

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 (ADDRESSES above).

Applicant: Dr. M.K. Gonder, University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY, PRT-180709

The applicant requests a permit to import hair and fecal samples collected from chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*) sleep nests in the wild in Cameroon for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 3-year period.

Applicant: James M. Falco, Phoenixville, PA, PRT-179951

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: Tyler D. Hutt, Dallas, TX, PRT-162777

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one 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.

Applicant: Earl D. Robinson, Rancho Santa Fe, CA, PRT-161751

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.

Applicant: John S. MacDonnell, Arcadia, CA, PRT-181059.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one female 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.

Applicant: Timothy D. Akers, Richmond, KY, PRT-182065

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.

Endangered Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications 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: Terrie M. Williams, Center for Ocean Health, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, PRT-045447

The applicant requests a permit to take up to 24 captive-held southern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) annually for the purpose of scientific research on the physiology of and metabolic demands on southern sea otters related to energetics, diving, and thermoregulation. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-922-08-1310-FI-P; NDM 95197]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease NDM 95197

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Per 30 U.S.C. 188(d), LoneTree Energy & Associates, LLC timely filed a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease NDM 95197, Divide County, North Dakota. The lessee paid the required rental accruing from the date of termination.

No leases were issued that affect these lands. The lessee agrees to new lease terms for rentals and royalties of \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate. The lessee paid the \$500 administration fee for the reinstatement of the lease and \$163 cost for publishing this Notice.

The lessee met the requirements for reinstatement of the lease per Sec. 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). We are proposing to reinstate the lease, effective the date of termination subject to:

- The original terms and conditions of the lease;
- The increased rental of \$10 per acre;
- The increased royalty of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate; and
- The \$163 cost of publishing this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen L. Johnson, Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section, BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, 406-896-5098.

Dated: May 14, 2008.

Karen L. Johnson,

Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section.

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