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Request for Comments: Your written comments and/or suggestions are invited on one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the information collection activity is necessary to carry out an agency function; (b) whether the agency processes the information collected in a useful and timely fashion; (c) the accuracy of public burden estimate (the estimated amount of time needed for individual respondents to provide the requested information); (d) whether the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimate are logical; (e) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (f) ways to minimize the public burden through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Send Comments and Requests for Further Information: Send your written comments and requests for more information on the proposed collection or requests to obtain a copy of the data collection instrument(s) and instructions to: Mrs. Christina Rouleau, IHS Reports Clearance Office, 801

Thompson Avenue, TMP, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852, call non-toll free (301) 443-5938, send via facsimile to (301) 443-2316, or send your e-mail requests, comments, and return address to: crouleau@hqe.ihs.gov.

Comment Due Date: Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60-days of the date of this publication.

Dated: May 23, 2006.

Charles W. Grim,
Assistant Surgeon General, Director, Indian Health Service.

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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/or 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 permits 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
116625	Exotic Feline Breeding Compound, Inc.	71 FR 10700; March 2, 2006	May 2, 2006.

Marine Mammals

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
078744	Randall W. Davis, Texas A&M University	70 FR 51838; August 31, 2005	April 28, 2006.

Dated: May 19, 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

Environmental Document on Endangered Species Recovery Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), this notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“we”) intends to prepare an environmental document (environmental assessment or environmental impact statement) for the proposed issuance of a permit to conduct non-lethal and lethal take activities with the endangered gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act.

We solicit comments from the public, as well as local, State and Federal agencies for an environmental evaluation under NEPA of the proposed permit. Comments already received from individuals and organizations in

response to the January 10, 2006, **Federal Register** notice of receipt of the permit application have been considered. Those respondents need not comment again unless they wish to provide new information on the permit application or environmental analysis.

DATES: Comments on this environmental analysis must be received on or before July 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, 911 NE, 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181 (fax: 503-231-6243). Please refer to “Northern Idaho Wolf Permit Analysis” when submitting comments. All comments received, including

names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information associated with this analysis 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 the address above (telephone: 503-231-2063). Please refer to "Proposed Northern Idaho Wolf Permit Environmental Document" when requesting copies of documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has requested a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, collar, take blood and hair samples, relocate, kill, or release) the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) in conjunction with wolf management activities in the State of Idaho north of Interstate 90, for the purpose of enhancing its survival (Permit No. TE-114934).

The applicant proposes to: (a) Conduct monitoring of wolf populations; and (b) coordinate non-lethal and lethal control actions to reduce wolf conflicts with livestock and dogs. These actions are currently coordinated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). Under the permit, the applicant would take on certain management responsibilities for wolves in northern Idaho. Wolf management activities would be in accordance with the requirements of the Endangered Species Act, the State of Idaho Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (March 2002) and the Service's Interim Wolf Control Plan for Northwestern Montana and the Panhandle of Northern Idaho (Control Plan) (September 1999).

If issued, the permit would not affect ongoing wolf management in the remainder of the State of Idaho conducted in accordance with the non-essential experimental population regulations found at 50 CFR 17.84(n).

We have determined that a responsive wolf management and conservation program is essential to enhancing survival of the wolf in the wild (Service 1987; Service 1994; Service 1999). The program must respond to wolf-livestock conflicts, while promoting wolf recovery objectives. The Control Plan provides guidelines for: (a) Determining problem wolf status (including investigative procedures and criteria), (b) conducting wolf control actions, and (c) disposition of problem wolves.

We are analyzing issuance of this permit under NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et*

seq.). If issued, the permit would authorize Idaho Department of Fish and Game to manage wolves in the same manner as provided in the Control Plan in effect for northern Idaho for the past 6 years. Due to changes in the gray wolf's status since the Service's 1988 Environmental Assessment, the Service's 1999 Environmental Action Memorandum, and the Control Plan. We are initiating a new NEPA evaluation of the environmental impacts of wolf conservation under an ESA recovery permit.

Under NEPA, a reasonable range of alternatives to a proposed project must be developed and considered in our environmental review. Our NEPA evaluation will evaluate the potential impacts of alternatives for wolf conservation actions in Idaho north of Interstate 90. Management actions would be intended to protect livestock and pets, and to conserve wolf populations. The proposed action is to issue Idaho Department of Fish and Game a permit authorizing take, including lethal control techniques. An alternative will be selected and a permit decision made after consideration of all comments received in response to this Notice, and analysis is complete.

The State of Idaho Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, the Interim Wolf Control Plan for Northwestern Montana and the Panhandle of Northern Idaho, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game permit application can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/ecoservices/angered/recovery/GrayWolfManagement.htm>.

Additional information about wolf recovery and conservation in the northwestern United States, including control of problem wolves, can be found in various reports at: <http://westerngraywolf.fws.gov/>.

All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be available for public review, to the extent provided by the FOIA. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment, but you should be aware that we may be required to disclose your name and

address pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 8, 2006.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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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 July 3, 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