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Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4730-N-52]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 27, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

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John D. Garrity,

Director, Office of Special Needs, Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Consultation Meetings on the Department of the Interior's Financial Assistance Programs

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public regional consultation meetings on the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-107).

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior is conducting several regional consultation meetings to implement the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999. The meetings are designed to give interested members of the public a chance to comment on the Department's financial assistance programs and offer suggestions for changes. We encourage any interested individuals or organizations to participate by attending the consultations or by providing written comments. We are especially interested in comments by current financial assistance recipients and applicants.

DATES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for dates of meetings.

ADDRESSES: Meetings will be held in San Diego, California; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Honolulu, Hawaii; and Washington, DC. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for the locations of the meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tammy Pataluna, telephone: 202-208-4080, e-mail: tammy_pataluna@ios.doi.gov, mailing address: 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 5512, Washington, DC 20240, website: <http://www.doi.gov/pam/Grantcomment.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is conducting regional consultation meetings to discuss the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-107) (the "Act"). The Act requires federal agencies to improve the effectiveness and performance of federal financial assistance programs; simplify federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements; improve the delivery of services to the public; and facilitate greater coordination among those responsible

for delivering such services. The Act requires agencies to receive comments from the public and to consult with representatives of non-Federal entities regarding the development of a plan to simplify their financial assistance programs. The Department has already participated in a government-wide consultation and is now seeking information specific to Interior's programs. At these meetings, the Department will explain its financial assistance programs and application requirements and solicit suggestions for improvements that it can make. If you or an organization that you represent has an interest in the Department's financial assistance programs, we encourage you to attend these meetings and participate in the consultation process.

The following bureaus and offices of the Department are sponsoring the consultation meetings: The Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, the Minerals Management Service, the National Business Center, the National Park Service, the Office of Acquisition and Property Management, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Management and Budget, the Office of Insular Affairs, the Office of Surface Mining, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey. The meeting in Honolulu is specifically geared toward organizations and individuals interested in obtaining, and authorized to obtain, financial assistance from the Department's Office of Insular Affairs. The second consultation scheduled in Albuquerque, NM, (February 5, 2003, 1 p.m.) is specifically for organizations, individuals and Tribes interested in obtaining further information on the Bureau of Indian Affairs' grants and financial assistance process. The following table shows the dates and times of the regional meetings. For the convenience of those who require accommodations, we have reserved hotel rooms at a special reduced rate at each meeting location. To obtain the special rate, contact the hotel following the instructions given in the table. Be sure to mention that you want the special rate for Consultation Under Public Law 106-107. For further information, contact Tammy Pataluna at the number or address shown in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Date and times of meeting	Location of meeting	How to reserve hotel rooms
January 29, 2003, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., January 30, 2003, 9:30 a.m. to noon.	Catamaran Resort, 3999 Mission Blvd., San Diego, California 92109.	Call the Catamaran Resort at 800-530-8725. To receive the special rate, you must make reservations by January 13, 2003.
February 4, 2003, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., February 5, 2003, 9:30 a.m. to noon.	Doubletree Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.	Call the Doubletree Hotel at 888-223-4113. To receive the special rate, you must make reservations by January 13, 2003.
February 5, 2003, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., February 6, 2003, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Doubletree Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.	Call the Doubletree Hotel at 888-223-4113. To receive the special rate, you must make reservations by January 13, 2003.
February 19, 2003, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., February 20, 2003, 9:30 a.m. to noon.	Hilton Hawaiian Village, 2005 Kalia Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815.	Call the Hilton Hawaiian Village at 808-949-4321. To receive the special rate, you must make reservations by February 3, 2003.
March 18, 2003, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 19, 2003, 9:30 a.m. to noon.	South Interior Building, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20240.	Call the State Plaza Hotel, 2117 E Street, NW., at 800-424-2859. To receive the special rate, you must make reservations by February 21, 2003.

Dated: December 20, 2002.

Debra E. Sonderman,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Property Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received within 30 days of the date of publication.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103; (505) 248-6649; Fax (505) 248-6788. Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave. SW, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico. 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:

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. 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 to the address above for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE-835414

Applicant: Northern Arizona University-Department of Biological Sciences, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow collection of Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*) and razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*) from the Dexter National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center, Dexter, New Mexico for use in research at the Rocky Mountain Ark Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Telluride, Colorado.

Permit No. TE-026690

Applicant: Dynamac Corporation, Corvallis, Oregon.

Applicant request an amendment, to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys within Arizona for the following species: Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*), bonytail chub (*Gila elegans*), Virgin River chub (*Gila robusta semidnuda*), humpback chub (*Gila cypha*), Yaqui chub (*Gila purpurea*), Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*), razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*), Gila trout (*Oncorhynchus gilae*), and woundfin (*Plagopterus argentissimus*).

Permit No. TE-064085

Applicant: Iris Rodden, Tucso, Arizona.

Applicant requests a permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for cactus ferruginous pygmy owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) and southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-006655

Applicant: Logan Simpson Design, Inc., Tempe, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys for the following species within Arizona: Yuma Clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*), black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*), and jaguar (*Panthera onca*).

Permit No. TE-062322

Applicant: Jerry Fant, Wimberly, Texas.

Applicant requests a permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Texas: Mexican long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris nivalis*), Texas blind Salamander (*Typhlomolge rathbuni*), Peck's Cave amphipod (*Stygobromus pecki*), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (*Tartarocreagris texana*), Tooth Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta microps*), Madla's Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina madla*), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina baronia*), Bracken Bat Cave Meshweaver (*Cicurina venii*), Government Canyon Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina vespera*), Bee Creek Cave harvestman (*Texella reddelli*), Bone Cave harvestman (*Texella reyesi*), Cokendolpher Cave harvestman (*Texella cokendolpheri*), Tooth Cave ground beetle (*Rhadine persephone*), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle (*Texamaurops reddelli*), Coffin