

Permit No. TE-834782

Applicant: WestLand Resources, Inc., Tucson, Arizona

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys for Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-077699

Applicant: Charles H. Lewis, Phoenix, Arizona

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-076050

Applicant: McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, McAlester, Oklahoma

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Oklahoma.

Permit No. TE-078070

Applicant: University of Arizona, Environmental Research Laboratory, Tucson, Arizona

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to receive bonytail chub (*Gila elegans*) and Apache trout (*Oncorhynchus apache*), in order to assess the effects of water quality on the endocrine system function of these species.

Permit No. TE-078189

Applicant: Adkins Consulting, Farmington, New Mexico

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within New Mexico: black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), Knowlton cactus (*Pediocactus knowltonii*), and Mancos milk-vetch (*Astragalus humillimus*).

Permit No. TE-078127

Applicant: The Dallas World Aquarium Corporation, Dallas, Texas

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to allow education display of the hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*).

Permit No. TE-078304

Applicant: Terri L. Symonds, Dallas, Texas

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species where they occur within Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas: black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*), cactus ferruginous pygmy owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*).

Permit No. TE-078347

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ajo, Arizona

Applicant requests a permit for individuals to possess, capture, administer health care, introduce, manage, monitor, maintain, and breed Sonoran pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana sonoriensis*) within the Semi-Captive Breeding Facility located on the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge.

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

Dated: October 14, 2003.

Bryan Arroyo,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Southern Idaho Ground Squirrel Programmatic Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, this notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) and the Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation, intends to gather information necessary to prepare an environmental document (environmental assessment and/or environmental impact statement) regarding a proposed Southern Idaho Ground Squirrel Programmatic Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) and enhancement of

survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The IDFG is the proposed permit applicant.

The Service is furnishing this notice in order to: (1) Advise other Federal and State agencies, affected tribes, and the public of our intentions; (2) announce the initiation of a 21-day public scoping period; and (3) to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be addressed in the environmental document.

DATES: Written comments from all interested parties must be received on or before November 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Carmen Thomas, Project Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Room 368, Boise, Idaho 83709; facsimile: (208) 378-5262.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carmen Thomas at the above address or telephone: (208) 378-5243.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances contain a strategy for covered lands and activities that constitute an applicant's contribution to avoid listing or remove the need to list a covered species as threatened or endangered under the ESA. In return, an applicant receives assurances that it will not be required to provide additional conservation measures if any of the covered species become listed under the ESA in the future.

The proposed CCAA planning document would cover approximately 1,000,000 acres in Adams, Washington, Payette, and Gem Counties, Idaho; within this area, individual non-Federal landowners could voluntarily enroll lands under the proposed CCAA. It is unknown how many landowners would participate and enroll lands under the CCAA, however, we expect the acreage of enrolled lands to be substantially less than 1,000,000 acres.

The primary goal of the proposed CCAA would be to implement habitat and population conservation measures on non-Federal lands enrolled under the CCAA for the southern Idaho ground squirrel (*Spermophilus brunneus endemicus*). Habitat conservation measures would focus on restoration or protection of native plant communities, including shrub/steppe habitat, or other habitat management measures to benefit this species. Other conservation measures could include: minimization of impacts from land use activities in southern Idaho ground squirrel-occupied habitat to conserve ground squirrel populations; prohibition of shooting, trapping, and poisoning of

southern Idaho ground squirrels; reintroduction of southern Idaho ground squirrels into unoccupied suitable habitat; and authorization for Service and IDFG personnel to access enrolled lands for purposes of monitoring southern Idaho ground squirrel populations and habitat. Potential covered activities include: crop cultivation and harvesting, livestock grazing and production, farm equipment operation, and recreational activities (e.g., hunting, fishing, camping, dog training, and use of recreational vehicles on and off established roads).

The Service will conduct an environmental review of the proposed CCAA and prepare an environmental document. The review will analyze the CCAA, as well as a full range of reasonable alternatives, and the associated impacts of each. Should information become available that indicates significant environmental impacts from the proposed CCAA, an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared. Comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties to ensure the full range of issues related to this proposed action are identified. Comments or questions should be addressed to the Service at the address or telephone number provided above. See ADDRESSES and FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

The environmental review of this proposed project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), National Environmental Policy Act Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other applicable Federal laws and regulations, and policies and procedures of the Service for compliance with those regulations.

Dated: October 23, 2003.

William F. Shake,

Deputy Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Meeting of the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Trinity Adaptive

Management Working Group (TAMWG). The TAMWG affords stakeholders the opportunity to give policy, management, and technical input concerning Trinity River restoration efforts to the Trinity Management Council. Primary objectives of the meeting will include: 2004 budget update, TAMWG's operations and procedures, Director's report, update strategic plan and science framework, watershed restoration and other subcommittee reports, fish return report, Cableway gravel introduction project, review and recommendation of watershed and tributary restoration element for Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration SEIS/EIR, and update on possible litigation settlement. The agenda items are approximate and are dependent on the amount of time each item takes. The meeting could end early if the agenda has been completed. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group will meet from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Weaverville Victorian Inn, 1709 Main Street, Weaverville, California 96093. The phone number is (530) 623–4432.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary Ellen Mueller of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California/Nevada Operations Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W–2606, Sacramento, California 95825, (916) 414–6464. Dr. Mary Ellen Mueller is the designee of the committee's Federal Official—Steve Thompson, Manager of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California/Nevada Operations Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For background information and questions regarding the Trinity River Restoration Program, please contact Douglas Schleusner, Executive Director, Trinity River Restoration Program, P.O. Box 1300, 1313 South Main Street, Weaverville, California 96093, (530) 623–1800.

Dated: October 27, 2003.

D. Kenneth McDermond,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, CA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vale District, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice for the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council will meet in the Tamastslikt Cultural Institute's Multi Purpose Theater, at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 7277 Highway 331, Pendleton, OR 97801 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., (Pacific Time PT) on Tuesday, December 2, 2003.

The meeting may include such topics as Program of Work, Wild Horse and Burro issues, Sagegrouse Subcommittee Report, and other matters as may reasonably come before the Board. The entire meeting is open to the public. For a copy of the information to be distributed to the Board members, please submit a written request to the Vale District Office 10 days prior to the meeting. Public comment is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. PT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council may be obtained from Peggy Diegan, Management Assistant/ Webmaster, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918, (541) 473–6244, or e-mail Peggy_Diegan@or.blm.gov.

Dated: October 28, 2003.

Tom Terry,

Assistant District Manager, Field Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of an information collection (1010–0143).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), MMS is notifying the public that it has submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR 260,