

The applicant requests a permit to export semen samples collected from one captive-bred Sumatran orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus abelii*) to the Singapore Zoo, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research and propagation.

PRT-022092

Applicant: University of Wisconsin Zoological Museum, Madison, WI

The applicant requests a permit to re-export the salvaged skeleton of a brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) to the Catholic University, Quito, Ecuador, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research.

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.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

PRT-022027

Applicant: Horst J. Baier, Miami, FL

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) taken in March 1999 from the Beaufort Sea-Poulatuk polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Written data, comments or requests for copies of these complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. These requests must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

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 Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: February 4, 2000.

Margaret Tieger,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-050-00-1150-JB; 6636]

Arizona: Availability of the Draft Sonoran Pronghorn Forage Enhancement Project Environmental Assessment (EA), Yuma and Phoenix Field Offices

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft Sonoran Pronghorn Forage Enhancement Project Environmental Assessment (EA), Yuma and Phoenix Field Offices.

SUMMARY: The draft Sonoran Pronghorn Forage Enhancement Project Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluates the environmental impacts of a proposed project to improve habitat for the endangered Sonoran pronghorn on the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range. The Sonoran pronghorn was listed as an endangered subspecies in 1967. Since that time, numbers of the animal in the United States have been estimated to fluctuate between 100 and 400 animals. The population appears to be limited by low recruitment of fawns into the population. Most fawns die each year in late June and early July when the availability of green forage decreases. The proposed forage enhancement project would provide forage for pronghorn on up to 14 plots. The plots would provide native forage for pronghorn and a source of free water to aid in digestion. The plots would not be permanently established and are not meant to interfere with the normal seasonal movements of pronghorn. The project would be jointly carried out by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Luke Air Force Base, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, and the Bureau of Land Management.

DATES: Comments on the draft Environmental Assessment will be accepted through March 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available

upon request to: Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 2555 East Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona 85365. There are also copies available for review at that location and at the Yuma County Library, 350 South Third Avenue, Yuma, Arizona, 85364.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wildlife Biologist Susanna Henry, Bureau of Land Management, 2555 East Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona, 85365, telephone (520) 317-3211.

Dated: January 31, 2000.

Gail Acheson,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-079-00-1020-XQ]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, MT

AGENCY: Butte Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council will convene at 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at the Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana. Issues will include the statewide weed management steering committee, the Elkhorns Westslope Cutthroat Restoration Plan, an update on the Montana/Dakotas Off-Highway Vehicle environmental impact statement, and sage grouse habitat management.

The meeting is open to the public and written comments may be given to the Council. Oral comments may be presented to the Council at 11:30 a.m. The time allotted for oral comment may be limited, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting, or who need special assistance, such as sign language or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Jean Nelson-Dean, Resource Advisory Coordinator, at the Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont (P.O. Box 3388), Butte, Montana 59702-3388, telephone 406-494-5059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Acting Butte Field Manager Tim Bozorth or Jean Nelson-Dean at the above address or telephone number.

Dated: January 28, 2000.

Tim Bozorth,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-030-00-1020-XU: GPO-0108]

Notice of Meeting of John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting of John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council: Pendleton, Oregon; March 30 & 31, 2000.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council will be held on March 30, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on March 31, 2000 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Red Lion (formerly Doubletree) Inn, 304 SE Nye Avenue, Pendleton, Oregon. The meeting is open to the public. Public comments will be received at 10:00 a.m. on March 31, 2000. Topics to be discussed by the council will include: John Day River Plan update; Social Circle Map; Hells Canyon Subgroup update; ICBEMP update; status of roadless area review, range program status report for BLM & Forest Service offices; T&E presentation on listing process of lynx, wolf and sage grouse; discuss the need for or benefits of a future joint meeting of the three Oregon/Washington councils; and a 15 minute round table for general issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juan Palma, Bureau of Land Management, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918, Telephone (541) 473-3144.

Juan Palma,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee: Nomination Solicitation

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACTION: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee; Notice of Nomination Solicitation

SUMMARY: The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee [P.L. 101-601] became law on November 16, 1990. Section 8 of the Act establishes a review committee to monitor implementation of the statute, facilitate the resolution of disputes, consult with the Secretary of the Interior in the development of regulations, and report to Congress on the status of implementation. The National Park Service is soliciting nominations for two members on this review committee.

DATES: Nominations should be received by June 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to the Assistant Director, Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnerships, 1849 C Street NW- 350 NC, Washington, DC 20240. Nominations should include a brief biography with home and business addresses and telephone number of each nominated individual.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Robbins, Assistant Director, Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnerships, 1849 C Street NW- 350 NC, Washington, DC 20240; telephone 202/343-3387. A copy of the charter for this review committee is available upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 8 (b) of the Act stipulates that the review committee is composed of seven members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior as follows:

a. Three members appointed from nominations by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional religious leaders, with at least two such persons being traditional religious leaders. The term traditional religious leader means:

1. a person who is recognized by members of an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization as being responsible for performing cultural duties relating to the ceremonial or religious traditions of that Indian tribe; or

2. a person who has or is exercising a leadership role in an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization based on the tribe's or organization's cultural, ceremonial, or religious practices.

b. Three members appointed from nominations submitted by national museum organizations and scientific organizations; and

c. One member appointed from a list of persons developed and consented to by all of the other members.

The Secretary of the Interior will appoint one member from nominations received from Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. This particular

appointee is not required to be a traditional religious leader.

The Secretary of the Interior will appoint one member from nominations received from national museum organizations and scientific organizations. The Secretary of the Interior may not appoint Federal officers or employees to the review committee.

Dated: February 2, 2000,

John Robbins,

Assistant Director, Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnerships.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Going-to-the-Sun Road Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of Going-to-the-Sun Road Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a scheduled meeting of the Going-to-the-Sun Road Advisory Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 29, 2000 (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.); Wednesday, March 1, 2000 (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.); and Thursday, March 2, 2000 (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

MEETING LOCATION: Cavanaugh's at Kalispell Center, 20 N. Main Street, Kalispell, Montana 59901, 406-752-6660.

AGENDA: On February 29 National Park Service Regional Director Karen Wade will address the Committee. The rest of the morning will focus on the Committee's purpose and related organizational and procedural matters and desired outcomes. The second two days will be devoted to the Going-to-the-Sun Road including the legislated engineering study and economic analysis based on the desired outcomes discussed the previous day. Project scope, schedule, and responsibilities will be part of these discussions.

The Committee may be addressed at various times by other officials of the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior; and other miscellaneous topics and reports may be covered. The order of the agenda may be changed, if necessary, to accommodate travel schedules or for other reasons.