

requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by March 13, 2014.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information

Act. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken. Under the MMPA, you may request a hearing on any MMPA application received. If you request a hearing, give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Service Director.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: Indianapolis Zoo, Indianapolis, IN; PRT-19344B

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive bred Sumatran orangutan (*Pongo abelii*) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA; PRT-23339B

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples of mantled howler (*Alouatta palliata*) from the Soberania Nature Reserve in the Republic of Panama for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Delaware Museum of Natural History, Wilmington, DE; PRT-184718

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import nonliving museum specimens of endangered and threatened species previously

accessioned into the applicant’s collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Multiple Applicants

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: Edward Stehmeyer, Isle of Palms, SC; PRT-25430B

Applicant: Randall Peters, Hubertus, WI; PRT-26544B

Applicant: Ramon Gonzalez, San Antonio, TX; PRT-26184B

B. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: ABR, Inc. Environmental Research and Services, Fairbanks, AK; PRT-187053

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to conduct on-shore, boat-based, and aerial surveys of northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) at various locations in the coastal waters of Alaska for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Brenda Tapia,

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Utah Resource Advisory Council Meeting/Conference Call

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting/conference call.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management

Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will host a meeting/conference call.

DATES: The BLM-Utah RAC will host a meeting/conference call on Friday, Feb. 28, 2014, from 8:30 a.m.–Noon, MST.

ADDRESSES: Those attending in person should meet at the BLM Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, in the Monument Conference Room on the fifth floor.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you wish to listen to the teleconference, orally present material during the teleconference, or submit written material for the RAC to consider during the teleconference, please notify Sherry Foot, Special Programs Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101; phone (801) 539-4195; or, sfoot@blm.gov by close of business, Friday, Feb. 21, 2014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Utah RAC will elect officers for calendar year 2014. The Utah RAC is tasked to provide collective input on the Utah Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement and to submit a draft comment letter to the BLM-Utah. A 30-minute public comment period will take place from 9:00–9:30 a.m. The meeting is open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating individuals.

The conference call will be recorded for purposes of minute-taking. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4-1.

Jenna Whitlock,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plat of survey.

SUMMARY: The plat of survey described below are scheduled to be officially filed in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: This plat will be available for inspection in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Copies may be obtained from this office upon payment. Contact Marcella Montoya at 505-954-2097, or by email at mmontoya@blm.gov, for assistance.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico (NM)

The plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 13 North, Range 4 East, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, accepted January 31, 2014, for Group 1154 NM.

This plat will be scheduled for official filing 30 days from the notice of publication in the **Federal Register**, as provided for in the BLM Manual Section 2097—Opening Orders. Notice from this office will be provided as to the date of said publication.

If a protest against a survey, in accordance with 43 CFR 4.450-2, of the above plat is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest.

A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the Bureau of Land Management New Mexico State Director stating that they wish to protest.

A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the Notice of Protest to the State Director or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the protest is filed.

Stephen W. Beyerlein,

Branch Chief, Cadastral Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Indian Gaming Commission

Notice of Tribal Consultations

AGENCY: National Indian Gaming Commission.

ACTION: Notice of tribal consultations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to publish the schedule for government-to-government consultation on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the NIGC's efforts to remain current with gaming technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christinia Thomas, Deputy Chief of Staff at (202) 632-7003

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Congress established the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission) under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) to regulate gaming on Indian lands. In accordance with the NIGC's tribal consultation policy, the Commission will engage in consultation with tribal governments on the following topics.

The National Environmental Policy Act

In December of 2009, the NIGC published a draft NEPA manual in the **Federal Register** and requested comments. Some of the comments received questioned whether the approval of a management contract actually triggered a NEPA review. Further, the comments suggested that the NIGC should either conclude that NEPA does not apply or it should adopt a categorical exclusion for the approval of management contracts. Therefore the Commission is seeking comments on what level of environmental review, if any, is required before the Chairman can or should approve a management contract.

Technology

The Commission realizes that constant technologic advances are not only changing the face of Indian gaming, but also necessitate that the NIGC continue to adapt to meet the regulatory needs of the industry. As tribal gaming evolves, the NIGC wants to continue to play a relevant role in tribal gaming and ensure that it can meet the demands of new regulatory issues in a timely manner.

Consultation generally

Executive Order 13175 entitled, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments" provides for the NIGC to engage in meaningful consultation with Tribal governments prior to taking an action that has tribal