Higgins' eye pearlymussels (*Lampsilis higginsi*) from locations within their historic range in the States of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin (St. Croix River, Upper Mississippi River, Chippewa River, and Wisconsin River). The applicant proposes to propagate captive mussels at: (1) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Genoa National Fish Hatchery; (2) a temporary facility at the Upper Mississippi River, Pools 1–4 (River Mile 853–787); (3) a temporary facility at the lower Chippewa River (RM 0–15); and (4) a temporary facility at the lower Wisconsin River (RM 0–15). The applicant proposes to subsequently relocate host fish infected with glochidia (resulting from propagation) to a temporary facility in the lower Bad Axe River adjacent to the Genoa NFH. Artificially propagated and temporarily held specimens will be reintroduced into the wild at the Upper Mississippi River, Lower Chippewa River, and lower Wisconsin River. The Field Supervisor, Twin Cities Field Office, proposes to serve as project manager including, but not limited to, designation of individuals who meet issuance criteria to work under this permit. This permit is proposed for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild (protection from zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*) infestation, in the interest of recovery.)

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111–4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111–4056. Telephone: (612/713–5350); FAX: (612/713–5292).


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicant has applied 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.).

Permit Number TE023308–0

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Twin Cities Field Office, Bloomington, Minnesota (Russ Peterson, Field Supervisor)

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect, hold in captivity, propagate, and release) endangered Higgins’ eye pearlymussels (*Lampsilis higginsi*) from locations within their historic range in the States of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin (St. Croix River, Upper Mississippi River, Chippewa River, and Wisconsin River).

The Bureau of Land Management has received a proposal from the County of Siskiyou to move the boundary back to the 1983 Horseshoe Ranch Management Plan boundary. This was a joint plan between the BLM and California Department of Fish and Game. The BLM and the California Department of Fish and Game have a successful cooperative management relationship at Horseshoe Ranch which protects the natural values while minimizing taxpayer costs.

This relationship is mirrored by the BLM and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on the north side of the state boundary.

The environmental analysis for the Redding Resource Management Plan Amendment will look at alternatives for the current Horseshoe Ranch Area Boundary, which will include no action, reduction, and expansion alternatives. These alternatives will be developed based on internal staff discussions, and public and agency input provided during this scoping process.

The Bureau of Land Management’s scoping process will include: (1) identification of issues to be addressed; (2) identification of viable alternatives; and (3) notification of interested groups, individuals, Native American groups, and agencies to determine level of participation and obtain additional information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles M. Schultz or Ilene Emry at (530) 224–2100, (530) 224–2172 (fax), or e-mail iemry@ca.blm.gov.


Charles M. Schultz, Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of a General Management Plan (GMP)/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area (Fork Area), Kentucky and Tennessee

AGENCY: National Park Service; Interior.