

Membership represents a wide range of water resources interests and functions. Representation of the ACWI includes all levels of government—Tribes, public interest groups, academia, private industry, non-profit and professional organizations. Member organizations designate their representatives and alternatives. Membership is limited to a maximum of 35 organizations.

The Committee will function solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Charter will be filed under the Act, 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Further information regarding the ACWI may be obtained from the Director, USGS, Department of the Interior, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192. Certification of reestablishment is published below.

Certification

I hereby certify that the reestablishment of the Advisory Committee on Water Information is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties by the Department of the Interior mandated pursuant to the OMB Memorandum 92-01.

Dated: March 12, 2001.

Gale A. Norton,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for a Permit for the Incidental Take of the Houston Toad (*Bufo houstonensis*) During Construction of One Single-Family Residence on Approximately 0.5 Acres of a 6.631-Acre Property on Lake Mist Road, Bastrop County, Texas

SUMMARY: Scott and Linda Bell (Applicant) have applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE-039440-0. The requested permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and occupation of one single-family home on

approximately 0.5 acres of a 6.631-acre property on Lake Mist Road, Bastrop County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before April 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4201, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Clayton Napier, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas, at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-039440-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clayton Napier at the above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Applicant: Scott and Linda Bell plan to construct a single-family residence on approximately 0.5 acres of a 6.631-acre property on Lake Mist Road, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate 0.5 acres or less of Houston toad habitat and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The Applicants propose to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by providing \$2,000.00 to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and

management within Houston toad habitat, as identified by the Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Incidental Take of Threatened Species for the Harding Property, Douglas County, CO

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permit for incidental take of endangered species.

SUMMARY: On November 22, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 65 No. 226 FR 70359), that an application had been filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) by Susan K. Harding, Douglas County, Colorado, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended (Act), Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*) on the Harding Property, 101 Allis Ranch Road, Sedalia, Colorado 80135, pursuant to the terms of the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan.

Notice is hereby given that on March 1, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Act, the Service issued a permit (PRT-TE035844-0) to the above named party subject to certain conditions set forth therein. The permit was granted only after the Service determined that it was applied for in good faith, that granting the permit will not be to the disadvantage of the threatened species, and that it will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Act, as amended.

Additional information on this permit action may be requested by contacting the Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, telephone (303) 275-2370 between the hours of 7:00 am and 4:30 pm weekdays.

Dated: March 8, 2001.

Ralph O. Morgenweck,

Regional Director, Region 6.

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