

Applications may be submitted by public and private non-profit entities that demonstrate a commitment to and experience with providing a coordinated continuum of care to uninsured individuals. Each applicant must represent a community-wide coalition that is committed to the project and includes safety net providers (where they exist) who have traditionally provided care to the community's uninsured and underinsured regardless of ability to pay. The community-wide coalition must consist of partners from all levels of care and partners who represent a range of services (e.g., mental health and substance abuse treatment, maternal and child health care, oral health, HIV/AIDS care) to a wide variety of populations. Coalitions are encouraged to include partners from private industry, faith-based organizations, and other organizations within communities.

Examples of eligible applicants which may apply on behalf of the community-wide coalition include, but are not limited to:

- A consortium or network of providers (e.g., public and charitable hospitals; community, migrant, homeless, public housing, and school-based health centers; rural health clinics; free health clinics; teaching hospitals and academic institutions).
- Local government agencies (e.g., local public health departments with service delivery components).
- Tribal governments.
- Managed care plans or other payers (e.g., HMOs).
- Agencies of State government, multi-State health systems, or other groups may submit applications on behalf of multiple communities if they demonstrate the ability to coordinate community health care delivery systems and bring resources to the community.

Existing CAP grantees are not eligible to apply for this funding.

Application Review and Funding Criteria

Each of the applications that has passed an eligibility and conformance review by Federal staff will be assigned to members of an Objective Review Committee (ORC) for review. Members of the ORC will use the following evaluation criteria in their review of applications:

1. *Community Needs Assessment*—Evidence that the target population has significant need (20 Points).
2. *Business Plan to Produce Defined Results*—Clarity and scope of projected results in terms of increased access to culturally competent care and/or health status for the target population, and

alignment of these projected results with organizational capacity, a clear and accountable set of activities, operational plan and budget (30 Points).

3. *Service Integration Strategy & Readiness*—Integration of appropriate health and other services across the community of providers and organizations, readiness, evidence of progress towards developing an integrated system of care for the target population, and scope and quality of services (25 Points).

4. *Sustainability*—Demonstration of existing and sustainable public or private funding sources or cost-savings to be generated and reinvested in the system of care (15 Points).

5. *Evaluation*—Robust self-evaluation plan, specific performance measures, and strong commitment to participation in a national evaluation (10 Points).

A Validation Site Visit will be conducted prior to final award decisions of those applicants recommended by the ORC for funding. Site visits are expected to occur in the July/August timeframe.

Use of Grant Funds

Funding provided through this program may NOT be used to substitute for or duplicate funds currently supporting similar activities. Grant funds may support costs such as:

- Project staff salaries.
- Consultant support.
- Management information systems (e.g., hardware and software).
- Project-related travel.
- Replication activities and travel to support peer-to-peer learning communities.
- Other direct expenses necessary for the integration of administrative, clinical, information system, or financial functions.
- Program evaluation activities.
- Case management and disease management activities that are not reimbursable services.

With appropriate justification on why funds are needed to support the following costs, up to a total of 15 percent in total of grant funds applied for may be used for any combination of the following:

- Alteration or renovation of facilities.
- Primary care site development.
- Service expansions or direct patient care.

(Direct patient care is defined as provision of services or supplies that are ordinarily reimbursable, e.g., exams, therapy sessions, pharmaceuticals.)

- Capital equipment used for reimbursable services (e.g., radiology equipment, ambulances).

Grant funds may NOT be used for:

- Construction.
- Reserve requirements for state insurance licensure.

Expected Results

The integration and coordination of services among a community's safety net providers are expected to result in:

- Increased access to culturally competent care in terms of measures such as: numbers of vulnerable people served, the scope and continuity of provided services, the number of new access points such as health center expansions or new sites, and other;
- Improved health status in the target population;
- A sustainable system that provides coordinated care to the target population; and,
- Elimination of unnecessary, duplicate functions in service delivery and administrative functions, resulting in cost savings to reinvest in the system.

