

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species and marine mammals.

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.*), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *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 No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
079033	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge.	68 FR 65466; November 20, 2003	January 9, 2004.
079716	David Chadwick	68 FR 66851; November 28, 2003	January 6, 2004.

ENDANGERED MARINE MAMMALS AND MARINE MAMMALS

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
072002	Michael J. Vandemaele	68 FR 55989; September 29, 2003	December 23, 2003.
073810	Virgil R. Graber	68 FR 51588; September 29, 2003	December 31, 2003.
074543	James A. Brush	68 FR 58125; October 8, 2003	December 31, 2003.
075190	Byron H. Christie	68 FR 48932; August 15, 2003	December 23, 2003.
075607	Steven K. Raquet	68 FR 52608; September 4, 2003	December 31, 2003.

Dated: January 16, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

North American Wetlands Conservation Council; Standard Grant Application Instructions

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice notifies the public that updated instructions for applying for standard grants (*see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION*) under the U.S. North American Wetlands Conservation Act are available on the Internet at <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov>.

DATES: Proposals may be submitted at any time. To ensure adequate review time prior to upcoming North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) meetings, the Council

Coordinator must *receive* proposals by March 5, 2004, and July 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: For detailed application instructions, sample proposal information, and eligibility criteria, visit the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Web site at <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov>. If you cannot access the Web site, contact the Council Coordinator at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, MBSP 4075, Arlington, VA 22203, or by phone at 703-358-1784, or by fax at 703-358-2282, or by e-mail at dbhc@fws.gov. Send proposals to the Council Coordinator at the above address by mail (faxed proposals are not accepted). Send one original and two copies by regular mail and send one copy by electronic mail to the Council Coordinator. Send a copy of the proposal to your U.S. North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) Joint Venture Coordinator (*see next section for JV Coordinators*) and all partners in the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: North American Wetlands Conservation Council Coordinator at (703) 358-1784 or dbhc@fws.gov, David Buie at (703) 358-1784 or david_buie@fws.gov or a JV

Coordinator at the number given below.

JV Coordinators can give you advice about developing a proposal, about proposal ranking, and additional information that may be required for compliance requirements for the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and contaminant surveys.

Atlantic Coast (CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, Puerto Rico, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV) 413-253-8269 or andrew_milliken@fws.gov.

Central Valley (Central Valley of CA) 916-414-6459 or robert_shaffer@fws.gov.

Gulf Coast (coastal areas of AL, LA, MS, TX) 505-248-6876 or greg_esslinger@fws.gov.

Intermountain West (AZ, eastern CA, western CO and ID, southwest MT, western NM, NV, eastern OR, UT, eastern WA, WY) 801-975-3330 x 129 or iwjv@xmission.com.

Lower Mississippi Valley (AR; eastern KY; northern LA; eastern MS, OK, and TN; northeastern TX) 601-629-6600 or charles_baxter@fws.gov.

Northern Great Plains 701-250-4463 x 141 or ascholle@fs.fed.us.

Pacific Coast (AK, coastal areas of OR northern CA, HI, coastal areas of OR

and WA) 360-696-7630 or carey.smith@fws.gov.
Playa Lakes (southeastern CO, southwestern KS, eastern NM, western OK, TX panhandle) 303-926-0777 or mike.carter@pljv.org.
Prairie Pothole (northwestern IA, western MN, northern MT, northern and southeastern ND, eastern SD) 303-236-8155 x 252 or carol.lively@fws.gov.
Rainwater Basin (17 counties in southeastern NE) 308-382-8112 or steve.moran@fws.gov.
San Francisco Bay (San Francisco Bay in CA) 415-883-3854 or bhuning@sfbayjv.org.
Upper Mississippi River-Great Lakes (eastern IA and counties bordering the Missouri River, IL, IN, KS counties bordering the Missouri River, MI, MO, eastern MN, NE counties bordering the Missouri River, OH, WI) 612-713-5433 or Barbara_pardo@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council has two U.S. conservation grants programs for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of wetlands in the United States. Any individual or organization who has a long-term, partner-based project with matching funds can apply. The focus of this notice is standard grant proposals for requests from \$50,001 to \$1,000,000 per proposal (if well justified, more funds may be requested). A separate notice will be issued later this year for small grant proposals for requests up to \$50,000 per proposal.

