



## NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



November 21, 2016

**Subject: Issuance of Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Documents for Applicants Located in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas (Region 2)**

**Background:** In 2004, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Division of Management Authority (DMA), Branch of Permits delegated limited authority to the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) field staff to issue specific types of CITES documents in order to relieve workload burdens facing DMA. A limited number of OLE employees were specially trained to issue CITES documents. Due to recent staffing increases in DMA, processing of CITES applications will revert back to DMA.

**Action:** Effective immediately, all requests for CITES documents for applicants located in Region 2 (Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas) should be sent to the following address:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Division of Management Authority  
5275 Leesburg Pike, MS-IA  
Falls Church, VA 22041  
Phone: 1-800-358-2104  
Email: [permits@fws.gov](mailto:permits@fws.gov)

CITES applications for the following will continue to be processed by OLE in all other regions:

- [3-200-26](#) – Commercial export of skins of 6 native species: bobcat, lynx, river otter, Alaskan brown bear, Alaskan gray wolf, and American alligator (CITES)
- [3-200-73](#) – Re-Export of Wildlife (CITES)

**Contact:**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
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703-358-1949; 703-358-2271 (fax)  
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