

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications**

ACTION: Notice of Receipt of Applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit No. TE-827367

Applicant: Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct activities for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*), and Mohave Desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) in Arizona.

Permit No. TE-839505

Applicant: Aaron D. Flesch, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Arizona and New Mexico.

Permit No. TE-26700

Applicant: John A. Kugler, Sonoita, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*), and desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*) in Santa Cruz, Cochise, Graham, Pima, Maricopa, and Yuma Counties, Arizona.

Permit No. TE-28362

Applicant: Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Strip Field Office, St. George, Utah.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the Mexican spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), woundfin (*Plagopterus argentissimus*), Virgin River chub (*Gila seminuda*) and the California condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*) in Mohave and Coconino counties, north of the Colorado River, and the Virgin River in Arizona.

Permit No. TE-28652

Applicant: Jean Krejca, Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery

purposes to collect the following endangered or threatened species in Texas:

Peck's Cave amphipod (*Stygobromus pecki*)

Coffin Cave Mold beetle (*Batrises texanus*)

Kretschmarr Cave Mold beetle (*Texamaurops reddelli*)

Tooth Cave ground beetle (*Rhadine persephone*)

Tooth Cave Pseudoscorpion (*Tartarocreagris texana*)

Bee Creek Cave harvestman (*Texella reddelli*)

Bone Cave harvestman (*Texella reyesi*)

Tooth Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta myopica*)

Texas blind salamander (*Typhlomolge rathbuni*)

Mexican long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris nivalis*)

Barton Springs salamander (*Eurycea sosorum*)

The following species will not be collected but potentially impacted.

San Marcos salamander (*Eurycea nana*)

fountain darter (*Etheostoma fonticola*)

Big Bend gambusia (*Gambusia gaigei*)

Clear Creek gambusia (*Gambusia heterochir*)

Pecos gambusia (*Gambusia nobilis*)

San Marcos gambusia (*Gambusia georgei*)

Comanche Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon elegans*)

Leon Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon bovinus*)

Comal Springs dryopid beetle (*Stygoparnus comalensis*)

Comal Springs riffle beetle (*Heterelmis comalensis*)

Texas wild rice (*Zizania texana*)

Permit No. TE-28649

Applicant: Chris Thibodaux, Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to collect the following endangered or threatened species in Texas:

Peck's Cave amphipod (*Stygobromus pecki*)

Coffin Cave Mold beetle (*Batrises texanus*)

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Permit No. TE-28986

Applicant: Arizona Department of Transportation—Environmental Planning Group, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following endangered and threatened species in various counties in Arizona:

southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*)

cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*)

Gila trout (*Oncorhynchus gilae*)

Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis*)

Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*)

razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*)

spikedace (*Meda fulgida*)

loach minnow (*Rhinichthys (=Tiaroga) cobitis*)

Little Colorado spinedace (*Lepidomeda vittata*)

Arizona agave (*Agave arizonica*)

Arizona cliffrose (*Purshia subintegra*)

Arizona hedgehog cactus (*Echinocereus triglochidiatus arizonicus*)

Pima pineapple cactus (*Coryphantha scheeri robustispina*)

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before July 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents. 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 the address above.

Steven M. Chambers,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10© of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

Applicant: Detroit Zoological Institute, Royal Oak, MI, PRT-028855.

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive-born male mandrill (*Mandrillus sphinx*) from the Toronto Zoo, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through propagation.

Applicant: Alfred Rordame, Salt Lake City, UT PRT-028978.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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: Joe B. Finley, Belton, SC, PRT-028593

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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: Haines T. Lowell, Columbia Falls, MT, PRT-029139.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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: Stephen Fullmer, Salt Lake City, UT PRT-029359.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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: Zoological Society of San Diego, Escondido, CA, PRT-027118.

The applicant requests a permit to import three male and three female Chinese Dhole (*Cuon alpinus lepturus*) as the beginning of a captive propagation program for the species.

Applicant: Tulsa Zoo, Tulsa, OK PRT-027871

The applicant requests a permit to import two female Jaguars (*Panthera onca*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through propagation.

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Applicant: Ross Zimmerman, Winnemucca, NV, PRT-028902.

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

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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 the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: June 23, 2000.

Kristen Nelson,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Tribal Consultation on Indian Education Topics

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is announcing that it will conduct tribal consultation meetings to obtain oral and written comments concerning potential issues in Indian Education Programs. This notice announces the dates and locations of the consultation meetings.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 18, 2000. The consultation meetings will be held on July 11, 13, 18, 20, and 21, 2000. Several dates and locations were scheduled to coincide with meetings of various Indian education organizations. All meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. (local time) or until all meeting participants have had an opportunity to make comments.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education Programs, Attention: Mr. William Mehojah, Jr., MS-3512-MIB, OIE-32, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240, or you may hand-deliver them to Room 3512 at the same address. Comments may also be telefaxed to 202-208-3312. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for locations of the consultation meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Whitehorn or Georgia Braun, 202-208-4976.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings are a follow-up to similar meetings conducted by the Office of Indian Education Programs since 1990. The purpose of the consultation, as required by 25 U.S.C. 2010(b), is to provide Indian tribes, school boards, parents, Indian organizations, and other interested parties an opportunity to comment on potential issues raised during previous consultation meetings or issues being considered by the BIA regarding Indian education programs.

The potential issues which will be set forth in a tribal consultation booklet to be issued prior to the meetings are as follows:

- (1) Charter Schools;
- (2) Program Management Funding for Facilities;
- (3) Transfer Facilities Construction Project Management Funds from the Office of Facilities Management and Construction to the Office of Indian Education Programs;