The NAWCA (16 U.S.C. 4401 *et seq.*) established the Council, a Federal-State-private body that recommends projects to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) for final approval and requires that proposals contain a minimum 1:1 ratio of non-Federal matching funds to grant funds. "Match" (as referred to throughout this document) can be cash, in-kind services, or land acquired/title donated for wetlands conservation purposes.

This notice provides a summary of the 2004 proposal instructions and eligibility criteria available on the Internet to develop a NAWCA standard grant proposal. In order to complete a proposal correctly, consult the Web site at <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov> for detailed instructions. If you cannot access the Web site, contact the Council Coordinator.

Paperwork Reduction Act: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Office of Management and Budget has assigned clearance number 1018-0100 to this information collection. Collection is necessary to gain a benefit in the form of a grant, as determined by the Council and MBCC; is necessary to

determine the eligibility and relative value of wetland projects; results in an approximate paperwork burden of 400 hours per application; and does not carry a premise of confidentiality. Your response is voluntary. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public may submit comments on the accuracy of the estimated average burden hours for application preparation and to suggest ways in which the burden may be reduced. Comments may be submitted to: Information Collection Clearance Officer, Mail Stop 222 ARLSQ, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC 20240.

New NAWCA Proposal Information: Six documents are available on the Internet at <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov> and are summarized below:

1. *2004 Grant Administration Policies and Assistance Award.* Describes policies and procedures that NAWCA projects must comply with and shows the one-page grant agreement that will be completed if the proposal is funded.

2. *2004 Eligibility Criteria & Processes.* Describes eligible activities and costs for NAWCA projects, gives links to cost principles that apply to all Federal grant programs, and describes steps in the proposal funding process. A standard grant proposal is a 4-year plan of action supported by a NAWCA grant and partner funds to conserve wetlands and wetlands-associated fish and wildlife through acquisition (including easements and land title donations), restoration, and/or enhancement (including establishment). Match must be non-Federal and at least equal to the grant request (referred to as a 1:1 match). Match is eligible up to 2 years prior to the year the proposal is submitted, and grant and match funds are eligible during the 2-year future Grant Agreement period.

3. *2004 Proposal Instructions.* Describes changes from the 2003 instructions, gives required information for a proposal, and provides examples. A proposal has the following sections: Project Officer's Page; Summary; Purpose and Scope; Budget and Work Plan; Technical Assessment Questions; Attachments (budget table, tract table, partner contribution statements, optional matching contributions plan, Standard Form 424, optional aerial photographs, maps); and Easements, Leases, and Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.

4. *2004 Word Proposal Outline.* A fill-in-the-blank proposal using the Word program.

5. *2004 WordPerfect Proposal Outline.* A fill-in-the-blank proposal using the WordPerfect program.

6. *2004 Excel Budget Table.* A fill-in-the-blank budget table for those who do not want to use the budget tables provided in the Word and WordPerfect files.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-921-1430-BX-026J; UTU-81100]

Notice of Application for Recordable Disclaimer of Interest in Public Highway Right-of-Way Established Pursuant to Revised Statute 2477 (43 U.S.C. 932, Repealed October 21, 1976), Weiss Highway, Juab County, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: On January 14, 2004 the State of Utah and Juab County submitted an application for a recordable disclaimer of interest from the United States pursuant to Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C 1745), the regulations contained in 43 CFR subpart 1864, and the April 9, 2003 Memorandum of Understanding Between the State of Utah and the Department of the Interior on State and County Road Acknowledgement. This recordable disclaimer of interest application, identified by BLM Serial Number UTU-81100, is for the Weiss Highway in Juab County, Utah. A recordable disclaimer of interest, if issued, will confirm the United States has no property interest in the identified public highway right-of-way. This Notice is intended to notify the public of the pending application and the State's and County's grounds for supporting it.

The Weiss Highway is a major east-west access route through Juab County, Utah. The highway is approximately 99 miles long and connects with U.S. Highway 6 at Jericho Junction in eastern Juab County and runs generally west to its intersection with the Callao-Trout Creek Road in the western part of the County. The highway passes through