

and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species Program Manager, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825 (telephone: 916-414-6464; fax: 916-414-6486). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application 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:** Daniel Marquez, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, see **ADDRESSES** (telephone: 760-431-9440; fax: 760-431-9624).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“we”) solicits review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public on the following permit requests. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Permit No. TE-180579**

*Applicant:* Dwane N. Oberhoff, Los Osos, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey and handle) the Morro shoulderband snail (*Helminthoglypta waleriana*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-180517**

*Applicant:* Dylan O. Burge, Durham, North Carolina.

The applicant requests a permit to remove/reduce to possession the *Ceanothus ferrisiae* (coyote ceanothus) and *Ceanothus roderickii* (pine hill ceanothus) from federal lands in conjunction with genetic research and taxonomic status studies in Santa Clara and El Dorado Counties, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-180430**

*Applicant:* Jeffrey P. Jorgenson, Sacramento, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardi*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Service Office, California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-180428**

*Applicant:* Ramon E. Aberasturi, Sacramento, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardi*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Service Office, California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-040510**

*Applicant:* Ero Resources Corporation, Boise, Idaho.

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey, and locate/monitor nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys and monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California and Nevada for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-094308**

*Applicant:* Shay E. Lawrey, San Bernardino, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-180585**

*Applicant:* Bill A. Arnerich, Santa Rosa, California.

The permittee requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*)

in conjunction with surveys in Sonoma County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

We solicit public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Dated: April 28, 2008.

**Michael Fris,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 8, Sacramento, California.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**Extension of the Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Absaloka Mine Crow Reservation South Extension Coal Lease Approval, Mine Development Plan and Related Federal and State Permitting Actions, Big Horn County, MT**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is extending by 30 days the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Absaloka Mine Crow Reservation South Extension Coal Lease Approval, Mine Development Plan and Related Federal and State Permitting Actions, announced in the **Federal Register** on March 21, 2008 (73 FR 15189). The closing date for public comments announced in the March 21, 2008, notice was May 5, 2008.

**DATES:** The extended public comment period closes on June 4, 2008. Written comments on the DEIS must arrive by that date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail or hand-carry written comments to George Gover, Superintendent, Crow Agency, P.O. Box 69, Crow Agency, Montana 59022. You may also comment via the Internet to [westmorelandeis@mt.gov](mailto:westmorelandeis@mt.gov). Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please include your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact Greg Hallsten at (406) 444-3276.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Stefanic, (406) 247-7911.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Public Comment Availability**

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority**

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR, Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, via 516 DM 6.3 B. and Environmental Statement Memorandum ESM04-12.6(e).

**Mary Josie Blanchard,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[CO-500-1430-EU]**

**Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Modified Competitive Sale of Public Land, Conejos County and Competitive Sale of Public Land, Rio Grande County, CO**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that it will offer one parcel of public land located in Conejos County, Colorado, and one parcel of public land

located in Rio Grande County, Colorado, for sale at not less than their respective appraised fair market values. The Conejos County parcel has no legal public access and will be sold by modified competitive sale procedures with bidding limited to adjoining landowners. The Rio Grande County parcel does not have legal public access. However, a successful bidder may be able to obtain private access because of the Parcel's proximity to a county road. This parcel will be sold under competitive sale procedures and is open to any person or entity qualified to bid.

**DATES:** Comments regarding the proposed sales must be in writing and received by BLM not later than June 16, 2008.

Sealed bids must be received by BLM not later than 4:30 p.m. MDT, July 1, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all written comments regarding the proposed sales to San Luis Valley Public Lands Center, 1803 West Highway 160, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144. Comments received in electronic form such as e-mail or facsimile will not be considered.

Address all sealed bids, marked as specified below, to the San Luis Valley Public Lands Center at the address above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leon Montoya, Realty Specialist, at (719) 852-6219.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR Parts 2710 and 2720, the following described lands in Conejos and Rio Grande Counties, Colorado, are proposed to be sold pursuant to authority provided in sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended (43 U.S.C. 1713, 1719). The parcels to be sold are identified as suitable for disposal in the San Luis Resource Area Resource Management Plan (1991). Proceeds from sale of these public lands will be deposited in the Federal Land Disposal Account under section 206 of the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (43 U.S.C. 2305).

Publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** shall segregate the lands described below from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws. The segregative effect of this notice shall terminate upon issuance of patent or upon expiration 270 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**, whichever occurs first.

**Modified Noncompetitive Sale**

**Parcel 1 (COC-70842)**

New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, T. 32 N., R. 10 E., Sec. 6, SE 1/4.

The area described contains 160 acres. The appraised market value for Parcel 1 is \$23,800. There is no public access to this parcel. There are no encumbrances of record.

Offers to purchase this parcel will be made by sealed bid only. All bids must be received at the San Luis Valley Public Lands Center, 1803 West Highway 160, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144, not later than 4:30 p.m. MDT, July 1, 2008.

Sealed bids for Parcel 1 will be opened to determine the high bid at 10 a.m. MDT, July 2, 2008, at the San Luis Valley Public Lands Center.

The outside of the bid envelope must be clearly marked on the front lower left-hand corner with "SEALED BID," Parcel Number, and bid opening date. Bids must be for not less than the appraised market value for the parcel. Each sealed bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable in U.S. currency to "DOI-Bureau of Land Management" for an amount not less than 30 percent of the total amount of the bid. Personal checks will not be accepted.

The bid envelope also must contain a signed statement giving the total amount bid for the Parcel and the bidder's name, mailing address, and phone number. As provided in the regulations at 43 CFR 2711.3-2(a)(1)(ii), bidders for Parcel 1 shall be designated by the BLM and limited to adjoining landowners. Bids for Parcel 1 submitted by persons or entities other than the designated bidders will be rejected.

**Competitive Sale**

**Parcel 2 (COC-70841)**

New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, T. 40 N., R. 6 E., Sec. 19, lot 1.

The area described contains 38.43 acres. The appraised market value for Parcel 2 is \$33,000. The parcel does not have legal public access, although County Road 15 lies approximately 440 feet from the boundary of the parcel. The only encumbrance of record is a right-of-way for a gas pipeline.

Offers to purchase Parcel 2 will be made by sealed bid only. All bids must be received at the San Luis Valley Public Lands Center, 1803 West Highway 160, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144, not later than 4:30 p.m. MDT, July 1, 2008.