

Federal Register with the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (64 FR 32726; June 17, 1999), as well as our revisions to that policy (69 FR 24084; May 3, 2004).

On March 23, 2010, the Service published a 12-month finding in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 13910) that the greater sage-grouse (rangeland) warrants listing under the ESA as threatened or endangered throughout its range, but this action was precluded by other higher priority listing actions. In anticipation of a future listing decision by the Service, the applicants requested assistance from the Service in developing a CCAA addressing the needs of sage-grouse on lands they own in Malheur County and lands they lease through a long-term lease in Baker County, Oregon. Under the proposed CCAA, the applicants will address threats to the sage-grouse through the implementation of conservation measures that are consistent with their land use activities and the CCAA. Through the EOS permit issued pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA, the applicants would be authorized to incidentally take the sage-grouse in the course of implementing the CCAA if the species becomes listed under the ESA in the future, as long as the terms and conditions of the permit and the CCAA are followed.

Proposed Action

Consistent with our CCAA Policy, the conservation goal of the proposed CCAA is to encourage enhancement and protection of suitable sage-grouse habitat on the enrolled lands by either maintaining or modifying existing land uses so that they are consistent with the conservation needs of the sage-grouse. We can facilitate this conservation goal by giving non-Federal landowners incentives to implement conservation measures, primarily through regulatory certainty concerning land-use restrictions that might otherwise apply should the sage-grouse become listed under the ESA. The Service proposes to approve the CCAA and to issue an EOS permit to the applicants for incidental take of the greater sage-grouse caused by covered activities, if permit issuance criteria are met. Both the CCAA and the permit would have a term of 30 years.

The area to be addressed under this proposed CCAA (i.e., covered lands) is approximately 7,290 acres that are located in Baker and Malheur Counties, Oregon. Sage-grouse currently use suitable habitat on the covered lands for lekking (breeding displays), late brood-rearing, and wintering. The proposed

CCAA describes all of the threats to the sage-grouse that have been identified on the enrolled lands, and the conservation measures the applicants will be implementing to address those threats. Implementation of the conservation measures identified in the CCAA is expected to benefit the sage-grouse by means of (1) maintenance of large tracts of unfragmented and undeveloped land; (2) management of fuels to help reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires; (3) management of weeds and invasive plant species; and (4) maintenance of healthy, intact sage-grouse lekking, brood-rearing, and wintering habitats.

We have made a preliminary determination that the proposed CCAA and permit issuance are eligible for categorical exclusion under the NEPA. The basis for our preliminary determination is contained in an EAS, which is available for public review (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Comments

We request data, comments, new information, or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, Tribes, industry, or any other interested party on this notice. We particularly seek comments on the following: (1) Biological information concerning the greater sage-grouse; (2) relevant data concerning this species; (3) additional information concerning the range, distribution, population size, and population trends of the greater sage-grouse; (4) current or planned activities in the covered area and their possible impacts on the species; (5) identification of any other environmental issues that should be considered with regard to the proposed permit action; and (6) information regarding the adequacy of the CCAA pursuant to the requirements for permits at 50 CFR parts 13 and 17.

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we used in preparing the draft EAS, will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business

hours, at our La Grande Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Next Steps

We will evaluate the permit application, associated documents, and comments we receive to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and NEPA and their respective implementing regulations. We will also evaluate whether issuance of an EOS permit would comply with section 7 of the ESA by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation on the proposed permit action. If we determine that all requirements are met, we will sign the proposed CCAA and issue an EOS permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA to the applicants for take of sage-grouse caused by covered activities under the CCAA. We will not make our final decision until after the end of the 30-day public comment period, and we will fully consider all comments and information we receive during the public comment period.

Authority

We provide this notice in accordance with the requirements of section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and their implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 40 CFR 1506.6, respectively).

Dated: July 30, 2014.

Paul Henson,

State Supervisor, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-HQ-IA-2014-N176;
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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) prohibit 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 September 15, 2014. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by September 15, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; 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.*), 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: Turtle Conservancy Behler Chelonian Center, Ojai, CA; PRT-34804B

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) and angulated tortoise (*A. yniphora*) from the wild in Madagascar for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Avian Behavior International, LLC, Escondido, CA; PRT-28369B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species, golden conure (*Aratinga guarouba*),

Cuban amazon (*Amazona leucocephala*), and red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*). The purpose of the permit is to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: White Oak Conservancy Foundation, Yulee, FL; PRT-36263B

The applicant requests a permit to import one Southern black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis minor*) that is captive-bred for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Boulder Ridge Ranch LLC, Alto, MI; PRT-80856A

The applicant requests an amendment of his captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to add the Saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*), red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*), Red-ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*), Grevy’s zebra (*Equus grevyi*), and Przewalski’s horse (*Equus przewalskii*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Adam Rosenblatt, New Haven, CT; PRT-33280B

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from black caiman (*Melanosuchus niger*) from the wild in Guyana for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Jan Lundberg, Indianapolis, IN; PRT-40124B

The applicant requests a permit to import a 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.

B. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: Spiegel TV, Hamburg, Germany; PRT-40066B

The applicant requests a permit to photograph polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) in the vicinity of Kaktovik, Barter Island, Barrow, Alaska, from land based vehicles and boats for commercial and educational purposes. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant for less than a 1-year period.

Applicant: University of Florida, Aquatic Animal Health Program, Gainesville, FL; PRT-067116

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of a permit to take wild and captive-held Florida manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) for the purpose of scientific research to better understand manatee physiology and health and to investigate diagnostic applications. The applicant would also import and export biological species from all sireniens. 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.

Brenda Tapia,

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-HQ-IA-2014-N175; FXIA1671090000-145-FF09A30000]

Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. We issue these permits under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; 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: On the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), as amended, and/or the MMPA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), we issued requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, we found that (1) The application was filed in good faith, (2) The granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) The granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Endangered Species

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application FEDERAL REGISTER notice	Permit issuance date
28675B	Steven Hornady	79 FR 14528; March 14, 2014	06/03/2014
28677B	Jerry Brenner	79 FR 14528; March 14, 2014	06/03/2014
28678B	Alan Sackman	79 FR 14528; March 14, 2014	06/03/2014
28679B	Barbara Sackman	79 FR 14528; March 14, 2014	06/03/2014
28680B	Trevor Ahlberg	79 FR 14528; March 14, 2014	06/03/2014
28682B	Daniel Smith	79 FR 14528; March 14, 2014	06/03/2014
28684B	Renee Snider	79 FR 14528; March 14, 2014	06/03/2014
28687B	Craig Boddington	79 FR 14528; March 14, 2014	06/03/2014
28691B	Joseph Smith	79 FR 14528; March 14, 2014	06/03/2014
29431B	Richard Bisbee	79 FR 18575; April 2, 2014	07/30/2014
34806B	Antonia Hall	79 FR 28941; May 20, 2014	07/29/2014
32349B	Indianhead Ranch	79 FR 28941; May 20, 2014	07/30/2014

Marine Mammals

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application FEDERAL REGISTER notice	Permit issuance date
31599B	Patricia Tucker, Feathering Crest Aviary.	79 FR 24445; April 30, 2014	July 7, 2014.

Availability of Documents

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike,

Falls Church, VA 22041; fax (703) 358-2280.

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Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before July 19, 2014.