DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for Incidental Take Permit for Houston Toad (Bufo houstonensis) During Construction of a Single Family Residence on 5.06 Acres on Lot 18 in Section One of the Circle D Subdivision in Bastrop County, Texas

SUMMARY: James L. Adams (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE-021226-0. The requested permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad (Bufo houstonensis). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction of a single family residence on Lot 18 in Section One of the Circle D Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before February 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief—Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 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: January 5, 2000.

Thomas Dwyer,
Acting Regional Director, Region 1,
Portland, Oregon.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Natural Gas Pipeline Right-of-Way Permit Application to Cross Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

AGENCY: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice advises the public that Mississippi Power Company, has applied for a right-of-way permit for the installation of a twenty (20) inch outer-diameter natural gas pipeline across 3.02 acres of Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Jackson County, Mississippi, described as follows: A right-of-way with a beginning width of fifty (50) feet on, over, across, and through that part of the Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) lying and being in Jackson County, Mississippi. The proposed route is paralleling, adjacent, and south of the existing railroad and transmission rights-of-way.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Johnson, Realty Specialist, at the above Atlanta, Georgia, address (404) 679–7202 or FAX (404) 679–7273.


Sam D. Hamilton,
Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection to be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposal for the collection of information described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau’s clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192, telephone (703) 648–7313.

Specific public comments are requested as to:
1. whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. the accuracy of the bureau’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Assessment of the Use and Benefits of Waterfowl Production Areas in Minnesota.

OMB approval number: New collection.

Abstract: Respondents supply information on (1) preferences for recreational and educational activities and experiences associated with Waterfowl Production Areas, (2) the non-economic benefits they accrue from visiting Waterfowl Production Areas, and (3) their attitudes and support toward federal management and acquisition of Waterfowl Management Areas. This information will be used to help improve management of Waterfowl Production Areas and improve the operation of the Waterfowl Production Area program.

Bureau form number: Various.


Description of respondents: Visitors to Waterfowl Production Areas in the state of Minnesota.

Estimated completion time: 0.33 hours (20 minutes).

Annual responses: 600.

Annual burden hours: 200.


Dennis B. Fenn,
Chief Biologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

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Closure of Access Roads: Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Roseburg District, Swiftwater Field Office.

ACTION: Closure of Bureau of Land Management Administered Roads—Douglas County, Oregon.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain BLM roads in Douglas County, Oregon are hereby closed to all types of motorized vehicles from January 20, 2000, until this notice is rescinded. The purpose of this road closure is to prevent excessive erosion, and to protect recent BLM investments in road maintenance work.

Personnel that are exempt from the road closure include any federal, state, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire-fighting force in the performance of an official duty. Additional persons authorized by the BLM, Swiftwater Field Manager, may be allowed but must be approved in advance in writing.