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Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The application(s) was/were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*) and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and/or marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: Paul L. Van Dam, Hamilton, MI, PRT-070875.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Stanley D. Jager, Byron Center, MI, PRT-070876.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Wayne F. Manis, Hayden Lake, ID, PRT-070952.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: John J. Michelotti, Billings, MT, PRT-070954.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

Dated: April 25, 2003.

Michael S. Moore,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Pub. L. 106-503, The Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) will hold its fourth meeting. The meeting location is the University of Southern California, 167 North Science Hall, Southern California Earthquake Center Board Room, Los Angeles, California 90089. The Committee is comprised of members from academia, industry, and State government. The Committee shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

The Committee will review the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program earthquake hazard assessment activities in California. This will include a critique of the goals and objectives of the Program in California over the next 5 years in earthquake hazards assessments and in research on earthquake processes and effects.

Meetings of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee are open to the public.

DATES: June 11, 2003, commencing at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 4:30 p.m. on June 12, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John R. Filson, U.S. Geological Survey, 12202 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-6785.

Dated: April 29, 2003.

R.K. Kotra,

Acting Associate Director for Geology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Western Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Western Montana Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: A meeting will be held July 9, 2003 at the BLM Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana beginning at 9 a.m. The public comment period will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will adjourn at noon to allow for an afternoon field trip.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in western Montana. At the July 9 meeting, topics we plan to discuss include: an update on the Dillon Resource Management Plan, special recreation uses on the Blackfoot River, and proposed grazing regulation changes.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Krause, Resource Advisory Council Coordinator, at the Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana 59701, telephone 406-533-7617 or Richard Hotaling, Field Manager, Butte Field Office, telephone 406-533-7600.

Dated: May 5, 2003.

Richard Hotaling,
Field Manager.

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