

Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., 2, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Wildland Fire Executive Council (WFEC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The next meeting will be held October 25, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on October 25, 2013 at the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW., Room 2654, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Shari Eckhoff, Designated Federal Officer, 300 E Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho 83706; telephone (208) 334-1552; fax (208) 334-1549; or email [Shari\\_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Shari_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The WFEC is established as a discretionary advisory committee under the authorities of the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture, in furtherance of 43 U.S.C. 1457 and provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et. seq.*), the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), and the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 *et. seq.*) and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture certify that the formation of the WFEC is necessary and is in the public interest.

The purpose of the WFEC is to provide advice on coordinated national-level wildland fire policy and to provide leadership, direction, and program oversight in support of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council. Questions related to the WFEC should be directed to Shari Eckhoff (Designated Federal Officer) at [Shari\\_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Shari_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov) or (208) 334-1552 or 300 E. Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho, 83706-6648.

**Meeting agenda:** The meeting agenda will include: (1) Welcome and introduction of council members; (2) Final approval of the Cohesive Strategy National Report; (3) Public comments; (4) Develop recommendations to go forward to the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture through the Wildland Fire Leadership Council; and (5) Closing remarks. Participation is open to the public.

**Public input:** All WFEC meetings are open to the public. Members of the public who wish to participate must notify Shari Eckhoff at [Shari\\_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Shari_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov) no later than the Friday preceding the meeting. Those who are not committee members and wish to

present oral statements or obtain information should contact Shari Eckhoff via email no later than the Friday preceding the meeting. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

Questions about the agenda or written comments may be emailed or submitted by U.S. Mail to: Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Wildland Fire, Attention: Shari Eckhoff, 300 E. Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho 83706-6648. WFEC requests that written comments be received by the Friday preceding the scheduled meeting. Attendance is open to the public, but limited space is available. Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Ms. Eckhoff at (202) 527-0133 at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting.

Dated: September 24, 2013.

**Shari Eckhoff,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-HQ-IA-2013-N228;  
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#### Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a public meeting of the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking (Council).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, October 21, 2013, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time). Members of the public who want to participate in the meeting must notify Mr. Cade London by close of business on Monday, October 14, 2013. See additional instructions under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, Procedures for Public Input.**

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of the Interior, South Interior Building Auditorium, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cade London, Special Assistant—USFWS International Affairs, by U.S. mail at 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room

110, Arlington, VA 22203; by telephone at (703) 358-2584; by fax at (703) 358-2276; or by email at [cade\\_london@fws.gov](mailto:cade_london@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), we announce that the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking (Council) will hold a meeting to discuss Committee Structure and Organization, the National Strategy to Combat Wildlife Trafficking, and other Council business as appropriate.

#### Background

Pursuant to E.O. 13648, the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking was formed on August 30, 2013, to advise the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, through the Secretary of the Interior, on national strategies to combat wildlife trafficking, including, but not limited to (a) Effective support for anti-poaching activities; (b) Coordinating regional law enforcement efforts; (c) Developing and supporting effective legal enforcement mechanisms; and (d) Developing strategies to reduce illicit trade and consumer demand for illegally traded wildlife, including protected species.

The eight-member Council, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, includes former senior leadership within the U.S. Government, as well as chief executive officers and board members from conservation organizations and the private sector. For more information on the Council and its members, visit <http://www.fws.gov/international/advisory-council-wildlife-trafficking/>.

#### Meeting Agenda

The Council will consider:

1. Advisory Council organization and process,

2. The National Strategy to Combat Wildlife Trafficking, and
3. Other Council business.

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/international/advisory-council-wildlife-trafficking/>.

#### Procedures for Public Input

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information for the Council to consider during the public meeting. Members of the public may register in advance to speak (by October 14, 2013), or they may submit written questions in advance for the Council to address during the meeting (by October 16, 2013). Nonregistered public speakers will not be considered during the meeting.

Individuals or groups who want to make an oral presentation at the meeting

will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Cade London, Special Assistant—International Affairs (preferably via email) by Monday, October 14, 2013, to be placed on the public speaker list (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Registered speakers who wish to expand on their oral statements, or those who wanted to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, are invited to submit subsequent written statements to the Council after the meeting. Such written statements must be received by Mr. London, in writing (preferably via email) no later than October 28, 2013.

In order to attend this meeting, you must register by close of business Monday, October 14, 2013. Because entry to Federal buildings is restricted, all visitors must preregister to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address, and phone number to Cade London (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained at 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 110, Arlington, VA 22203, and on the Council Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/international/advisory-council-wildlife-trafficking/>, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: September 25, 2013.

**Rowan W. Gould,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-HQ-IA-2013-N225;  
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#### Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

**DATES:** We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before October 30, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or email [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Public Comment Procedures

##### *A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?*

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

##### *B. May I review comments submitted by others?*

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address,

phone number, email 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.

## II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

## III. Permit Applications

### *A. Endangered Species*

Applicant: DDR Rock Ranch LLC, Floresville, TX; PRT-08353B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Hill Country Trophy Hunting, Mountain Home, TX; PRT-08670B

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess for scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) and addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Blackbrush Ridge Ranch, Brackettville, TX; PRT-15315B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be