

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.