Dated: March 12, 2002.

Elizabeth M. Duke,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Issue a Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan, Associated Environmental Assessment, and Finding of No Significant Impact for Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge in the Southwest Region

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has prepared a Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP), associated Environmental Assessment (EA), and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, north of Austin, Texas, pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and its implementing regulations. The Regional Director, Southwest Regional Office, upon issuing a FONSI, considered a reasonable range of management framework alternatives, and has selected Alternative 2, found in the EA, to be the Service's proposed alternative.

Approval of the Balcones Canyonlands NWR CCP formalizes 8 goals which will result in:

- Restoration and enhancement of threatened and endangered species habitat on Refuge lands. (Goal 1)
- Protection and enhancement of habitat for a diversity of wildlife including other migratory birds. (Goal 2)
- Restoration of watershed health to minimize sheet runoff and siltation, enhance seasonal stream flow, and maximize ground and surface water recharge. (Goal 3)
- Development of interpretive programs that enable the public to (1) enjoy the fish and wildlife resources found on the refuge, (2) understand these resources and issues related to them, and (3) act to promote fish and wildlife conservation. (Goal 4)
- Protection of habitat within approved Refuge boundaries by fee acquisition or conservation easement. (Goal 5)

• Accurate, up-to-date data on roads, other physical infrastructure, habitats and wildlife, and plant species. (Goal 6)

• Compliance with historic and archeological resource protection laws and regulations. (Goal 7)

• Efficient Administration that Supports Refuge Objectives Accomplishments. (Goal 8)

Some of the specific changes to the existing program changes include but are not necessarily limited to the following objectives:

- Restore and enhance 500 acres of black-capped vireo habitat within 10 years.
- Maintain brown-headed cowbirds parasitism on black-capped vireo nests below 10%.
- Protect existing golden-cheeked warbler habitat on Refuge lands and enhance additional areas for golden-cheeked warbler where appropriate.
- Within five years design and begin to implement a plan to locate and map caves and other karst features, monitor changes occurring in them, and take actions as needed to protect them.
- Continue to support and promote the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo in their migration and wintering areas through coordination with Central American ornithologists and participation in the Nature Conservancy's International Program.
- Within 10 years restore and manage at least 1,000 acres of existing and former native grassland and savannah habitat on the Refuge and increase the amount and diversity of native annual and perennial grasses and forbs on the refuge.

• Within ten years, design and implement a plan to restore wetlands and riparian corridors.

- Within ten years rehabilitate and improve existing wells for wildlife water sources for public viewing sites using wind and solar power.
- Control invasive species (e.g. second-growth juniper, prickly pear and false-willow) on at least 50 acres per year to improve ground cover and plant diversity.

• Reduce the Refuge white-tailed deer herd to achieve and maintain a density of one deer per 20 or more acres within five years to reduce adverse effects on Refuge habitat.

• Maintain and increase herbarium collection and print a Refuge Plant list within three years. Identify native plant and wildlife species that are unique to the Balcones Canyonlands region for potential restoration and enhancement on the Refuge.

• Control feral, exotic and domestic animals that can compete with native wildlife and damage its habitat (e.g. dogs, cats, feral hogs, emu, etc.). Complete hog control plan within three years.

• Restore native plant growth on eroded and disturbed sites to increase water holding capacity of the soils. Restore 50 acres per year.

• Through increasing visitation to 5,000 visitors per year, provide public opportunities to view and learn about Refuge wildlife species and representative habitat characteristics of the Texas Hill Country, and to promote a conservation ethic.

• Provide compatible wildlife dependent outdoor recreational opportunities for the public on the Refuge to include wildlife viewing access, while striving for a balance between conflicting user groups. Annually evaluate hunting program to include newly acquired tracts.

• Within five years develop a public outreach program to aid in the understanding of Refuge purposes, issues specific to Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge.

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• Within five years design and implement Partnership and Volunteer programs to facilitate meeting Refuge management objectives.

