following Mississippi counties: Harrison, Hancock, Jackson, Pearl River, Stone, George, Lamar, Forrest, Perry, Greene, Jones, and Wayne. The specimens will be deposited into an actively curated herbarium.

Applicant: Steve M. Lohr, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina TE039592–0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (harass during capturing, banding, releasing, monitoring, and habitat management) the Red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis,* for the purposes of managing the populations on Poinsett Electronic Combat Range. The proposed activities will take place in Sumter County, South Carolina.

Applicant: Carlos E. Diez, Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, San Juan, Puerto Rico TE039589–0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, collect, relocate, and euthanize) Hawksbill sea turtle, *Eretmochelys imbricata,* for the purposes of conducting genetic studies on 200 eggs and 420 hatchlings to determine the sex ratios of the hatchlings that are being produced on Mona Island. The proposed study consists of three phases: (1) Determination of the pivotal temperature (the incubation temperature at which both sexes are produced in equal proportion); (2) a methodological validation; and (3) the estimation of the sex ratio in hatchlings incubated on Mona Island's beaches. The proposed activities will take place on Mona Island, Puerto Rico.

Dated: March 7, 2001.

Judy Jones,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

Endangered Species

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.*). Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division 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.

PRT–039865

Applicant: The Los Angeles Zoo, Los Angeles, CA

The applicant requests a permit to import 1.0 captive-born mandrill (*Mandrillus sphinx*) from The Toronto Zoo, Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation.

PRT–039950

Applicant: Linda Jennings, Department of Botany, University of British Columbia, British Columbia, Canada

The applicant requests a permit to export flower heads, leaves, and whole plants of 400 plants of *Townsendia aprica* for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) 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).

Written data, comments or requests for copies of these complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358–2104 or fax 703/358–2281. These requests 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.

PRT–040021

Applicant: Donald L. Fetterolf, Somerset, PA

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife has information collection approval from OMB through February 28, 2001. OMB Control Number 1018–0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

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 to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358–2104); FAX: (703/358–2281).

Dated: March 9, 2001.

Anna Barry,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact, and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for Residential Lot Construction and Timber Harvest in North Carolina

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Crescent Resources, Inc. (Applicant) has requested an incidental take permit (ITP) pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), as amended (Act). The Applicant anticipates incidental take of the American bald eagle *(Haliaeetus leucocephalus)* over the next 50 years associated with the construction of residential housing and during forest management activities. The level of incidental take requested in the ITP application is one existing bald eagle nest. This take will be in the form of harm and harassment associated with planned construction and forest management activities. The incidental take and measures to minimize and mitigate this take will occur on approximately 11,700 acres owned by the Applicant that surround Lake James in Burke and McDowell counties, North Carolina.

To compensate for the likely effects of these actions, the Applicant will provide six undeveloped sites, each with a 300-foot radius primary buffer zone (i.e., approximately 6.5 acres of land each), along the periphery of Lake James for bald eagle habitat conservation. Each mitigation site will be protected for the duration of the proposed permit and will contain at least one large, prominent pine tree that