

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Marquez, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, see **ADDRESSES**, (telephone: 760-431-9440; fax: 760-431-9624).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("we") solicits review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public on the following permit requests. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Permit No. TE-168924

Applicant: Jeff E. Gurule, North Fork, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, and collect and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-168923

Applicant: Randall L. Stringer, Carmichael, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, and collect and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-043630

Applicant: San Francisco Estuary Institute, Oakland, California

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey) the California clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*) in conjunction with

ecological research in San Francisco, Contra Costa, Sacramento, Solano, Napa, Sonoma, and Marin Counties for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-066621

Applicant: Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu, Point Mugu, California.

The permittee requests and amendment to take (harass by survey) the light footed clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris levipes*) and take (band chicks) the California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring at Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu, California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-110373

Applicant: Eric F. Kline, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-168927

Applicant: Drew C. Stokes, San Diego, California.

The permittee requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, tag, collect tissue, mark by toe-clipping, and release) the arroyo southwestern toad (*Bufo microscaphus californicus*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-839480

Applicant: Richard Zembal, Laguna Hills, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey and monitor) the California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*) in conjunction with population monitoring and other life history studies in Orange County California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-168926

Applicant: Kailash K. Mozumder, Encinitas, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-168957

Applicant: Virginia M. VonBerg, San Luis Obispo, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, and collect and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-142435

Applicant: Debra Shier, Topanga, California.

The applicant requests an amenment to take (capture, handle, mark, translocate, and release) the Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

We solicit public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Dated: December 10, 2007.

Michael Fris,

Acting Regional Director, Region 8, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians' Proposed Trust Acquisition and Casino/Hotel Project, City of San Jacinto, Riverside County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), in cooperation with the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians (Tribe), intends to gather information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed fee-to-trust land acquisition and casino and hotel project (Proposed Action) located within the City of San Jacinto, Riverside County, California. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to improve the tribal economy in order to better enable the

Tribe to provide governmental services, perform governmental functions, create jobs and career opportunities for tribal members and develop programs that would assist tribal members to attain economic self-sufficiency. This notice also announces a public scoping meeting to identify potential issues, alternatives and content for inclusion in the EIS.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS must arrive by January 22, 2008. The public scoping meeting will be held January 8, 2008, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., or until all those who register to make statements have been heard.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry written comments to Ms. Amy Dutschke, Acting Regional Director, Pacific Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825.

The public scoping meeting will be held at the Hemet Public Library, 2nd floor, 300 E. Latham, Hemet, California 92543.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Rydzik, (916) 978-6042.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tribe proposes that 289.88± acres of land located within the City of San Jacinto, Riverside County, California, be acquired into trust for the Tribe. The land is located in the foothills on the west side of the San Jacinto Mountains that separate the San Jacinto River Basin to the west from the Coachella Valley to the east, and adjacent to the San Jacinto River.

Of the 289.88± acres, 35 to 40 acres are proposed for development. The remaining acreage would remain in its current state, which consists of an existing golf course (156.36 acres) and maintenance facility, and on-going club house development. The proposed new development would consist of a 90,000± square foot casino facility with 70,000± square foot gaming floor, various food and beverage establishments, conference space, spa, and four retail establishments; a 300-room, 224,000± square foot hotel; a multi-level, 2200 space parking garage; a tribal fire station; a wastewater treatment plant; and supporting facilities. The new gaming facility would replace the existing one located on reservation lands.

Access to the site would be via Lake Park Drive and Soboba Road, by way of a new access point/driveway. The proposed hotel and casino complex would be generally located at the intersection of Soboba Road and Lake Park Drive and abut the existing golf course. The proposed wastewater treatment plant and fire station would

be on the southern side of Lake Park Drive.

The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribe governed by a tribal council consisting of five members, under a federally approved constitution. The Tribe currently has a federally approved tribal-state gaming compact with the State of California.

Public Comment and Solicitation

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1501.7, 1506.6 and 1508.22 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

Dated: November 9, 2007.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Closure of Aviation Areas at Campbell Tract Facility Administrative Site

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Closure.

SUMMARY: In the interest of public and operational safety, the Bureau of Land

Management is closing four areas used by aircraft at its Campbell Tract Facility in Anchorage, Alaska, to public or private entry, access or use. The four areas are: The Campbell Airstrip and the Campbell Tract Facility heliport, aircraft ramp, and aircraft taxiway between the airstrip and aircraft ramp areas. Recreational uses authorized on other portions of the Campbell Tract and the adjacent Municipality of Anchorage Far North Bicentennial Park are prohibited within the four areas named above. This order is issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1 and affects the following public lands:

Seward Meridian, Alaska.

T. 12 N., R. 3 W.

Portions of Sections 2 and 3.

DATES: The closure is effective upon publication of this notice and will remain in effect year-round until amended or rescinded by the authorized officer.

ADDRESSES: Maps of the affected area and closure information are available at the BLM Anchorage Field Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Mike Zaidlicz, Field Manager, Anchorage Field Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507, (907) 267-1246 or toll free (800) 478-1263.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the following areas within the 730-acre administrative site known as the Campbell Tract Facility, located in Anchorage, Alaska, and managed by the Bureau of Land Management Anchorage Field Office, are closed to all public and private access, use and entry: (1) Campbell Airstrip, (2) Campbell Tract Facility heliport, (3) Campbell Tract Facility aircraft ramp, and (4) Campbell Tract Facility aircraft taxiway between the airstrip and aircraft ramp. These affected areas are actively used by aircraft on an intermittent basis. This closure is necessary to ensure public safety, as well as operational management and safety.

Within the areas described above:

1. No person shall use, remain on, occupy, or access any land unless specifically authorized by the BLM.
2. All private or public use, including recreational use allowed on other portions of the Campbell Tract Facility and adjacent Municipality of Anchorage Far North Bicentennial Park lands, is prohibited.
3. All access or use by people and domestic animals, including, but not limited to, dogs and horses, is prohibited.