• Improve five miles of public or administrative roads per year to improve access to the Refuge for public and administrative use.

• Annually review and update the land protection plan priorities. Acquire lands according to revised priorities.

• Meet with five private owners of lands within the Refuge per year to exchange information and provide assistance on management of wildlife populations and endangered species habitat.

• Within five years map roads, inspect ponds, map and monitor Refuge habitats and species distributions.

• Within three years, create and maintain a database of Refuge biological resources for use in making management decisions and documenting changes in habitat and wildlife composition.

• Maintain files on all archeological and cultural resource sites. Annually inspect all sites and record condition.

• Within three years complete plans for implementation of objectives and strategies in this comprehensive conservation plan.

• Within five years increase Refuge staff to meet minimal needs for implementation of Refuge objectives and strategies identified in this comprehensive conservation plan.

• Conduct, encourage and support research and management studies that will increase scientific data available for use in making Refuge management decisions.

• Within five years obtain adequate equipment and storage facilities to implement management strategies to meet objectives identified in this management plan.

• Within five years plan acquisition, remodeling and/or construction of a permanent Refuge Office and Visitor Contact Station to be located on Refuge lands.

The implementation of the above management approaches among others and employment of strategies associated with those approaches should assist in the achievement of the refuge's broad goals.

Based on a review and evaluation of the information contained in the CCP and EA for the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, the Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has selected Alternative 2 detailed in the EA. Consequently the Regional Director has determined that the approval of the individual or cumulative approaches reflected in Alternative 2 the Proposed Alternative and CCP Goals, Objectives and Strategies, is not deemed to constitute a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA). Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. However, it is the intent of the Service to revisit questions of potential significant environmental consequences in accordance with NEPA upon consideration of the implementation of site specific proposals called for and discussed in the final plan document.

ADDRESSES: A paper copy and/or a Compact Disk copy may be obtained by writing to: Mr. John Slown, Natural Resource Planner, Division of Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103-1306.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is Service policy to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process has considered many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection and acquisition, public and recreational uses, and cultural resources. Public input into this planning process has assisted in the development of these documents. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Service considered comments and advice generated in response to draft documents issued in November 1998. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCP policy to advise other agencies and the public of the availability of the final documents.

Dated: March 8, 2002.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by April 19, 2002.

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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: San Diego Wild Animal Park, Escondido, California, PRT-047997.

The applicant requests a permit to import one male and one female captive-born Asian wild asses (*Equus kiang holdereri* = *E. hemionus*) and one female captive-born Somali wild ass (*Equus africanus somalicus*) from Tierpark Berlin-Friedrichsfelde, Germany for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Wheeling Park Commission, Ogelbay's Good Zoo, Wheeling, WV, PRT-053684.

The applicant request a permit to acquire through interstate commerce one male captive-born Komodo monitor (*Varanus komodoensis*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through conservation education.

Applicant: Director, Division of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington, Virginia, PRT-691650.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit for five years to import and export any endangered or threatened species for the explicit purpose of investigations and other law enforcement activities in order to enhance the survival of the species in the wild.

Applicant: Director, National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory, U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service, Ashland, Oregon, PRT-053639.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit for five years to import and export any endangered or threatened species for the explicit purpose of forensics activities which will directly or indirectly enhance the survival of the species in the wild.

Applicant: John Newton Walker, Dallas, TX, PRT-053503.

The applicant request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE, PRT-053363.

The applicant request a permit to import two captive-born female Bornean orangutans (*Pongo pygmaeus pygmaeus*) from the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens, Hong Kong, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation.

Applicant: Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE, PRT-053606.

The applicant request a permit to import captive-born male Amur leopard (*Panthera pardus orientalis*) from Jungle Cat World, Orono, Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) 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). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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.

Applicant: John F. Wilhelm, Mill Valley, CA, PRT-053629.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Seapolar bear population in Canada for personal use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, OMB Control Number 1018-0093.