

Treasury determines, pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield on all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of 8-to 12-year maturities, for the 6-month periods of January through June and July through December of each year. Section 221(g)(4) is implemented in the HUD regulations at 24 CFR 221.255 and 24 CFR 221.790.

The Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the interest rate to be borne by debentures issued pursuant to Section 221(g)(4) during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2004, is 5¼ percent.

HUD expects to publish its next notice of change in debenture interest rates in July 2004.

The subject matter of this notice falls within the categorical exemption from HUD's environmental clearance procedures set forth in 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6). For that reason, no environmental finding has been prepared for this notice.

(Sections 211, 221, 224, National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1715b, 1715l, 1715o; Section 7(d), Department of HUD Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d))

Dated: March 1, 2004.

John C. Weicher,

Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Final Revised Environmental Assessment, Management Plan, and Implementation Guidance, and a Finding of No Significant Impact for Take of Nestling American Peregrine Falcons in the Contiguous United States and Alaska for Use in Falconry

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice is to announce the availability of a Final Revised

Environmental Assessment, Management Plan, and Implementation Guidance, and a Finding of No Significant Impact for take of nestling American Peregrine Falcons (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) for use in falconry. We published the Draft Revised Environmental Assessment in April 2003. We considered 945 comments in revising the assessment. After completion of the Final Revised Environmental Assessment, we also produced a Finding of No Significant Impact for the action.

ADDRESSES: The documents are available from the Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop 4107, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1610. They also are available on the Division of Migratory Bird Management Web pages at <http://migratorybirds.fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. George T. Allen, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at 703-358-1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the draft Revised Environmental Assessment, Management Plan, and Implementation Guidance (draft Revised EA) we considered six alternatives for take of nestling American peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) in the western United States and Alaska. We accepted comment on the draft Revised EA for 60 days (68 FR 22727). We received 945 electronic or written comment letters on the draft Revised Environmental Assessment, Management Plan, and Implementation Guidance. Fifteen were from State or Federal agencies; 930 were from individuals and organizations. Thirteen agency responses favored allowing take of nestlings, and two responses were neutral. Of the individual and organization comments received, 6 opposed take of nestlings and 929 supported allowing take. We modified the Draft Revised Environmental Assessment, Management Plan, and Implementation Guidance to respond to

concerns expressed by agencies, organizations, and individuals.

Having reviewed the comments on the draft, our proposed action is to allow take of up to 5 percent of the American peregrine falcon nestlings produced in the States west of 100° longitude, at the discretion of each State. We believe that this conservative level of take is appropriate for a species recently removed from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, and will have no discernible effect on the American peregrine falcon population in the western United States. Based on this assessment, I have signed a Finding of No Significant Impact for take of nestling American peregrine falcons under the conditions we evaluated.

Dated: March 1, 2004.

Steve Williams,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-930-1430-ET; AZA 8736 et al.]

Expiration of Forest Service Withdrawals and Opening of Lands; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Six public land orders, which withdrew 2,644 total acres of National Forest System lands from mining, have expired. This action will open the lands to mining.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 10, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cliff Yardley, BLM Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203, 602-417-9437.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 1. The following public land orders (PLOs), which withdrew National Forest System lands for the areas listed below, have expired:

PLO	Serial No.	Area Name	Expired	Acres
5740	AZA 8736	Dragoon Spring Stage Station	7/29/2000	10
5749	AZA 8684	Goudy Canyon Research Area	8/27/2000	560
5751	AZA 9291	Elden Environmental Study Area	8/27/2000	778
5801	AZA 8985	Pole Bridge Can. Research Area	1/6/2001	461
5835	AZA 9275	Elgin Research Natural Area	1/22/2001	355
6217	AZA 9134	Bush Highway Research Area	3/18/2002	480

2. Copies of the public land orders for the expired withdrawals, showing the

lands involved, are available at the BLM Arizona State Office (address above).

3. At 10 a.m. on April 9, 2004, the lands withdrawn by the public land