

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****[FWS-R9-IA-2008-N0026; 96300-1671-0000-P5]****Receipt of Applications for Permit****AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permit.**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.**DATES:** Written data, comments or requests must be received by March 27, 2008.**ADDRESSES:** 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Endangered Species**

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: The Peregrine Fund, Boise, ID, PRT-065258.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to import, export, and re-export multiple shipments of biological samples from wild, captive-held, and/or captive born endangered species of the Order Falconiformes and Strigiformes from worldwide sources, for the purpose of scientific research. No animals can be intentionally killed for the purpose of collecting specimens. Any invasively collected samples can only be collected by trained personnel. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a period of 5 years.

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA, PRT-171205.

The applicant requests a permit to export biological samples from one male captive-born ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*) to Dr. Werner Schempp, Albert-Ludwig Universitat, Freiburg, Germany, for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Orlando Deandar, McAllen, TX, PRT-173461.

The applicant requests 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: Spencer C. Scott, San Antonio, TX, PRT-147912.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male black Rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*) taken from a ranch in the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL, PRT-698170.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to export and re-import non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species of plants and animals previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Dated: February 1, 2008.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[UTU 42920]****Public Land Order No. 7689; Revocation of Secretarial Order Dated June 28, 1943; Utah****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes a Secretarial Order in its entirety, as it affects the remaining 160 acres of lands in Box Elder and Cache Counties, Utah, withdrawn from surface entry and mining on behalf of the Bureau of Reclamation for the Bear River Storage

Project. The lands are no longer needed for reclamation purposes and this order will open the lands to surface entry and mining.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 27, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rhonda Flynn, BLM Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101-1345, 801-539-4132.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Project was never developed and the lands are no longer needed for reclamation purposes. The Bureau of Reclamation has requested the withdrawal revocation. Approximately 1,080 acres were originally withdrawn, but the Secretarial Order has since been partially revoked. A copy of the pertinent withdrawal orders containing a legal description of the lands involved is available from the BLM Utah State Office at the address above.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), *it is ordered* as follows:

1. The Secretarial Order dated June 28, 1943, which originally withdrew approximately 1,080 acres of lands from surface entry and mining and reserved them on behalf of the Bureau of Reclamation for the Bear River Storage Project, is hereby revoked in its entirety as to any remaining lands.

2. At 10 a.m. on March 27, 2008, the lands will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 10 a.m. on March 27, 2008, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

3. At 10 a.m. on March 27, 2008, the lands will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the lands referenced in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (2000), shall vest no rights against the United States. State law governs acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession where not in conflict with

Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: February 6, 2008.

C. Stephen Allred,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Alternative Energy and Alternate Use Proposed Rule

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Preparation of an environmental assessment (EA).

SUMMARY: The MMS is issuing this notice to advise the public, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, that the MMS intends to prepare an EA for the Alternative Energy and Alternate Use (AEAU) proposed rule. The MMS is issuing this notice to facilitate public involvement. The preparation of this EA is an important step in the rulemaking process. An Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the **Federal Register** on December 30, 2005. A Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) analyzed the establishment of the MMS AEAU program, of which rulemaking is a component. The *Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Alternative Energy Development and Production and Alternate Use of Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf* was published on November 6, 2007 (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2007-046).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James F. Bennett, Minerals Management Service, MS 4042, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170. You may also contact Mr. Bennett by telephone at (703) 787-1660.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In August 2005, Congress enacted the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA) amended section 8 of the OCS Lands Act (OCSLA), 43 U.S.C. 1337, to give the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) authority to issue a lease, easement, or right-of-way on the OCS for activities that are not otherwise authorized by the OCSLA, or other applicable law, if those activities (1)

produce or support production, transportation, or transmission of energy from sources other than oil and gas or (2) use, for energy-related purposes or other authorized marine-related purposes, facilities currently or previously used for activities authorized under the OCSLA.

Subsection 8(p) of the OCSLA (42 U.S.C. 1337(p)) requires that the Secretary, in consultation with other relevant agencies, develop and issue any necessary regulations to implement its new authority. The Secretary delegated this authority to the Director, MMS.

Public Comments: Interested parties are requested to send, within 30 days of this Notice's publication, comments regarding any new information or issues that should be addressed in the EA. Comments may be submitted in one of the following two ways:

1. In written form enclosed in an envelope labeled "Comments on Alternative Energy Rulemaking EA" and mailed (or hand carried) to the Branch Chief, Environmental Assessment Branch, Minerals Management Service, MS 4042, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170.

2. Electronically to the MMS e-mail address: alternative@mms.gov. To obtain single copies of the Programmatic EIS published on November 7, 2007, you may contact Mr. James F. Bennett, Minerals Management Service, MS 4042, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170. You may also view the Programmatic EIS on the MMS Web site at: ocsenergy.anl.gov.

Dated: February 21, 2008.

Renee Orr,

Acting Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Saguaro National Park, AZ

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability, Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Saguaro National Park, Tucson, Arizona.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the General Management Plan (GMP) for Saguaro National Park, Arizona. This action follows the National

Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(c).

The document will provide a framework for management, visitor use, and facility development of the national park by the National Park Service for the next 15 to 25 years. The document describes three management alternatives including a no-action alternative and the preferred alternative of the National Park Service. In addition, the National Park Service analyzes anticipated environmental impacts of the alternatives. The National Park Service considered comments from the public, from traditionally associated American Indian tribes, and from government agencies on the draft plan when preparing the final.

Alternatives

Three management alternatives, including the no action alternative, were proposed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and have been carried forth into the Final Environmental Statement.

Alternative 1, the no action alternative, would be a continuation of current management trends and serves as a basis of comparison with the action alternatives.

Alternative 2, the preferred alternative, would emphasize protecting and preserving ecological processes and biological diversity by connecting dispersed wildlife and plant habitats with habitat corridors. The concept was developed to help protect biological and ecological diversity from being compromised by habitat fragmentation.

Alternative 3, the second action alternative, would emphasize providing a wider range of opportunities for visitor use that is compatible with protecting and preserving park resources and wilderness characteristics. The concept was developed because of public interest in expanding park programs and visitor-use opportunities for an increasingly diverse visitor population.

Date of Record of Decision: The National Park Service will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days after publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of this notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan are available from Superintendent Sarah Craighead, Saguaro National Park, 3693 South Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ 85730-5601; e-mail address sarah_craighead@nps.gov; or telephone number 520-733-5100. An electronic copy of the document is available on the