

efforts for this species should target acquisition and management of large parcels of land outside the direct influence of urbanization.

Construction of the project's home sites, facilities and infrastructure would result in harm to scrub-jays, incidental to the carrying out of these otherwise lawful activities. The proposed residential construction and associated infrastructure would eliminate the availability of foraging, sheltering, and possible nesting habitat for one family of scrub-jays.

The Applicant proposes to mitigate the loss of 1.8 acres of scrub-jay habitat by providing \$78,214.00 to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Florida Scrub Jay Mitigation Fund, or to another entity identified by the Service. Mitigation funding would be used for scrub-jay conservation and may include the acquisition, management, and/or restoration of scrub-jay habitat. This contribution has been determined by the Service to be sufficient to purchase and permanently manage 3.6 acres of scrub-jay habitat in Volusia County. In addition, the Applicant would minimize the loss by surveying for any possible scrub-jay nesting activity during the breeding season. If active nesting were observed in the project area, construction would be halted until any young fledged.

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the issuance of the ITP is not a major Federal action

significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. This preliminary information may be revised due to public comment received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the environmental assessment and HCP.

The Service will evaluate the HCP and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. If it is determined that those requirements are met, the ITP will be issued for incidental take of the Florida scrub-jay. The Service will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP.

Dated: December 19, 2005.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Issuance of Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits for marine mammals.

**SUMMARY:** The following permits were issued.

**ADDRESSES:** 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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

#### Marine Mammals

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
106766 .....	Scott L. Koelzer .....	70 FR 58234; October 5, 2005 .....	December 7, 2005.
108268 .....	William M. McCarty .....	70 FR 58234; October 5, 2005 .....	December 7, 2005.

Dated: December 16, 2005.

**Michael L. Carpenter,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S.

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The Meeting dates are February 28-March 2, 2006, at The Bishop's Lodge, 1297 Bishop's Lodge Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico. An optional field trip is planned for February 28, 2006. The public comment period is scheduled for February 28, 2006, from 6-7 p.m. at The Bishop's Lodge. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to comment and time available, oral comments may be limited. The three established RAC working groups may have a late afternoon or an evening meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land

Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in New Mexico. All Meetings are open to the public. At this Meeting, topics include issues on renewable and nonrenewable resources.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Theresa Herrera, New Mexico State Office, Office of External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, (505) 438-7517.

Dated: January 6, 2006.

**Linda S.C. Rundell,**

*State Director.*

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