Permit TE–13914B

Applicant: Justin Coons, Shiatook, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct banding of nestling golden-cheeked warblers (Dendroica chrysoparia) within Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, Texas.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with NEPA (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 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 in your entire comment—including your phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information, 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: August 27, 2013.

Joy E. Nicholopoulos,
Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Call for Nominations to the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations for two members of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSEN–MAC). The GSEN–MAC provides advice and recommendations to the GSEN on science issues and the achievement of the GSEN Monument Management Plan objectives. GSEN will accept public nominations for 30 days from the publication date of this notice.

DATES: A completed nomination form and accompanying nomination/recommendation letters must be received at the address listed below no later than October 9, 2013.

ADDRESSES: GSEN Headquarters Office, 669 South Highway 89A, Kanab, UT 84741.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Crutchfield, Public Affairs Officer, see ADDRESSES above, telephone 435–644–1209; or email lcrutchf@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. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Interior established the GSEN–MAC pursuant to Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1739) and in conformity with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). The 15 appointed members of the GSEN–MAC perform several primary tasks: (1) Review evaluation reports produced by the Management Science Team and make recommendations on protocols and projects to meet overall objectives; (2) Review appropriate research proposals and make recommendations on project necessity and validity; (3) Make recommendations regarding allocation of research funds through review of research and project proposals as well as needs identified through the evaluation process above; and (4) Consult on issues such as protocols for specific projects.

The Secretary of the Interior appoints persons to the GSEN–MAC who are representatives of various stakeholder interests pertaining to land use planning and management of the lands under BLM management in the GSEN.

Each GSEN–MAC member will be a person who, as a result of training and experience, has knowledge or special expertise which qualifies him or her to provide advice from among the categories of interest listed below. As appropriate, certain committee members may be appointed as special government employees who serve on the committee without compensation, and are subject to financial disclosure requirements in the Ethics in Government Act and 5 CFR part 2634.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on the GSEN–MAC. Nomination forms may be obtained from the GSEN Headquarters Office, (address listed above).

The following must accompany all nomination packages:
—A letter of nomination;
—A completed nomination form;
—Letters of reference from the represented interests or organizations associated with the interest represented by the candidate; and,
—Any other information that speaks to the candidate’s qualifications.

One member, a livestock grazing permittee operating within the GSEN, will be appointed to the committee to represent livestock operators on the GSEN; and one member will be appointed as a special government employee with expertise in systems ecology. The specific category should be identified in the letter of nomination and in the nomination form.

Simultaneous with this notice, the GSEN will issue a press release providing additional information.

Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4–1.

Jenna Whitlock,
Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS– PWR–PWRO–12232: PPWONRADE2– PMP00E05.YP0000]

Dog Management Plan, Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, California

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102 (2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) is releasing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Dog Management Plan (Plan/SEIS), Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), California. Current dog management in the park is based on a number of factors. Areas included in the GGNRA Citizens’ Advisory Commission’s 1979 pet policy, followed by the park for over twenty years, must be managed in accordance with the June 2, 2005, decision by the U.S. District Court for Northern California (US vs. Barley, 405 F.Supp. 2d 1121) holding that NPS cannot enforce the NPS-wide regulation requiring on leash walking of pets (36 CFR 2.15(a)(2)) in areas where the park had previously allowed off leash use until notice and comment rulemaking under 36 CFR 1.5(b) is completed. A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking will be published for notice and comment after comments on the Plan/SEIS have been received, evaluated, and addressed. A final rule will be published after the final Plan/FEIS has been published and a Record of Decision signed.

The purpose of the Plan/SEIS is to determine the manner and extent of dog use in appropriate areas of the park, provide a clear, enforceable dog management policy, preserve and protect natural and cultural resources and natural processes, provide a variety of visitor experiences, improve visitor and employee safety, and reduce user conflicts.

The Plan/SEIS evaluates the impacts of six alternatives for dog management in 22 areas of GGNRA. The range of alternatives includes the consensus recommendations of the GGNRA Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for Dog Management, the 1979 Pet Policy, 36 CFR 2.15, voice-control dog walking and commercial dog walking. The preferred alternative includes site specific treatments from multiple action alternatives that together allow for a balanced range of visitor experiences, including areas that prohibit dogs, and areas that allow on-leash and voice-control dog walking. It includes the following key elements: The Negotiated Rulemaking Committee’s consensus agreements; on-leash and/or voice and sight-control dog walking in multiple specific areas of the park where impacts to sensitive resources and visitor experience are minimized; no dogs in areas of the park where impacts are unacceptable and can not be mitigated; a monitoring-based management strategy measuring compliance in on-leash and voice and sight-control dog walking areas that will provide information for a range of management responses as needed, including further restrictions or elimination of a use where compliance is not able to be achieved by lesser actions; permits for both individual and commercial dog walkers for more than three dogs, with a maximum of six, in limited areas of the park; and the site-specific analysis of Rancho Corral de Tierra as a recently-acquired GGNRA site evaluated under the Plan/SEIS.

DATES: All written comments must be postmarked or transmitted not later than 90 days following publication in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency of the notice of filing and availability of the Plan/SEIS.

ADRESSES: Electronic copies of the Plan/SEIS will be available for public review at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/goga. A limited number of printed copies will be available at Park Headquarters, Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco, CA. Copies will be available at local libraries in San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin Counties, as well as in Berkeley and Oakland. For further information or to request a copy of the Plan/SEIS, please contact: Shirwin Smith, Management Assistant, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco, CA 94123, (415) 561-4947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPS is most interested in comments on the changes between the draft and supplemental EIS, including the following: The addition of new data (including additional law enforcement and visitor use data), additional references, additional information regarding compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, changes to the impacts analysis (including additional analysis of potential redistributive effects of opening/closing areas to dog walking), changes to the compliance-based management strategy (now the monitoring-based management strategy) by including natural and cultural resource monitoring and removing automatic triggers and restrictions, evaluation of fencing as a method to minimize dog walking impacts, and relatively minor changes to some site specific changes in the preferred alternative. Additionally, a site recently transferred to GGNRA, Rancho Corral de Tierra, was added to the park sites considered in the range of reasonable alternatives analyzed by the plan/SEIS. Comments submitted on the earlier Plan/draft EIS (DEIS) will continue to be considered and do not need to be resubmitted.

After the EPA’s Federal Register notice is published, the NPS will schedule three open house style public meetings during the comment period. Dates, times, and locations of these meetings will be announced in press releases, email announcements and on the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site for the project at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/goga.

If you wish to comment electronically, you may submit your comments online at the PEPC Web site by visiting http://parkplanning.nps.gov/goga, clicking on open for comment, clicking on Dog Management Plan/EIS, and then clicking on Comment on Document. NPS encourages commenting electronically through PEPC. Note that the deadline for submitting comments online at the PEPC Web site is midnight, Mountain Time (11 p.m. Pacific Time), on the last day of the public comment period. If you wish to submit your written comments in hard copy (e.g. in a letter), you may send them by U.S. Postal Service or other mail delivery service or hand-deliver them to: Frank Dean, General Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco, CA 94123. Comments will also be accepted during the three open house public meetings. Comments will not be accepted by fax, email, or in any other way than those specified above. Bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted.

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.

Because this is a delegated EIS, the official responsible for approval of the final Plan is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service; subsequently the official responsible for implementation of the approved Plan is the General Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Dated: August 27, 2013.

Christine S. Lehnertz,
Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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