

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before May 16, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the 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. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours 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, (505) 248-6920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Permit No. TE-101265**

Applicant: Dean Ransom Jr., Vernon, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*) within Texas.

Permit No. TE-101264

Applicant: Vernadero Group, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas: Black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*), cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*),

golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena*), northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*), piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*), red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*), and Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*).

Permit No. TE-825473

Applicant: Kenneth Holmes, Dripping Springs, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Texas: Mexican long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris nivalis*), black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*), brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*), red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*), and American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*).

Permit No. TE-101372

Applicant: William Hood, Round Rock, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Texas: Black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*), golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*), piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*), and Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*).

Permit No. TE-082492

Applicant: Charles D. Hathcock, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within New Mexico.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*

Dated: March 30, 2005.

Bryan Arroyo,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-920-1640-BF-NVZH]

Emergency Closure of Federal Lands, Lyon County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Nevada.

ACTION: Emergency Closure of Federal Lands, Lyon County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that all public lands at the Anaconda/Yerington Mine Site, located in Lyon County, Nevada, are closed to all forms of entry by the public. This closure is necessary to protect the public from hazards that are located throughout the former mine site. The Unilateral Administrative Order for Initial Response Activities issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, states; "Carcinogens at the Site include, arsenic, chromium, the radioisotopes of uranium (uranium-234, uranium-235, and uranium-238), the radioisotopes of thorium (thorium-230 and thorium-232), and the radioisotopes of radium (radium-228 and radium-226). Aluminum, arsenic, beryllium, boron, cadmium, copper, iron, lead, manganese, mercury, molybdenum, selenium, zinc, uranium, and chloride and sulfate are toxic metal contaminants at the Site. Disturbed and concentrated heavy metals at the Site pose threats through inhalation and ingestion that can result in neurological, kidney, and liver damage, and behavior and learning problems." This closure will remain in effect until the Field Office Manager determines it is no longer needed. This closure does not apply to authorized employees and contractors.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This closure is effective immediately and will be verified upon publication in the **Federal Register**. It will remain in effect until the Manager, Carson City Field Office, determines it is no longer needed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Smith, Physical Scientist, Bureau of Land Management, 1340 Financial Blvd, Reno, NV 89520 Telephone (775) 861-6453.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority for the closure is 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who fails to comply with this closure may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7 and are subject to arrest or fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment not to exceed 12 months. This order applies to all forms of entry, excluding (1) any emergency, law enforcement or other BLM vehicle while being used for