

for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Jonathan T. Hayes, Calabasas, CA, PRT-117929

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) 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.

Applicant: Douglas E. Wall, Lumberton, TX, PRT-117647

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) 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.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete application or requests for a public hearing on this application 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.

Applicant: Fred R. Clark, Jr., Belle Vernon, PA, PRT-117082

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Western Hudson Bay polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

Dated: January 20, 2006.

Michael S. Moore,

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.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by March 6, 2006.

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 applications 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).

Applicant: Warren R. Pretzer, Teague, TX, PRT-107780

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) 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.

Applicant: Paul H. Key, Church Hill, TN, PRT-114029

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) 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.

Applicant: Ronald G. Cowart, Hahira, GA, PRT-114032

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) 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.

Applicant: Robert M. Serrano, Brewster, NY, PRT-111436

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) culled from a captive herd in the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Dated: January 13, 2006.

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 Application of Endangered Species Recovery Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: We announce our receipt of applications to conduct certain activities pertaining to enhancement of survival of endangered species.

DATES: Written comments on this request for a permit must be received by March 6, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225-0486; facsimile 303-236-0027.

Availability of Documents: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act [5 U.S.C. 552A] and Freedom of Information Act [5 U.S.C. 552], by any party who submits a request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to Kris Olsen, by mail (see **ADDRESSES**) or by telephone at 303-236-4256. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicants have requested issuance of enhancement of survival permits 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.*).

Applicant: TE-039090, Tony Korth, Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium, Nebraska Game

and Parks Commission, Gretna, Nebraska. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Pallid sturgeons (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-040510, William Butler, ERO Resources Corporation, Denver, Colorado

The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-040837, Ronald Kass, Intermountain Ecosystems, Springville, Utah

The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-046427, Thomas Fenske, Landry's Downtown Aquarium, Denver, Colorado

The applicant requests a renewed permit to display Bonytail (*Gila elegans*), Humpback chub (*Gila cypha*), Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), Razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*), Desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*), Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*), Green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas agassisi*) in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-047260, Steve Beverlin, U.S. Forest Service, Dolores Public Lands Office, Dolores, Colorado

The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-047285, Patrick Braaten, U.S. Geological Survey, Fort Peck, Montana

The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Pallid sturgeons (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-062035, Rob Holm, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Garrison Dam, National Fish Hatchery, Riverdale, North Dakota

The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Pallid sturgeons (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE-109048, Herbert Bollig, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery, Yankton, South Dakota

The applicant requests a permit to take Pallid sturgeons (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Dated: January 18, 2006.

Mike Stempel,

Acting Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Blackfoot Bridge Mine, Caribou County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior, Pocatello Field Office.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 [NEPA, 102(2)(C)] and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Pocatello Field Office, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to consider approval of the proposed Blackfoot Bridge Mine and Reclamation Plan (MRP) for proposed operations at the Blackfoot Bridge Phosphate Mine, Caribou County, Idaho, located approximately 9 miles northeast of Soda Springs, Idaho.

DATES: To receive full consideration, written comments concerning specific issues and the scope of the analysis described in this Notice should be received within 30 days of the last public scoping meeting. The scoping process for this EIS will include mailings, news releases or legal notices, and public scoping meetings. The dates, times, and specific locations of the scoping meetings will be announced through local media at least 15 days in advance.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Jerry Koblitz, Greystone Environmental Consultants, Inc., 5231 Quebec Street,

Greenwood Village, CO 80111. They may also be submitted in writing at one of the public meetings or by e-mail to jkoblitz@greystone.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kyle Free, Bureau of Land Management, Pocatello Field Office, 4350 Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, Idaho 83204, phone (208) 478-6368, fax (208) 478-6376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project area includes 1,447 acres. The proposed mining operations would utilize private lands and public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. This activity is in conformance with the Pocatello Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (BLM, 1987). Mining is proposed to take place on Federal Phosphate Leases I-05613 and I-013709 which comprise a total of 631 acres. Proposed lease modifications included within the proposed project area would add an additional 200 acres to the existing I-05613 lease. Some off-lease ancillary disturbances within the 1,447-acre project area such as roads and overburden disposal sites are also proposed.

The company, P4 Production, LLC, herein after referred to as P4, has submitted the MRP for BLM to consider. P4 must receive approval of the MRP and obtain additional federal and state permits prior to mining under the proposed mine plan. This EIS would evaluate effects to the human environment including the potential effects of selenium and other contaminants.

It is anticipated that the Idaho Departments of Lands and Environmental Quality will participate in preparation of the EIS as cooperating agencies because of their special expertise and responsibilities for mining, reclamation, and the environment.

The MRP proposes a new open pit mining operation on federal leases I-05613 and I-013709. In addition, external waste rock piles, a topsoil stockpile, haul road, and runoff/sediment control and other facilities would be constructed. Mining would include best management practices for control and prevention of releases of sediment and dissolved contaminants such as selenium to nearby surface and groundwaters, such as the Blackfoot River, which is located as close as 585-ft from the proposed excavation site but is believed to be hydrologically separated. The excavation site would not be visible from the Blackfoot River. The proposed open pits would be located along a ridge and would cross the upper drainage of an intermittent