

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.

Application Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following application. Documents and other information the applicant has submitted 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-98708A

Applicant: South Dakota Department of Environment & Natural Resources, PMB 2020, Joe Foss Building, 523 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, release) Topeka shiner (*Notropis topeka*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities in South Dakota for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

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 these permits 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: March 18, 2013.

Michael G. Thabault,

Assistant Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-HQ-IA-2013-N073;
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Endangered Species; 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. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) 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 April 22, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, 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:

Brenda Tapia, (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.*), 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.

III. Permit Applications**A. Endangered Species**

Applicant: Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, Columbia, SC; PRT-96245A.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples collected from wild leatherback sea turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) in Suriname for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens, Miami, FL; PRT-97266A.

The applicant requests a permit to export a captive-born female harpy eagle (*Harpia harpyja*) to Parque Municipal Summit de Panama, Gamboa, Panama, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Mesker Park Zoo, Evansville, IN; PRT-678968.

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genera, and species, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families

Bovidae
Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Cervidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Macropodidae
Gruidae

Genus

Panthera

Species

Snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*)
Clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*)
Bactrian camel (*Camelus bactrianus*)
Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*)
Baird's tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*)
Przewalski's horse (*Equus przewalskii*)
Pygmy slow loris (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*)
Tartaruga (*Podocnemis expansa*)

Applicant: Gary Johnson, Perris, CA; PRT-808265.

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Zoological Society of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; PRT-679328.

The applicant requests amendment and renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genera, and species, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families

Bovidae
Canidae
Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Cervidae
Elephantidae
Equidae
Felidae (*does not include jaguar, margay, or ocelot*)
Hominidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Rhinocerotidae
Accipitridae
Bucerotidae
Cathartidae
Columbidae
Cotingidae
Gruidae
Muscicapidae
Pedionomidae
Psittacidae (*does not include thick-billed parrots*)
Rallidae
Strigidae
Sturnidae (*does not include Aplonis pelzelni*)
Threskiornithidae
Trogonidae
Alligatoridae
Bovidae (*does not include Mona boa or Puerto Rico boa*)
Crocodylidae (*does not include the American crocodile*)
Testudinidae
Varanidae
Bufonidae

Species

Rodrigues fruit bat (*Pteropus rodricensis*)
Central American river turtle (*Dermatemys mawii*)
Giant otter (*Pteronura brasiliensis*)
Applicant: Richard Ray, Farragut, TN; PRT-99438A.

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Oregon Zoo, Portland, OR; PRT-677662.

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration

under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families

Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Elephantidae
Equidae
Felidae (*does not include jaguar, margay, or ocelot*)
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Hominidae
Rhinocerotidae

Applicant: Charles Salisbury, Lakeland, FL; PRT-56309A.

The applicant requests amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to include Siamang (*Symphalangus syndactylus*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield, IL; PRT-682781.

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families

Bovidae
Camelidae
Canidae
Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Equidae
Felidae (*does not include jaguar, ocelot, or margay*)
Hominidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Lorisidae
Pteropodidae
Rhinocerotidae
Tapiridae
Psittacidae (*does not include thick-billed parrots*)
Sturnidae (*does not include Aplonis pelzelni*)
Crocodylidae (*does not include the American crocodile*)
Testudinidae

Applicant: East Coast Zoological Society dba Brevard Zoo, Melbourne, FL; PRT-036218.

The applicant requests amendment and renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genera, and species, to enhance their

propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families

Cebidae
Canidae
Cercopithecidae
Hominidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Tapiridae

Species

Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*)
Grevy's Zebra (*Equus grevyi*)
Golden parakeet (*Guarouba guarouba*)
Bali starling (*Leucopsar rothschildi*)
Radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*)
Goliath frog (*Conraua goliath*)

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: Franklin Brown, Rainbow City, AL; PRT-99428A.

Applicant: Michael Couch, Lebanon, TN; PRT-97814A.

Applicant: Coll John, El Paso, TX; PRT-99723A.

Applicant: Montague James, El Paso, TX; PRT-99724A.

Brenda Tapia,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Pan Mine Project, White Pine County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Egan Field Office, Ely, Nevada has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Pan Mine Project and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Pan Mine Project Draft EIS within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce any public meetings or other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Pan Mine Project by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* BLM_NV_EYDO_Midway_Pan_EIS@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* 775-289-1910.
- *Mail:* BLM Ely District, Egan Field Office, HC 33, Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301.

Copies of the Pan Mine Project Draft EIS are available in the Ely District Office at the above address and on the Ely District's Web page at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office/blm_programs/minerals/mining_projects/pan_mine_project.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Miles Kreidler, project lead, telephone: 775-289-1893; address: 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, NV 89301; email: mkreidler@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Midway Gold US, Inc., (Midway) proposes to construct and operate an open-pit gold mining operation in the northern part of the Pancake Mountain Range, approximately 50 miles west of Ely in White Pine County, Nevada. The proposed location is 10 miles south of US Route 50 near Newark Valley. The proposed operations and associated disturbance would be on approximately 3,204 acres of public land managed by the BLM. The proposed power line runs along Highway 50 and south along a proposed access road to the mine site. An updated inventory of lands with wilderness characteristics was completed and found no lands with

wilderness characteristics in the project area. The projected project life of the mine is 25 years: 13 years of mining and additional time for associated construction, closure, and post-closure monitoring periods. Midway is currently conducting exploration activities in this area which were analyzed in 2 environmental assessments (EAs): the *Castleworth Ventures, Inc. Pan Exploration Project EA* (May 2004) and the *Midway Gold Pan Project Exploration Amendment EA* (July 2011).

The Draft EIS describes and analyzes the proposed project site-specific impacts (including cumulative) on all affected resources. There are 3 action alternatives (including the Proposed Action) analyzed in addition to the No Action Alternative. The Waste Rock Disposal Site Design Alternative would result in a decrease of 79 acres of disturbance compared to the Proposed Action. It would also involve a more conventional waste rock disposal design and move waste rock away from more important greater sage-grouse habitat. The Southwest Power Line Alternative was developed to address concerns of potential impacts to greater sage-grouse from the Proposed Action power line. It is marginally further away and is less visible from 2 active greater sage-grouse leks. There were 10 other alternatives considered but eliminated from further analysis. Mitigation measures are considered to minimize environmental impacts and to assure the proposed action does not result in unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands.

On April 16, 2012, a Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register** inviting scoping comments on the proposed action. A legal notice was prepared by the BLM and published in the Elko Daily Free Press, Ely Daily Times, and the Reno Gazette-Journal informing the public of the BLM's intention to prepare the Pan Mine EIS. Public scoping meetings were held in May 2012 in Ely, Eureka, and Reno, Nevada. A total of 26 comments were received. The comments are incorporated in a Scoping Summary Report and were considered in the preparation of this Draft EIS.

Concerns raised during scoping include: potential impacts to archaeological resources, including damage to Carbonari sites and the loss of use of the 1913 alternative route of the Lincoln Highway; impacts to population and habitat of greater sage-grouse; impacts to wild horses and their habitat; impacts to air quality through point (equipment) and non-point (waste rock disposal areas) pollution sources; changes to the quantity and quality of