DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit
The following applicants have 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.).

PRT-016016
Applicant: George Carden Circus
International, Springfield, MO.

The applicant requests a permit to re-export and re-import one captive born Asian elephant (Elephas maximus) and progeny of the animal currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.
PRT-021433
Applicant: Richard Olsen, Santa Cruz, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import four captive hatched Cabot's tragopan (Tragopan caboti) from the Wildlife Conservation Center, Forestry Department of Hunan Province, China, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through propagation.
PRT-020586
Applicant: Fort Worth Zoo, Fort Worth, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import one male Asian Elephant (Elephas maximus hirsutus) for the purpose of species enhancement through a conservation breeding program and genetic diversity within the North American captive population.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).
PRT-021449
Applicant: Jerry M. Jones, Coachella, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use taken prior to April 30, 1994.

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Emergency Exemption: Issuance
On January 6, 2000, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a permit (PRT-021542) to the Service, Division of Law Enforcement, Arlington, Virginia to re-export a 6 month old chimpanzee (Pan troglodytes). The 30-day public comment period required by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.
PRT-021435
Applicant: Juan I Pasquel Ruiz, Laredo, TX

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus dorcas) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-020857
Applicant: Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE

The applicant requests a permit to import one female captive-born Black-footed cat (Felis nigripes) from the Johannesburg Zoo, Parkview, South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through propagation.

PRT-824210
Applicant: Center For Environmental Research and Conservation, Columbia University, New York, NY

The applicant requests a permit to import blood, tissue or hair samples obtained from captive or wild specimens of capped langur (Trachypithecus pileatus), golden langur (T. geelii), douc langur (Pygathrix nemaeus), guizhou snub-nosed langur (P. bieti), sichuan snub-nosed langur (P. roxellana), tonkin snub-nosed langur (P. avanculus), yunnan snub-nosed langur (P. bieti), pigi island langur (Nasalis congolensis), purple-faced langur (Presbytis senex), Francois langur (P. francoisi), long-tailed langur (Presbytis potenziani), gray langur (Semnopithecus entellus), gibbons (Hylobates sp.), stump-tailed macaque (Macaca arctoides), Formosan rock macaque (M. cyclopis), Japanese macaque (M. fuscata), toque macaque (M. sinica), lion-tailed macaque (M. silenus), orangutan (Pongo pygmaeus), proboscis monkey (Nasalis larvatus), for the purpose of scientific research.

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Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the Office of Management Authority is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Kristen Nelson,
Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Permits Issued

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of incidental take permits issued in 1999.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3, has taken the following action with regard to permit applications duly received in accordance with section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1539, et seq.). Each permit listed as issued was granted only after it was determined that it was applied for in good faith, that by granting the permit it will not be to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and that it was consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

TE–006295 Town of Rome, Wisconsin

On January 12, 1999, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Volume 64, No. 7, that an application was filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Town of Rome, Wisconsin, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended, endangered Karner blue butterflies (Lycaenides melissa samuelis) pursuant to a Habitat Conservation Plan for road reconstruction activities.

Notice is hereby given that on April 14, 1999, the Service issued a permit (TE–006295), as authorized by the provisions of the Act, to the Town of Rome subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

TE–010064 State of Wisconsin

On April 14, 1999, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Volume 64, No. 71, pp. 18440–18442, that an application was filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended, endangered Karner blue butterflies (Lycaenides melissa samuelis) in the State of Wisconsin in accordance with a multi-party Statewide Habitat Conservation Plan. The Department of Natural Resources was one of 26 partners to the HCP. This single-species HCP was developed for multiple land uses and required development of an Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Following public input on the draft Environmental Impact Statement and permit application, the Service made a decision to issue an incidental take permit. The Record of Decision describing the Service’s rationale was published in the Federal Register, Volume 64, No. 191, pp. 53683–53686. The Record of Decision fully describes the Service’s decision making process and determination to issue an incidental take permit to the Department of Natural Resources.

Notice is hereby given that on September 27, 1999, as authorized by the provisions of the Act, the Service issued a permit (TE–010064) to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources, and 25 Parties, subject to certain conditions set forth in the permit and Implementing Agreement for the HCP.

TE–016724 Cinergy Corporation, Gibson County, Indiana

On September 2, 1999, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Volume 64, No. 170, p. 48189–48190, that an application was filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Cinergy Corporation, Gibson County, Indiana, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended, endangered Interior least terns (Sterna antillarum) pursuant to a Habitat Conservation Plan for operation of Cinergy’s Gibson Generating Facility.

Notice is hereby given that on December 21, 1999, the Service issued a permit (TE–016724), as authorized by the provisions of the Act, to Cinergy Corporation subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Each of the above referenced permits was granted only after the Service determined that it was applied for in good faith, that granting the permit would not be to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and that the permit was consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act, as amended.

Additional information on any of these permit actions may be requested by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 612/713–5350, between the hours of 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, weekdays, or by writing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111–4056.

T.J. Miller,
Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

[UTO–78762]

Utah–Notice of Invitation to Participate in Coal Exploration Program; Energy West Mining Company, Rilda Canyon, Right Fork

Energy West Mining Company is inviting all qualified parties to participate in its proposed exploration of certain Federal coal deposits in the following described lands in Emery County, Utah:

T. 16 S., R. 6E., SLM, UT
Sec. 24, SE.
T. 16 S., R. 7E., SLM, UT
Sec. 19, lots 3, 4.

Containing 205.61 acres.

Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice of such election to the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, PO Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145–0155, and to Charles Semborski, Energy West Mining Company, 15 North Main Street, Huntington, Utah 84528. Such written notice must be received within thirty