

methods. You may mail comments to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the internet to "victoria_davis@fws.gov". Please submit comments over the internet as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Service that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed below (see **FURTHER INFORMATION**). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to either Service office listed below (see **ADDRESSES**). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

DATES: Written data or comments on these applications must be received, at the address given below, by July 5, 2001.

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 the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: Victoria Davis, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-4176; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Davis, Telephone: 404/679-4176; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicant: Dr. Richard L. Mayden, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, TE042764-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, hold temporarily,

identify, anesthetize with clover oil, take small fin clippings, and photograph) from each of the fifteen sampling populations a maximum of ten Conasauga logperch (*Percina jenkinsi*) and ten Roanoke logperch (*Percina rex*). Samples are for the purpose of studying mitochondrial DNA sequences to assess genetic variability and viability of four imperiled fish species whose ranges occur on National Forest Land in the southeast United States. The proposed activities will take place in the following states: Virginia, Tennessee, and Georgia.

Applicant: Melissa Brooks, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, TE042683-0

The applicant requests authorization to remove and reduce to possession two plants and fifty seeds from ten sites of *Trillium reliquum* (Relict Trillium) to determine the diversity of pollinators, the distance that pollinators travel, and the success of these pollinators versus hand pollination. The proposed activities will take place in Lee, Bullock, and Henry Counties, Alabama; Clay, Lee, Early, Talbot, and Columbia Counties, Georgia; and Aiken and Edgefield Counties, Kentucky.

Applicant: Arkansas Tech University, Chris Kellner, Russellville, Arkansas, TE042728-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (survey, capture, band nestlings, mark nests) Interior Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*) to determine the distribution and abundance on the Arkansas River, describe the physical and habitat features of the colony sites, estimate the accuracy/reliability of aerial surveys, provide an estimate of the variability in abundance of potential colony sites over a two-year period, provide a precise estimate of reproductive success, identify important predators responsible for losses of eggs and chicks, and provide an estimate of the relative importance of natural and human influences on the abundance and distribution on the Arkansas River. The proposed activities will take place on the Arkansas River, from Pine Bluff to Fort Smith, in the following Arkansas counties: Jefferson, Lonoke, Pulaski, Conway, Johnson, Franklin, and Crawford.

Dated: May 22, 2001.

H. Dale Hall,

Deputy Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicant has applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to sections 10(a)(1)(A) and 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit Number TE838055-8

Applicant: Ecological Specialists, Inc., St. Peters, Missouri

The applicant requests an amendment to existing endangered species take permit number TE838055-7 to increase the scope of covered activities to include projects in the State of Michigan. The existing permit authorizes the applicant to take endangered and threatened unionids throughout ten states. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who requests a copy from the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, *peter_fasbender@fws.gov*, telephone (612) 713-5343, or Fax (612) 713-5292.

Dated: May 25, 2001.

T.J. Miller,

Acting, Assistant Regional Director,, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Advisory Committee; Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; FACA meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Advisory Committee will conduct its first meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2001 from 1 to 5:30 pm and Thursday, June 21, from 8 to 9:30 am in the Consolidated Information Center (CIC)/Library, rooms 120 and 120A on the Washington State University, Tri-Cities campus, 2770 University Dr., Richland, WA. The meeting is open to the public and press.

DATES: The meeting will take place Wednesday, June 20, 2001 from 1 to 5:30 pm and Thursday, June 21, from 8 to 9:30 am. Time will be made available for public comments to be heard during the meeting. Written comments received by June 21, 2001, 9:30 am, will be incorporated into the meeting notes. Written comments received after the deadline will be accepted, but will not be incorporated into the meeting notes.

