

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**1. Replacement of Units Under a PBV Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contract***a. Background*

The RAD statute¹ authorizes the conversion of properties assisted under the public housing program to assistance under project-based Section 8 assistance in order to preserve and improve the housing. The statute includes various provisions envisioning the long-term preservation of the assisted units: HUD must require the “substantial conversion of assistance,” only permitting a de minimis reduction in assisted units; properties must be placed under long-term assistance contracts; upon expiration of the initial contract and any renewal contract the public housing authority (PHA) shall offer and the owner of the property shall accept renewal of the contract; a new Use Agreement must be recorded on the land; and the assistance may be transferred to a new site at or after conversion.

b. When RAD Units Become Unavailable for Occupancy

In the event that the property placed under a RAD PBV HAP contract through the conversion of assistance from public housing becomes unavailable for occupancy, and in order to continue the effective conversion of assistance of such properties, HUD finds it necessary to facilitate the replacement of assisted units under new assistance contracts under the same terms and conditions established in the original RAD PBV HAP contract or any renewal contract. Notably, RAD already includes a provision permitting the transfer of assistance to a new site. By this notice, HUD is supplementing the provision to transfer assistance by providing a mechanism for Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) to enter into a RAD Interim Agreement and, subsequently, a new RAD PBV HAP contract when a direct transfer of the HAP contract to new, eligible units is not possible and there would be a temporary period when a

HAP contract is not in effect. This might occur when, for example:

- The owner adequately justifies a specific and well-developed redevelopment plan that requires the units to be unavailable for occupancy while the PHA is replacing the units on-site; or
- An unforeseen event (such as a natural disaster) renders the units uninhabitable.

In such circumstances, the owner must continue to comply with all applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements, which include the obligations under Section 504 to provide mobility and sensory accessible units to tenants with disabilities who require those features and provide tenants reasonable accommodations, and the Uniform Relocation Act as applicable.

c. RAD Interim Agreement

During any period when a normal RAD PBV HAP contract cannot reasonably remain in force and is terminated, under conditions that HUD may establish, including for the protection of residents, HUD, the PHA, and the owner as applicable would enter into an Interim Agreement that provides the authority to carry forth the RAD requirements to the RAD PBV HAP contract that will cover the replacement units. The Interim Agreement would be executed prior to any termination of the original RAD PBV HAP contract and would implement the transition of the rental assistance from the RAD PBV HAP contract and ultimately to the replacement RAD PBV HAP contract. It would preserve the authority for the RAD PBV rental assistance to commence under the replacement RAD PBV contract. Further, the Interim Agreement would set forth any applicable development requirements and the conditions which must be met before the replacement RAD PBV HAP Contract can be executed.

II. Finding of No Significant Impact

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to the environment has been made in accordance with HUD regulations in 24 CFR part 50, which implemented section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)). The FONSI is available for inspection at HUD’s Funding Opportunities web page at:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gnomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopp.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2021–0051; FXIA1671090000–212–FF09A30000]

Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and Wild Bird Protection Act; Receipt of Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), foreign or native species for which the Service has jurisdiction under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), and foreign bird species covered under the Wild Bird Conservation Act (WBCA). With some exceptions, the ESA, MMPA, and WBCA prohibit activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. These Acts also require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity they otherwise prohibit with respect to any species.

DATES: We must receive comments by October 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <http://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2021–0051.

Submitting Comments: When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2021–0051.

¹ Section 237 of Title II, Division L, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (Pub. L. 112–74). The RAD statutory requirements were amended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (Pub. L. 113–76, signed January 17, 2014), the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113–235, signed December 16, 2014), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Pub. L. 114–113, signed December 18, 2015), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 115–31, signed May 4, 2017), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115–141, signed March 23, 2018).

• *U.S. Mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2021–0051; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Monica Thomas, by phone at 703–358–2185, via email at DMAFR@fws.gov, or via the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I comment on submitted applications?

We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information 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.

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>, unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

C. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment at <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or

email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*); section 104(c) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*); and section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (WBCA; 16 U.S.C. 4901–4916), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, these Acts prohibit certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA allow otherwise prohibited activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Service regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17. Service regulations regarding permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the MMPA with respect to any marine mammals are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 18. Service regulations regarding permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the WBCA with respect to any wild birds are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 15.

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

III. Permit Applications

We invite comments on the following applications.

A. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: Titan Productions, Monterey, CA; Permit No. PER0004910

The applicant requests a permit to photograph (video and still photography) northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) in Alaska and southern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) in California, for the purpose of commercial photography. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: BBC Studios Productions Ltd, Los Angeles CA; Permit No. PER0003402

The applicant requests a permit to photograph (video and still photography) southern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) in California, for the purpose of commercial photography. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Monterey Bay Aquarium Foundation, Monterey, CA; Permit No. 186914

The applicant requests a permit to renew their permit to take rescued southern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) in California, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

B. Wild Bird Conservation Act

The public is invited to comment on the following application for approval to conduct certain activities with bird species covered under the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (16 U.S.C. 4901–4916). This notice is provided pursuant to section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (50 CFR 15.26(c)).

Applicant: David Kanellis, Las Vegas, NV; Permit No. 10109C

The applicant wishes to renew and amend the cooperative breeding program, CB030 Raptor Cooperative Breeding Program, by including the following species: Verreaux's eagle-owl (*Bubo lacteus*), importing to the United States 16 birds (8 males and 8 females); spectacled owl (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*), importing to the United States 20 birds (10 males and 10 females); and boobook owl (*Ninox boobook*), importing to the United States 24 birds (14 males and 10 females). If the amendment is approved, the program will be overseen by the California Hawking Club, Sacramento, California.

IV. Next Steps

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal**

Register. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <http://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations and section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (50 CFR 15.26(c)).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Michindoh Glacial Aquifer Groundwater Study

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; and by email to gs-info_collections@usgs.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-NEW in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact David Lampe by email at dclampe@usgs.gov or by telephone at 317-416-7448. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A Federal Register notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on May 24, 2021 (86 FR 27888). No comments were received.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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.

Abstract: Synoptic water level measurements are a type of measurement where data is collected from many wells over a short period of time. As part of the effort to collect synoptic measurements of the Michindoh Aquifer, the USGS is relying on the participation of property owners from across the region. Those identified as having a selected water well located on their property will be contacted via a postcard. They will then be asked to sign a permission form allowing the USGS to complete groundwater level measurement in their well during Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. This will involve USGS scientists accessing the well and lowering a sanitized electric or steel tape into the well to determine the current water depth below land surface. The measurement that is collected will also be provided to the property owner at the time of collection.

The USGS will attempt to measure approximately 150 to 200 wells within eleven counties in the tri-state region. This large number of measurements over a short period of time will provide the USGS with a snapshot-like understanding of regional water levels. This information will be critical for comprehending the behavior of the entire aquifer system and will be used to model regional groundwater depth.

Title of Collection: Michindoh Glacial Aquifer Groundwater Study.

OMB Control Number: 1028-NEW.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: New.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals/households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 250.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 63 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

An agency may not conduct, or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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