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Dated: April 4, 2012.

Douglas W. Morris,

Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Application[s]

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following application to conduct certain activities with endangered species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing this permit.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by May 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments or requests for copies or more information by any of the following methods. Alternatively, you may use one of the following methods to request hard copies or a CD-ROM of the documents. Please specify the permit you are interested in by number (e.g., Permit No. TE-123456).

- *Email:* permitsR6ES@fws.gov.

Please refer to the respective permit number (e.g., Permit No. TE-123456) in the subject line of the message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486-DFC, Denver, CO 80225.

- *In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or Pickup:* Call (303) 236-4256 to make an appointment during regular business hours at 134 Union Blvd. Suite 645, Lakewood, CO 80228.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kris Olsen, Permit Coordinator Ecological Services, (303) 236-4256 (phone); permitsR6ES@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17, the Act provides for permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing this permit.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes you to conduct activities with United States endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or interstate commerce (the latter only in the event that it facilitates scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival). Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the appropriate permit number (e.g., Permit No. TE-123456) for the application when submitting comments.

Documents and other information the applicants have 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).

Permit Application Number: TE-059369

Applicant: Robert Schoor, Colorado Natural Heritage Program

The applicant requests amendment of an existing permit to add removal and reduction to possession the following species, in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring for the purpose of enhancing each species' survival. Activities will occur on Federal lands in Colorado, throughout the range of each species.

Eriogonum pelinophilum (Clay-loving wild-buckwheat)

Pediocactus knowltonii (Knowlton cactus)

Astragalus humillimus (Mancos milk-vetch)

Phacelia formosula (North Park phacelia)

Astragalus osterhoutii (Osterhout milk-vetch)

Ipomopsis polyantha (Pagosa skyrocket)

Penstemon penlandii (Penland beardtongue)

National Environmental Policy Act

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in this permit are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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: We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 2, 2012.

Michael G. Thabault,

Acting Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2012-N085;
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Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) prohibits activities with listed

species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before May 16, 2012. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by May 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Lisa Lierheimer, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Lierheimer, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street

address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) 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.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken. Under the MMPA, you may request a hearing on any MMPA application received. If you request a hearing, give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Service Director.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: Wild Acres Ranch, Sandusky, OH; PRT-64940A

The applicant requests a permit to import four captive-bred cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*), one male and three females, from Bester Birds and Animals Zoo Park, Pretoria, South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive breeding and zoological exhibition.

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Corpus Christi, TX; PRT-71576A

The applicant requests a permit to import one Kemp’s ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*) found stranded in the Netherlands for the purpose of

enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: The Dallas World Aquarium, Dallas, TX; PRT-71351A

The applicant requests a permit to import two captive-bred Harpy eagles (*Harpia harpyja*), one male and one female, from UMA Vida Silvestre Jesus Estudillo Lopez, Ixtapaluca, Mexico, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive breeding and zoological exhibition.

Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request 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: Jon W. Holman, West Fargo, ND; PRT-47905A

Applicant: Billy R. Hablinski, Athens, TX; PRT-71492A

B. Endangered Marine Mammals

Applicant: Edmund Gerstein, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL; PRT-063561

The applicant requests a renewal of the permit to take Florida manatees (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*) for the purpose of scientific research. The applicant is requesting no changes to his permit but an extension of time to allow him to complete a study to archive and evaluate manatee responses to controlled boat approaches; his research was hampered by weather and other circumstances beyond his control. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 2-year period.

Applicant: Dr. Milton Levin, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT; PRT-48161A

The applicant requests a permit to acquire biological samples from polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) and Florida manatees (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*) held in captivity and to import biological samples from polar bears in the wild for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Dated: April 6, 2012.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,
Supervisory Policy Specialist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Proposed Information Collection; Visitor Use Surveys for Headwaters Forest Reserve and King Range National Conservation Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve surveys of visitors to the Headwaters Forest Reserve (Reserve) and the King Range National Conservation Area (KRNCA) in California. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the BLM invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.

DATES: The OMB is required to respond to this information collection request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, written comments should be received on or before May 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB #1004-New), Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, fax 202-395-5806, or by electronic mail at *oira_docket@omb.eop.gov*. Please provide a copy of your comments to the BLM. You may do so via mail, fax, or electronic mail.

Mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240.

Fax: To Jean Sonneman at 202-245-0050.

Electronic mail: *Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov*. Please

indicate “Attn: 1004–New” regardless of the form of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Heppe, Arcata Field Office, at (707) 825-2351 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8339, to contact Mr. Heppe. You may also review the information collection request online at *http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521) and OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 provide that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond. In order to obtain an OMB control number, Federal agencies are required to seek public comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.10(a)).

The BLM published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** on February 8, 2011 (76 FR 6815), and the comment period ended April 11, 2011. The BLM received no comments. The BLM now requests comments on the following subjects:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BLM’s estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Please send comments as directed under **ADDRESSES** and **DATES**. Please refer to OMB control number 1004-NEW in your correspondence. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

The following information is provided for the information collection:

Title: Visitor Use Surveys for Headwaters Forest Reserve and King Range National Conservation Area.

Forms: None.

OMB Control Number: 1004–New.

Abstract: The proposed visitor use surveys would assist the BLM in meeting goals set forth in Resource Management Plans (RMPs) for the Reserve and the KRNCA that the BLM approved in 2004 and 2005, respectively. The BLM conducted baseline studies of visitor-use characteristics in the Reserve and the KRNCA in 1999 and 2003, respectively.

In light of the addition of new facilities, the implementation of new management actions, and increasing annual visitation, the BLM needs to conduct new visitor-use studies. The information will assist the BLM in determining changes in visitor characteristics, including demographics, usage, user conflicts, and perspectives on management programs and facilities. The methods will include conducting on-site interviews with visitors on a stratified random sampling basis and distributing mail-back questionnaires. The study will take place during the summer season when visitation rates are highest. Data will be analyzed and a final report developed for both the Reserve and the KRNCA. This collection of information will enable the BLM to respond to problems, protect natural and cultural resources, and develop appropriate interpretive programs.

Frequency: One-time.

Description of Respondents: Visitors and recreationists.

Respondents’ Obligation: Voluntary.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden: The estimated reporting burden for this collection is 1,700 responses and 467 hours. The following table details the individual components and estimated hour burdens of this collection.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS, RESPONSES AND TIME

Activity	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Completion time per response (minutes)	Total burden hours
Headwaters Visitor Interview	600	1	7	70