

Permit No. TE-045236

Applicant: SWCA-Albuquerque, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow surveys for and collection of Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*) within New Mexico.

Permit No. TE-097324

Applicant: Hugo Magana, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to survey for and collect Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*) within New Mexico.

Permit No. TE-095289

Applicant: Jon Nelson, Phoenix, Arizona. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to allow presence/absence surveys and nest monitoring of cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) and southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-094375

Applicant: Azimuth Forestry Services, Shelbyville, Texas. Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) within Texas. Applicant additionally requests authorization to survey for and collect voucher specimens of the following species within Texas: Navasota ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*), Texas prairie dawn-flower (*Hymenoxys texana*), and Texas trailing phlox (*Phlox nivalis* ssp. *texensis*).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*

Dated: January 5, 2005.

Joy Nicholopoulos,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Availability of the Draft Revised Recovery Plan for the Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*)**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the

availability for public review of the draft revised Recovery Plan for the Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*). The whooping crane is found in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains and in central Canada. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft revised Recovery Plan.

DATES: The comment period for this proposal closes March 14, 2005. Comments on the draft revised Recovery Plan must be received by the closing date to assure consideration.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft revised Recovery Plan can obtain a copy on a CD from the Whooping Crane Coordinator, Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 100, Austwell, Texas 77950. The draft revised Recovery Plan may also be obtained from the Internet at www.fws.gov/. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments and materials concerning this draft revised Recovery Plan to the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Stehn, USFWS Whooping Crane Coordinator, Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 100, Austwell, Texas 77950; telephone (361) 286-3559, ext. 221, facsimile (361) 286-3722, e-mail: Tom_Stehn@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare Recovery Plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery Plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires the development of Recovery Plans for listed species unless such a Plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during Recovery Plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these

comments into account in the course of implementing Recovery Plans.

The document submitted for review is the draft revised Recovery Plan for the whooping crane. In the United States, the whooping crane (*Grus americana*) was listed as Threatened with Extinction in 1967 and Endangered in 1970—both listings were “grandfathered” into the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Critical habitat was designated in 1978. In Canada, it was designated as Endangered in 1978 by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada; critical habitat will be designated upon publication of the final recovery strategy on the Species at Risk Act public registry.

Whooping cranes occur only in North America. About 300 individuals exist in the wild at 3 locations, and about 133 whooping cranes are in captivity at 8 sites. Only the Aransas-Wood Buffalo National Park Population that nests in Canada and winters in coastal marshes in Texas is self-sustaining with nearly 200 in the flock. With so few individuals surviving, the population remains in danger of extinction. Historic population declines resulted from habitat destruction, shooting, and displacement by activities of man. Current threats include limited genetics, loss and degradation of migration stopover habitat, collisions with power lines, and degradation of coastal habitat and threat of chemical spills.

The draft revised Recovery Plan includes scientific information about the species and provides objectives and actions needed to downlist the species. Recovery actions designed to achieve these objectives include protection and enhancement of the breeding, migration, and wintering habitat for the AWBP to allow the wild flock to grow and reach ecological and genetic stability, reintroduction and establishment of geographically separate self-sustaining wild flocks to ensure resilience to catastrophic events, and maintenance of a captive breeding flock to protect against extinction that is genetically managed to retain a minimum of 90% of the whooping crane's genetic material for 100 years.

The downlisting criteria proposed in the draft revised Recovery Plan are: (1) A minimum of 40 productive pairs in the AWBP and a minimum of 25 productive pairs occurring in self-sustaining populations at each of two other discrete locations (population targets of 160 in the AWBP and 100 at each of the other locations); and (2) 21 productive pairs in captivity as a safeguard to ensure long-term survival of the species (population target of 153).

Criteria to delist the species are not being proposed at this time.

The Whooping Crane draft revised Recovery Plan is being submitted for review to all interested parties, including technical peer review. After consideration of comments received during the review period, the recovery plan will be submitted for final approval.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the draft revised Recovery Plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the final Recovery Plan.

Authority

The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: December 27, 2004.

Bryan Arroyo,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-926-05-1910-BJ-4360]

Montana: Filing of Plat of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plat of survey.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, (30) days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Toth, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, telephone (406) 896-5121 or (406) 896-5009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This survey was executed at the request of the U.S. Forest Service and was necessary to delineate Forest Service lands. The lands we surveyed are:

Black Hills Meridian, South Dakota

T. 3 S., R. 12 E.

The plat, in 5 sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the north boundary, a portion of the west boundary, a portion of the subdivisional lines, certain adjusted original meanders of the former left and right banks of the South Fork of the Cheyenne River, through sections 5, 8, 17, 18,

and 19, and the 2001 meanders of the present left bank of the South Fork of the Cheyenne River, through sections 19 and 30, and the subdivision of sections 4, 8, 17, 18, and 19, and the survey of certain division of accretion lines and certain meanders of the present left and right banks of the South Fork of the Cheyenne River through sections 5, 8, 9, 17, 18, and 19, Township 3 South, Range 12 East, Black Hills Meridian, South Dakota, was accepted December 9 2004.

We will place copies of the plat, in 5 sheets, and related field notes we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, in five sheets, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file this plat, in five sheets, until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions or appeals.

Dated: January 4, 2005.

Steven G. Schey,

Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Extension of the Public Comment Period, Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Colorado River Management Plan (CRMP) of Grand Canyon National Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Colorado River Management Plan is extended.

DATES: The comment period for the draft EIS has been extended three weeks from the published date of the Notice of Availability. The extended deadline is February 1, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address comments and requests for more information to: Superintendent, Grand Canyon National Park, Attn: CRMP Comments, P.O. Box 129, Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023, via e-mail at grca_crmp@nps.gov or visit the Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/crmp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Ernenwein at (928) 779-6279 or Mary Killeen at (928) 638-7885.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority to revise the Colorado River

Management Plan (CRMP) came as a result of a year-long negotiation to settle a lawsuit filed against the Park in U.S. District Court in Arizona in July, 2000. The settlement agreement directed the NPS to address specific issues including allocation of use between commercial and non-commercial users, and level of motorized rafting use. Given the complexity of the document and the intense level of interest, the comment period is being extended. The Park Service published the Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register** of October 1, 2004 (Vol. 69, No. 190). The notice stated that the Draft EIS would remain available for 90 days from the publication of the notice. The Park Service published the Notice of Availability in the EPA Federal Register Environmental Documents on October 8, 2004 (EIS No. 040465).

Dated: December 21, 2004.

Kate Cannon,

Deputy Superintendent, Grand Canyon National Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

[Docket No. ATF 15N; ATF O 1156.3]

Delegation Order—Authority To Issue Reimbursable Work Authorizations

1. *Purpose.* This order delegates authority for issuing General Services Administration (GSA) Form 2957, Reimbursable Work Authorizations, when required for alterations, renovations, repairs or services to real property occupied by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

2. *Cancellation.* This order cancels ATF O 1100.139A, Delegation Order—Authority To Issue Reimbursable Work Authorizations, dated 8/13/1991.

3. Delegations.

a. Under the authority vested in the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, by Department of Justice Final Rule [AG Order No. 2650-2003] as published in the **Federal Register** on January 31, 2003, and by title 28 CFR 0.130 and 0.131, I hereby delegate the authority for issuing reimbursable work authorizations to GSA when required for alterations, renovations, repairs or services to real property occupied by ATF to:

(1) Assistant Director (Management)/CFO.