

Delaware Recovery Unit; (2) determining that these 185 populations are stable or increasing over a 25-year period; (3) eliminating or significantly curbing illicit collection and trade in this species; and (4) gaining a sufficient understanding of long-term habitat dynamics.

The Actions needed to accomplish recovery objectives will include a combination of protecting known extant populations and their habitat using existing regulations; securing long-term protection of bog turtle sites; conducting surveys of known, historic, and potential bog turtle habitat; investigating the genetic variability of the bog turtle throughout its range; reintroducing bog turtles into areas from which they have been extirpated or removed; managing and maintaining bog turtle habitat to ensure its continuing suitability for bog turtles; managing bog turtle populations at extant sites, where necessary; creating an effective law enforcement program to halt illicit take and commercialization of bog turtles; and developing and implementing an effective outreach and education program about bog turtles.

The draft Recovery Plan is being submitted for agency review. After consideration of comments received during the review period, the Plan will be submitted for final approval.

#### Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the Recovery Plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the Plan.

**Authority:** The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 21, 2000.

**Mamie A. Parker,**

*Acting Regional Director, Hadley, MA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### The Secretary of the Interior Adopts National Framework for Survey of Boat Access Needs

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior has adopted the National Boating Infrastructure Grant Program's survey approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control number 1018-0106 as the national framework for boating access needs required in 16 U.S.C. 777g-1 Sec. 7404(b).

**ADDRESSES:** For copies of the national framework survey, contact Mr. Steve Farrell, Boating Infrastructure Grants Project Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Aid, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 140, Arlington, Virginia, 22203, (703) 358-2156 or [Steve\\_Farrell@fws.gov](mailto:Steve_Farrell@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Steve Farrell (703) 358-2156.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public Law 105-178, Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21), June 9, 1998, requires that the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the States, shall adopt a national framework for a public boat access needs assessment that may be used by the States to determine the adequacy, number, location, and quality of facilities providing access to recreational waters for all sizes of recreational boats. The Secretary has delegated the responsibility for developing the national framework to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). The Service has received OMB approval for a survey that will serve as the national framework. State officials may obtain the survey by contacting the person listed under **ADDRESSES**.

Each State that conducts a public boat access needs survey shall report its findings to the Secretary for use in the development of a comprehensive national assessment of recreational boat

access needs and currently available facilities. This report is expected to be presented to Congress at the end of 2003. States may fund the cost of conducting this assessment out of Sport Fish Restoration funds dedicated to motorboat access to recreational waters under 16 U.S.C. 777g-1 Sec. 7404, subsection (b)(1).

States, using data gained through these surveys, may develop plans for the construction, renovation, and maintenance of facilities for transient nontrailerable recreational vessels, and access to those facilities, to meet the needs of nontrailerable recreational vessels operating on navigable waters in the State.

The comprehensive national assessment of recreational boat access needs and facilities presented to Congress at the end of 2003 may be used to help determine future legislative action related to recreational boating access needs.

Dated: September 15, 2000.

**Jamie Rappaport Clark,**

*Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of a Letter of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry development remediation activities has been issued to the following company:

| Company                     | Activity          | Date issued      |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| ExxonMobil Production ..... | Development ..... | August 18, 2000. |

Exxon Company CONTACT: Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take

During Specified Activities (65 FR 16828; March 30, 2000)."

Dated: September 18, 2000.

**Gary Edwards,**

*Deputy Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-350-1430-EU; CACA-20540]

#### Opening Order

**AGENCY:** United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes Classification and Opening Order, Lassen County, California.

**SUMMARY:** This notice effects public lands in Lassen County, California within T.30 N., R.12 E., Section 21, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SESE, M.D.M. Classification under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act is terminated by this notice and opens the affected lands to disposal by exchange.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 28, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Wannebo, Realty Specialist, Eagle Lake Field Office, BLM, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville CA 96130, (530) 257-0456.

Dated: September 22, 2000.

**Linda D. Hansen,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-040-1410-00; AA-82056]

#### Realty Action; FLPMA Sec. 302 Permit, Innoko Mining District

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action, permit of public land.

**SUMMARY:** North Star Exploration Inc. has submitted an application for authorization to explore and evaluate Native selected lands for hard rock mineral potential. North Star has entered a joint venture with Doyon Limited and MTNT Limited to assess the land and assure the best information possible to prioritize lands they have selected for conveyance.

The land has been examined and found suitable for permit under the

provisions of Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA), of 1976, and 43 CFR Part 2920.

The proposed area is located at Yankee Creek within the Innoko Mining District (Ophir area) of Southwestern Alaska. The legal land description is as follows:

#### Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 33 N., R. 37 W., Sec. 6

T. 33 N., R. 38 W., Sec. 14

Containing 1 acre, more or less.

The permittee shall reimburse the United States for reasonable administrative fees and other costs incurred by the United States in processing the permit and for monitoring of construction, operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of the land authorized.

The reimbursement of cost shall be in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR 2920.6. The permit will be offered for a term of 2 years and will require the permittee to pay rent annually at no less than fair market value.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage District Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska, 99507-2599.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit comments until November 13, 2000 to the Field Manager, Anchorage Field Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507-2599. In the absence of a timely objection, this proposal shall become the final decision of the Department of the Interior.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shirley Rackley, Anchorage Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska, 99507-2599; (907) 267-1289 or (800) 478-1263.

Dated: September 20, 2000.

**Peter Ditton,**

*Acting Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-200-1220-DA]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare the Fourmile Travel Management Plan and Amend the Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an amendment to the Royal Gorge Resource

Management Plan, and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA).

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the initiation of a Resource Management Plan (RMP) amendment for the Fourmile Travel Management Plan, pursuant to the BLM planning regulations in 43 CFR part 1600. This travel management planning is being done in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, Pike & San Isabel National Forest, Salida Ranger District, which is proposing similar measures on National Forest lands. The Travel Management Plan will convert BLM's current Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) designation of "limited to existing roads and trails" to one of "limited to designated roads and trails". The EA, to be jointly prepared by BLM and USFS, will analyze the impacts of the change in OHV designation and management.

**DATES:** A public scoping meeting was held on March 23, 2000 that gave the public an opportunity to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the plan amendment and EA. Comments will be accepted until October 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to comment, request additional information or request to be put on the mailing list, you may do so by any of several methods. You may mail or hand deliver your comments or requests to: U.S. Forest Service, Salida Ranger District, 325 W. Rainbow Blvd., Salida, CO 81201. You may also comment via email to: RGFWEB@blm.gov. Please submit email comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and address in your email message. The address and telephone number of the administering BLM office is: Royal Gorge Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3170 E. Main Street, Canon City, CO 81212; 719-269-8500.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the U.S. Forest Service, Salida Ranger District, 325 W. Rainbow Blvd., Salida, CO during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of