

Service Concessions Management Advisory Board is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by the Act of August 25, 1916, 16 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*, and other statutes relating to the administration of the National Park System.

Dated: August 26, 2009.

Ken Salazar,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. The Endangered Species Act requires that we invite public comment on these permit applications.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by November 25, 2009.

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.*). Submit your written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete

applications to the address shown in **ADDRESSES**.

Applicant: Fort Worth Zoo, Fort Worth, TX, PRT-220887

The applicant requests a permit to export one captive-bred female black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*) to the Africam Safari, Puebla, Mexico, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, VA, PRT-230437

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species of animals previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Florida State University, Robert K. Godfrey Herbarium, Tallahassee, FL, PRT-230539

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species of plants previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

The following applicants each request 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: Wilson W. Crook, Kingwood, TX, PRT-223348

Applicant: Sandra A. Summers, Oxford, MS, PRT-227930

Applicant: Bradford T. Black, North Canton, OH, PRT-228076

Applicant: James C. Faith, Hollidaysburg, PA, PRT-229221

Dated: October 16, 2009

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of Final Elk Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Wind Cave National Park, South Dakota

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final Elk Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Wind Cave National Park, South Dakota.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Final Elk Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/EIS) for Wind Cave National Park, South Dakota (Park).

DATES: The final Plan/EIS will remain available for public review for 30 days following the publishing of the notice of availability in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the final Plan/EIS should be sent to the Superintendent, Wind Cave National Park, 26611 U.S. Highway 385, Hot Springs, SD 57747-9430. You may also view the document via the Internet through the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov>); simply click on the link to Wind Cave National Park.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPS prepared a draft plan/EIS for the Park, pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The Park is proposing to manage its elk population, primarily to prevent impacts to other natural resources in the Park, which would occur as the herd size increases. The principal tool (translocation of live elk) the Park had been using to keep population numbers in line with its historic management goals is no longer an option because chronic wasting disease (CWD) is present in the elk population. Therefore, this planning process and EIS was needed to examine alternatives to translocation. The purpose of this EIS is to identify elk management strategies for the Park that will help achieve elk population levels that are in balance with other native species in the Park, including wildlife and vegetation communities, natural ecosystem functions, and other Park resources.

The draft Plan/EIS was made available for public review for 61 days,

from June 20, 2008 to August 18, 2008. During that time, the NPS distributed nearly 150 hard copies and compact discs of the draft. The draft was also made available at Park headquarters, on the Internet, and at area libraries. Four public meetings were held on July 21, 22, 23, and 24, 2008, attended by a total of 24 persons. Comments were received from 33 persons on the document during the public review period. Comments from individuals, groups, and public agencies on the alternatives, the preferred alternative, and the environmentally preferable alternative were considered.

Alternative B, both the NPS preferred and environmentally preferable alternative, was selected because it will effectively reduce and maintain the herd size to target population goals while preserving the current natural distribution and movement of elk in and out of the Park. It will also reduce adverse impacts to elk (from stress), bison, prairie dogs, black-footed ferrets, air quality, and soils from carcass disposal. It will also provide expanded hunting opportunities outside the Park and make full use of elk meat (versus wasting the resource), and will not increase elk-to-elk contact of potentially CWD-infected animals in corral situations.

Alternative B, the selected alternative, focuses on the hunting of elk on public

and private lands outside the Park to reduce and maintain the Park's elk population. Movable sections of fence (gates) will be installed along the boundary fence to allow elk, but not bison, movement. The gates will be closed during hunting seasons to minimize elk reentry into the Park. Hazing may be used to ensure the appropriate number of elk leave the Park. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks will administer the hunt, issue all hunting permits, and retain all fees.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Superintendent Vidal Davila, Wind Cave National Park, at the address or telephone number above.

Dated: September 3, 2009.

David N. Given,

Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

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 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: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
064209, 107740, 107741, 107742 114454 and 206853	Hollywood Animals, Inc. Ferdinand and Anton Fercos-Hantig	74 FR 37240; July 28, 2009 74 FR 37240; July 28, 2009	October 8, 2009 September 18, 2009
210111	Erie Zoo	74 FR 37240; July 28, 2009	October 1, 2009
212209	David J. Beck, Jr.	74 FR 37240; July 28, 2009	September 4, 2009
213427	Brian H. Welker	74 FR 28523; June 16, 2009	July 20, 2009
213734	National Institutes of Health, Laboratory of Genomic Diversity.	74 FR 21817; May 11, 2009	September 30, 2009
215732	University of California, Santa Cruz	74 FR 40230; August 11, 2009 ...	September 24, 2009
215717	Duke University, Department of Evolutionary Anthropology	74 FR 32192; July 7, 2009	August 26, 2009
217091	John C. Sigler	74 FR 37240; July 28, 2009	September 4, 2009
217132	Larry D. Bernhardt	74 FR 37240; July 28, 2009	September 24, 2009
217321	Fort Wayne Zoological Society	74 FR 37240; July 28, 2009	October 9, 2009
217634	Kevin Atkinson	74 FR 32192; July 7, 2009	September 22, 2009
217639	George H. Brannen	74 FR 46222; September 8, 2009	October 8, 2009
219123	Pamela M. Cooper	74 FR 37240; July 28, 2009	September 24, 2009
219600	Vance D. Coffman	74 FR 40230; August 11, 2009 ...	September 29, 2009
219627	Clint Chamberlain	74 FR 40230; August 11, 2009 ...	October 15, 2009
219683	Thomas A. Fraley	74 FR 40230; August 11, 2009 ...	September 24, 2009
220498	Gregory G. Rodriguez	74 FR 40230; August 11, 2009 ...	August 28, 2009
220517	Randall R. Foster	74 FR 40230; August 11, 2009 ...	September 24, 2009
220669	James M. Beier	74 FR 40230; August 11, 2009 ...	September 24, 2009
220877	Robert M. Bensinger	74 FR 40230; August 11, 2009 ...	September 29, 2009
223180	Nick Misciagna	74 FR 41454; August 17, 2009 ...	September 23, 2009
223187	Patrick T. O'Brien	74 FR 46222; September 8, 2009	October 8, 2009
724540	Archie Carr Center for Sea Turtle Research	74 FR 40230; August 11, 2009 ...	October 8, 2009
809334	Ferdinand and Anton Fercos-Hantig	74 FR 37240; July 28, 2009 and 74 FR 46222; September 8, 2009.	October 9, 2009