application and EA/HCP should be received on or before September 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the permit application and EA/HCP should be addressed to Allan Pfister, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado 80215. Comments also may be submitted by facsimile to (303) 275-2371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kathleen Linder, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Colorado Field Office, telephone (303) 275-2370.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Document Availability

Individuals wishing copies of the EA/HCP and associated documents for review should immediately contact the above office. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

Background

Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulation prohibit the "take" of a species listed as endangered or threatened. Take is defined under the ESA, in part, as to kill, harm, or harass a federally-listed species. However, the Service may issue permits to authorize "incidental take" of listed species under limited circumstances. Incidental take is defined under the ESA as take of a listed species that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity under limited circumstances. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.32.

The Struthers Ranch Property is located along Black Forest Creek on the east side of Interstate 25, roughly 5.6 kilometers (3.5 miles) southeast of the Town of Monument, in northwestern El Paso County, Colorado. The specific legal description for the property is Section 36 of Township 11 South, Range 67 West (S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$). The project site is 43 hectares (107 acres) with development proposed for 27 hectares (67 acres). Of the 27 hectares (67 acres) proposed for development, the Applicant, using the Service's definition of Preble's habitat, has determined that the proposed project would impact approximately 6.6 hectares (16.4 acres) of potential Preble's habitat, which includes 0.5 hectare (1.2 acres) of off-site impacts. Of the 6.6 hectares (16.4 acres) of construction within Preble's habitat, only 1 hectare (2.5 acres) of wetland vegetation will be impacted because of construction of a box culvert crossing over Black Forest Creek, a utility easement, and drop structures and rip-