

Permit No. TE-041668

Applicant: Eric R. Lichtwardt, Sebastopol, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey and nest monitor) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and take (nest monitor) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring throughout the species' range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-041673

Applicant: Dr. Rachel E. O'Malley, San Jose, California.

This applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, and release) the Zayante band-winged grasshopper (*Trimerotropis infantilis*) in conjunction with scientific research throughout the species' range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-814222

Applicant: California Department of Parks and Recreation, San Diego, California.

This applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey, and locate and monitor nests) the coastal California gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila californica californica*) and the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) while conducting survey and population monitoring activities for these species on all California State Park System lands for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-844027

Applicant: Deborah House, Bishop, California.

This applicant requested a permit to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) while conducting presence/absence surveys for this species in Inyo and Mono Counties for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-820301

Applicant: Stephen Eugene Leach, Walnut Creek, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, collect and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), and Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*) throughout each species' range in conjunction with

surveys for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-042211

Applicant: Steven Lysne, Boise, Idaho.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect and sacrifice) the Utah valvata snail (*Valvata utahensis*) from Lake Walcott, Minidoka County, Idaho in conjunction with scientific research for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-042064

Applicant: Cecilia L. Meyer, San Diego, California.

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

Permit No. TE-042065

Applicant: Joseph A. Desarro, Roberts, Montana.

The applicant requests a permit to purchase, in interstate commerce, four female and four male captive bred Hawaiian (=nene) geese (*Nesochen* [=Branta] *sandvicensis*) for the purpose of enhancing the species propagation and survival. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over the next 5 years.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before June 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. 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:

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 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: May 4, 2001.

Rowan W. Gould,

Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[CO-130-1610-DE]

Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council; Notice of Intent To Establish and Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Junction Field Office, Grand Junction, CO

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish and call for nominations for the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council under the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000, 16 U.S.C. 460mmm, 4(h)(2000).

SUMMARY: BLM is publishing this notice under Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Pursuant to the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000, BLM gives notice that the Secretary of the Interior intends to establish the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council (Council). The notice requests the public to submit nominations for membership on the Council. The Council is necessary to advise the Secretary and BLM on resource management issues associated with the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000.

DATES: Submit a completed nomination form and nomination letters to the address listed below no later than June 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations to: Field Manager, Grand Junction Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Robertson, Grand Junction Field Manager, (970) 244-3010, catherine_robertson@co.blm.gov or the following web site <http://conet.coso.co.blm.gov/gjra/ccnca/ccncahome.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council.

Individuals may nominate themselves for Council membership. You may obtain nomination forms from the Grand Junction Field Office, Bureau of Land Management or download the application from the Internet site (see **ADDRESSES** and **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, above). To make a nomination, you must submit a completed nomination form, letters of reference from the represented interests or organizations, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications, to the Grand Junction Field Office. You may make nominations for the following categories of interest:

(1) A member of, or nominated by, the Mesa County Board of County Commissioners.

(2) A member of, or nominated by, the permittees holding grazing permits within the National Conservation Area or Wilderness.

(3) A member of, or nominated by, the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council.

(4) Seven members residing in, or within reasonable proximity to, Mesa County, Colorado, with recognized backgrounds reflecting—

(A) The purposes for which the National Conservation Area or Wilderness was established; and

(B) The interests of the stakeholders that are affected by the planning and management of the National Conservation Area and Wilderness.

The specific category the nominee would like to represent should be identified in the letter of nomination and in the nomination form. The Grand Junction Field Office will collect the nomination forms and letters of reference and distribute them to the officials responsible for submitting nominations (commissioners of Mesa County, grazing permittees holding grazing allotments within the National Conservation Area or Wilderness, the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council, and the Bureau of Land Management). The Bureau of Land Management will then forward recommended nominations to the Secretary of the Interior who has responsibility for making the appointments.

The purpose of the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council is to advise the Bureau of Land Management on the management of the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness. Each member will be a person who, as a result of training and experience, has knowledge or special expertise which qualifies him or

her to provide advice from among the categories of interest listed above.

Members will serve without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Government employees.

Dated: May 14, 2001.

Nina Rose Hatfield,

Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Remove Excess and Stray Wild Horses

SUMMARY: The Wild, Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act (Pub. L. 92-195) requires that, among other things, horses that exceed the Appropriate Management Levels (AMLs) established for them or stray from designated Herd Management Areas (HMAs) be removed. In order to accomplish that, the Lander Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management plans to remove 350 excess and stray horses from four contiguous herd areas within the Lander Field Office known as the Muskrat Basin HMA, Conant Creek HMA, Rock Creek Mountain HMA, Dishpan Butte HMA and an area north and east of the Muskrat Basin HMA into which horses have strayed outside of the HMA. The removal is scheduled for the summer/fall seasons of 2001. Specific dates depend on the weather and soil conditions, and other factors unforeseen at this time. The Appropriate Management level for these four contiguous areas is 320 horses. An Environmental Analysis (EA), and Gather Plan for this removal will be available on June 15, 2001 for a thirty (30) day comment period. from: Jack Kelly, Field Manager, P.O. Box 589, Lander, Wyoming 82520; (307) 332-8400. These documents are also available for review on the Wyoming BLM homepage at www.wy.blm.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information please contact Roy Packer, Bureau of Land Management, Lander Field Office, 1335 Main Street, P.O. Box 589, Lander, Wyoming 82520, (307) 332-8400.

Dated: May 9, 2001.

Roy Packer,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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North Rasmussen Ridge Mine, BLM Pocatello Field Office and Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Caribou County, ID

AGENCIES: Bureau of Land Management, USDI and Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Pocatello Field Office and the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS), Caribou-Targhee National Forest, will jointly prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to document the analysis and disclose the environmental and human effects of the proposed North Rasmussen Ridge Mine and Reclamation Plan for future operations at the existing Rasmussen Ridge Mine, Caribou County, Idaho, located approximately 25 miles northeast of Soda Springs, Idaho. The proposed mining operations would utilize land administered by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. Mining will take place on Federal Phosphate Leases I-04375, I-07619 within the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, and in State Lease I-7957 adjacent the Federal Phosphate Leases.

Nu-West Industries, Inc. (Agrium) must obtain federal and state permits prior to mining under the proposed mine plan. The existing mining operation was authorized by Decision Records (DR) associated with two environmental analyses prepared—the DR first issued in 1990 for the South Rasmussen Ridge Mine and the second DR in 1997 for Central Rasmussen Ridge Mine. The conditional permits granted by the BLM and USFS at the beginning of the Rasmussen Ridge mining operations required that subsequent site-specific mine plans for the individual mine panels be submitted to the agencies for their review and that appropriate mitigation measures be developed using further environmental analysis.

The environmental effects from the South and Central Rasmussen Ridge mining panels were assessed in the 1990 and 1997 EAs, however this EIS would evaluate the effects of the proposed North Rasmussen Ridge Mine and