ADDRESSES: Any member of the public wishing to submit written comments may submit them during the meeting or send them to Mr. Greg Hughes, Designated Federal Official for the Hanford Reach National Monument (HRNM) Federal Advisory Committee, Hanford Reach National Monument/Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge, 3250 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland, WA 99352; fax (509) 375-0196. Copies of the draft meeting agenda can be obtained from the Designated Federal Official.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting should contact Mr. Greg Hughes, Designated Federal Official for the Hanford Reach National Monument (HRNM) FACA; phone (509) 371-1801, fax (509) 375-0196.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During this meeting, the Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Advisory Committee will hold introductions of Committee Members and Alternates, Facilitators, and the Designated Federal Official. Introductory statements will be made by U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Department of Energy authorities. The Committee will hear informational presentations about Presidential Proclamation #7319, the Advisory Committee Charter, Department of Energy requirements, and National Wildlife Refuge System mandates and organization. Additionally, the Committee will discuss groundrules, selection of a Committee Chair and process design.

Dated: May 24, 2001.

Greg Hughes,

Project Leader, Hanford Reach National Monument.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Proposed Plan Amendments and Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the North Baja Pipeline Project, California, in Accordance With 43 CFR 1610.5-5

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to consider proposed amendments to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan and the Yuma District Resource Management Plan in conjunction with the North Baja Pipeline project.

SUMMARY: This notice supplements the notice published by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in the **Federal Register** in the issue of May 22, 2001 at page 28160 (66 FR 28160). That notice requested comments on environmental issues related to the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) consideration of amendments to the Yuma Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan. The proposed North Baja Pipeline project extends from Ehrenberg, Arizona through Riverside and Imperial Counties south to the Mexican border. All federal lands affected by the proposed plan amendments are located in eastern Imperial County, California. FERC and the California State Lands Commission are jointly preparing an Environmental Impact Statement and an Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) that will analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed project. An amendment to the CDCA Plan is required because part of the proposed project is not within a CDCA designated Utility Corridor. An amendment to the Yuma RMP is required because the proposed project would cross portions of the Milpitas Wash Natural Area, and that plan does not allow for new utilities within this area. BLM will attempt to use the EIS/EIR to consider the plan amendments. If the Plan(s) are not amended, BLM may authorize installation of the project within existing corridors only, or BLM may deny the project if the existing corridor option does not prove feasible. The

currently identified environmental issues are listed in the notice previously published by FERC in the **Federal Register** in the issue dated December 18, 2000 at page 79097 (65 FR 79097).

DATES: Submit comments, concerning the scope of the proposed amendments, on or before July 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed by Lynda Kastoll, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Field Office, 1661 So. 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynda Kastoll at the above address or at (760) 337-4421.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: North Baja Pipeline Project's proposed action consists of the construction and operation of about 79.8 miles of pipeline, including 11.5 miles of 36-inch-diameter and 68.3 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipe, extending from an interconnection with El Paso Natural Gas Company in La Paz County, Arizona, through Riverside and Imperial Counties, California, to an interconnection at the international border between the United States and Mexico. It includes the construction of a new compressor station (with associated metering facilities) in Ehrenberg, Arizona, a meter station near the Ogilby Road-Interstate 8 interchange in Imperial County, CA and a pig launcher and receiver facility near Rannel's Drain and 18th Avenue in Riverside County, California. A pig is an internal tool used to inspect the pipeline for potential leaks or damage.

The nominal construction right-of-way (construction corridor) for the pipeline would be 80 feet wide, with 50 feet retained as permanent right-of-way. About 63 percent of the pipeline route would abut or overlap existing road or powerline rights-of-way.

The first 11.5 miles of the project are in or adjacent to agricultural lands in the Blythe and Palo Verde Valley areas. The alignment then parallels an electric transmission line and Stallard Road on the Palo Verde Mesa from Mile Post (MP) 11.5 to MP 28. From MP 28 to MP 39 it parallels Highway 78, then from MP 39 to MP 75 it parallels either an electric transmission line or public roadways for all but about 5.4 miles, across desert habitats. It crosses Interstate 8 at MP 75, then parallels the edge of sand dunes to its crossing of the All American Canal at MP 79.5 and its termination in Mexico at MP 79.6.

The combined United States and Mexico pipeline system is initially designed to carry 500 million cubic feet per day of natural gas. As designed, the new pipeline system will serve existing