

This process is conducted in accordance with sec. 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ; 40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) NEPA implementing procedures, DHS Directive 023–01, Environmental Planning Program.

ADDRESSES: Public comments are encouraged and can be made through written communication sent through electronic mail at: nppdenvironmental@hq.dhs.gov, or the postal system to the NPPD Environmental and Energy Program, 245 Murray Lane, Mail Stop 0380, Room 608–D, Washington, DC 20528.

Use the following subject when writing in: Draft SPEA Proposed Establishment and Operations of OBIM and the HART. Public input submitted will be discussed and considered with respect to conclusions of this SPEA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: NPPD Environmental and Energy Program: nppdenvironmental@hq.dhs.gov. When inquiring about this notice, please use the following in the Subject Line: Draft SPEA Proposed Establishment and Operations of OBIM and the HART.

Comments on this Draft SPEA are also being solicited through a notice on the DHS NEPA Web site at: <https://www.dhs.gov/national-environmental-policy-act>.

Dated: December 6, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2016–0143; FXIA1671090000–178–FF09A30000]

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 January 17, 2017.

ADDRESSES: *Submitting Comments:* You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2016–0143.

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2016–0143; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

When submitting comments, please indicate the name of the applicant and the PRT# you are commenting on. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the Public Comments section below for more information).

Viewing Comments: Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; telephone 703–358–2095.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358–2104 (telephone); (703) 358–2281 (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

Endangered Species

Applicant: Louisiana State University, Museum of Natural Science, Baton Rouge, LA; PRT–96802B

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild specimens of the Haitian solenodon (*Solenodon paradoxus*) for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Powell, OH; PRT-04186C

The applicant requests a permit to import one female captive-bred snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*) from Ontario, Quebec, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation and zoological display.

Applicant: Wesley Loo, c/o Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; PRT-05827C

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild specimens of the medium tree finch (*Camarhynchus pauper*) from Galapagos, Ecuador, for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Cleveland, OH; PRT-98991B

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive-born Siberian tiger (*Panthera tigris altaica*) from Simon Marsh, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Doncaster, United Kingdom, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Michael Rohweder, St. Paul, MN; PRT-86614B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Spotted pond (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*), radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), yellow-spot river turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*), and Aquatic box turtle (*Terrapene coahuila*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Festival Fun Parks, LLC dba Miami Seaquarium, Miami, FL; PRT-94136B

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

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: Bryan Harlan, Dallas, TX; PRT-12235C

Applicant: Lewis Hardbower, Richardsville, VA; PRT-11262C

Applicant: Pedro Salazar, Houston, TX; PRT-11143C

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Closure: Target Shooting Public Safety Closure on the Lake Mountains in Utah County, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), pursuant to its regulations, is issuing a closure order which maintains an existing closure of approximately 900 acres of public land on the Lake Mountains in Utah County, Utah. This closure is necessary to protect persons, property, the public lands and resources from the discharge or use of firearms or dangerous weapons for the purposes of recreational target shooting. This closure does not restrict other public activities or access to this portion of the Lake Mountains that is hereby closed to recreational target shooting.

DATES: This notice announces a target shooting closure order within the described area for no longer than two years from December 15, 2016. This closure will maintain an existing closure of the same area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matt Preston, Field Manager; Phone: (801) 977-4300; Mail: Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South Decker Lake Boulevard, West Valley City, Utah 84119; Email: blm_ut_sl_comments@blm.gov.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This closure affects public lands on the Lake Mountains in Utah County, Utah. The legal description of the affected public lands is:

Salt Lake Meridian

T. 7 S., R. 1 E.,

Sec. 6, lot 1, NE1/4SE1/4;

Sec. 7, lot 1.

T. 7 S., R. 1 W.,

Sec. 13, lots 2, 11, 12, and portions of lots 3, 4, 9, and 10, and SE1/4SW1/4 lying easterly of the 345 KV power line *;

sec. 24, lots 1 thru 3, 10, 13, 17, 18, and those portions of lots 11 and 12, and NW1/4 lying easterly of the 345 KV power line (BLM right-of-way UTU 0115794);

sec. 26, NW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, and that portion of N1/2NW1/4 lying easterly of the 345 KV power line *;

* BLM right-of-way UTU 0115794.

The area described contains approximately 900 acres.

The Salt Lake Field Office hereby closes a portion of the Lake Mountains, Utah County, Utah, to all target shooting to protect public safety, property and resources. The area will be closed under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1—Closures and Restrictions and in conformance with BLM Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2016-128, Requirements for Processing and Approving Temporary Public Land Closure and Restriction Orders. Due to unsafe conditions and danger to the public, it is imperative for the BLM to maintain the closure on the area.

The BLM will post target shooting closure signs at main entry points to this area. A notice and map of the target shooting closure will be posted in the Salt Lake Field Office. Maps of the affected area and other documents associated with this closure are available at: Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 S. Decker Lake Blvd., West Valley City, UT 84119 and the Salt Lake Field Office, Target Shooting Program Web site located online at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/projectSummary.do?methodName=renderDefaultProjectSummary&projectId=66041>.

The Lake Mountains are a small mountain range located on the west side of Utah Lake. The city of Saratoga Springs borders the north side of the mountains and Eagle Mountain City is along the west side. State Highway 68 runs along the eastern bench of the Lake Mountains; it is a main arterial road and is used by residential, agricultural, and recreational traffic. Across Highway 68, there are residences along the lake shore. Utah Lake is a popular area for recreationists, boaters, and anglers. The Lake Mountains are comprised of a