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In Reply Refer To:
CJB Notification Letter

Dear 10(a)1(A) Recovery Permittees:

The Casey's June beetle (*Dinacoma caseyi*, "CJB") was federally listed as an endangered species on September 22, 2011 (76 FR 58954). Because the 2012 field season is the first season an Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)1(A) recovery permit will be necessary to avoid take of this listed species while conducting survey activities, we are notifying potentially qualified individuals that may be interested in becoming authorized to independently conduct CJB survey activities.

We have included a copy of our minimum qualification guidelines for becoming permitted to survey for CJB. A copy of CJB survey guidelines for the upcoming 2012 field season will be available in the near future on our website at <http://www.fws.gov/carlsbad>. The survey guidelines will include important links to various websites including: the link to our Environmental Conservation Online System (ECOS) for accessing and viewing biological and listing information for CJB, the link to our general permitting information website, and the link to our recovery permit application that must be submitted to the Service for conducting survey activities for CJB.

Please note that all individuals requesting a recovery permit to conduct survey activities for CJB must pass a practical identification exam administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, Carlsbad, California. All individuals must provide verifiable documentation of experience conducting black light trapping with their permit application.

The 2012 survey season begins April 1. Therefore, applications must be submitted soon to obtain a permit in time for the 2012 field season. Issuance of a recovery permit can take up to 90 days to process and because CJB is an endangered species, a Federal Register notice must be published and clear a 30 day public comment period prior to a permit being issued. *If you wish to be eligible to conduct surveys for this species in 2012, we strongly recommend that you submit your application prior to January 15.* Otherwise, you may not be permitted by the start of the 2012 field season.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification, permitting questions, or specific CJB projects, contact the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office at 760-431-9440, or the Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office at 760-322-2070.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Casey's June Beetle **(*Dinacoma caseyi*)**

Minimum Qualification Guidelines for Obtaining a Section 10(a)(1)(A) Recovery Permit for Conducting Presence/Absence Surveys for the Casey's June Beetle

The Casey's June beetle was federally listed as an endangered species in 2011 (76 FR 58954). Because the 2012 field season is the first season survey activities will be necessary for this species, individuals requesting a recovery permit currently have no "permitted individuals" from whom they can acquire direct field experience with this species. As a result, the following permitting guidelines are for the 2012 field season only and may be modified for the 2013 field season.

Required Biological Background and Expertise:

To independently conduct survey activities for Casey's June beetle, qualified individuals should have a sufficient level of documented and verifiable entomological experience and expertise. We recommend that an individual have an undergraduate degree in the biological sciences or have equivalent field experience or biological expertise. Experience in conducting surveys for insects that co-occur with CJB, and/or experience with similar or sympatric species should be documented in the qualifications statement. The issuance of the recovery permit is dependent on the qualifications statement submitted with the permit application.

Practical Exam:

All individuals requesting a recovery permit to conduct survey activities for Casey's June beetle must pass a practical identification exam administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, Carlsbad, California. The practical exam will consist of the following criteria:

1. The individual must demonstrate their ability to identify local scarab beetles;
2. The individual must demonstrate general knowledge of Casey's June beetle ecology and life history as described in the listing rule.

Survey Experience:

An individual must provide with the permit application verifiable documentation of experience conducting at minimum 4 hours of black light trapping experience (trapping scarab beetles is not required) with another individual that has 3 or more years of experience performing this activity. Documentation must include the name and contact information of the experienced individual from whom the experience was acquired; the dates, time, locations and species sought during the acquired trapping experience; and applicable field notes depicting the documented captures of all species.