DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Mission View Estates Habitat Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Kennedy Development of California, LLC has applied to Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The proposed 10-year permit would authorize incidental take of the federally threatened coastal California gnatcatcher (Polioptila californica californica) in connection with the construction of the 65-unit Mission View Estates residential development on 28.9 acres in the City of Oceanside, San Diego County, California. The permit application includes a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and an Implementation Agreement that serves as a legal contract. The Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment for our proposed action of issuing a permit to Kennedy Development. These documents are available for public review and comment.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before March 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Mr. Jim Bartel, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. You may request copies of the draft HCP and Environmental Assessment consider two alternatives to the proposed project: a reduced project alternative; and a no action alternative. The HCP would establish and provide for a total of 15.76 acres of off-site habitat within an approved conservation bank, for a total of 15.76 acres of off-site habitat preservation.

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Notice of Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On October 13, 2000, a notice was published in the Federal Register (65 FR 60971), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Monterey Bay Aquarium for a permit (PRT–032027) to take Southern sea otters (Enhydra lutris nereis) for the purpose of rehabilitation and release, enhancement, and scientific research.

Notice is hereby given that on December 18, 2001, a Letter of Authorization (LOA–032027) and a permit (MA032027–0) were issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), and subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone (703) 358–2104 or fax (703) 358–2281.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Draft Planning Amendments on the Powder River Basin Oil and Gas Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Cooperating Agencies—United States Forest Service, Agriculture; State of Wyoming, Interior.


SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Powder River Basin Oil and Gas Project DEIS which evaluates, analyzes, and discloses to the public direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts from continued development of oil and gas resources in the Project Area in Sheridan, Campbell, Johnson, and Converse Counties, Wyoming. The DEIS also considers amendments to the BLM’s Buffalo Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the Forest Services’ Thunder Basin National Grassland (TBNG) Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) as a result of the impacts of this development. The Forest Service and the State of Wyoming are Cooperating Agencies.

The DEIS analyzes a proposal by companies to drill and develop wells on their leased acreage within the Powder River Basin Project Area (approximately 8 million acres) in northeastern Wyoming. The lands analyzed include all of the BLM Buffalo Field Office, the northern portion of Converse County of the Casper Field Office, and the TBNG within the four counties.

DATES: Comments on the DEIS will be accepted for 90 days following the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. The BLM will notify all parties on the project mailing list of the dates when comments will be accepted. The BLM asks that those submitting comments on the DEIS make them as specific as possible and should refer to page numbers and chapters in the document. Comments are more helpful if they include suggested changes, sources, or methodologies. Comments that contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response, however, they will be considered and included as part of the BLM decisionmaking process.

Future notification of public meetings (anticipated during March 2002) or other public involvement activities concerning the proposed project and resource management plan amendment, will be provided through public notices, news media releases, the Wyoming BLM homepage at www.wy.blm.gov and/or mailings. These notifications will provide at least 15 days notice of public meetings or gatherings and 30 days notice of written comment requests.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the DEIS should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Paul Beels (Project Manager), 1425 Fort Street, Buffalo, Wyoming 82834. A copy of the DEIS has been sent to affected Federal, State, and local government agencies and to those persons who responded to the BLM that they wished to receive a copy of the DEIS. Copies of the DEIS are available...