DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of the Secretary
Tribal Consultation of Indian Trust Asset Management

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary; Bureau of Indian Affairs; Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians; Office of Tribal Trust Transition, Interior.

ACTION: Reopen comment period.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, and the Office of Indian Trust Transition conducted consultation meetings with the public during the months of December 2001, January 2002 and February 2002. In a notice published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2002 (67 FR 6271), the Department extended the comment period for these consultations to February 28, 2002. This notice reopens the comment period to June 30, 2002.

DATES: All written comments must be received by June 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 4140 MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne R. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 4140 MIB, Washington, DC 20240 (202/208-7163).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the consultation meetings was to involve affected and interested parties in the process of organizing the Department’s trust asset management responsibility functions. The Department has determined that there is a need for dramatic change in the management of Indian trust assets. An independent consultant has analyzed important components of the Department’s trust reform activities and made several recommendations that the Department consolidate trust functions under a single entity. The Department held eight (8) tribal consultation meetings across the country to discuss the merits of this reorganization.

Because of the overwhelming public response to this effort, the Department believes it prudent to reopen the comment period to June 30, 2002. This reopening (and continuing) comment period will facilitate the maximum direct participation of all interested persons in this important Departmental process.

Dated: April 19, 2002.

J. Steven Griles,
Deputy Secretary.

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 applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to sections 10(a)(1)(A) and 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, et seq.).

[Permit Number TE054504]
Applicant: Melissa M. Pierson, Grayslake, Illinois.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Karner blue butterfly (Lycaeides melissa samuelis) in Illinois. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

[Permit Number TE055406]
Applicant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, CEMVS–PM–EA.

The applicant requests a permit to take (hold, tag, and study) pallid sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus albus) in Missouri. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

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 requests a copy from 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, peter.fasbender@fws.gov, telephone (612) 713–5943, or Fax (612) 713–5929.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Electric Utility Power Rate and Service Fee Adjustment, Mission Valley Power

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of rate adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) adjusted the electric power rates for operation and maintenance assessed to customers of the Mission Valley Power (MVP) Utility. MVP is a tribal