Name: Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS).

Date of Meeting: June 5, 2003.

Place: Building J, Room 107, National Emergency Training Center (NETC), 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Proposed Agenda: Review and submission for approval of previous FICEMS Committee Meeting Minutes; Ambulance Safety Subcommittee and Counter-terrorism Subcommittee report; presentation of member agency reports; and reports of other interested parties.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be open to the public with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. See the Response and Security Procedures below.

Response Procedures: Committee Members and members of the general public who plan to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Patti Roman, on or before Tuesday, June 3, 2003, via mail at NATEK Incorporated, 4200–G Technology Court, Chantilly, Virginia 20151, or by telephone at (703) 818–7070, or via facsimile at (703) 818–0165, or via e-mail at proman@natekinc.com. This is necessary to be able to create and provide a current roster of visitors to NETC Security per directives.

Security Procedures: Increased security controls and surveillance are in effect at the National Emergency Training Center. All visitors must have a valid picture identification card and their vehicles will be subject to search by Security personnel. All visitors will be issued a visitor pass, which must be worn at all times while on campus. Please allow adequate time before the meeting to complete the security process.

Conference Call Capabilities: If you are not able to attend in person, a toll free number has been set up for teleconferencing. The toll free number will be available from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Members should call in around 10:30 a.m. The number is 1–800–320–4330. The FICEMS conference code is “10.” If you plan to call in, you should just enter the number “10”—no need to hit any other buttons, such as the star or pound keys.

FICEMS Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be available upon request 30 days after they have been approved at the next FICEMS Committee Meeting on September 5, 2003. The minutes will also be posted on the United States Fire Administration website at http://www.usfa.fema.gov/ems/ficems.htm within 30 days after their approval.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Emergency Exemption: Issuance of Permit for Endangered Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of emergency issuance of permit for endangered species.

SUMMARY: The following permit was issued.

ADDRESS: Documents and other information submitted for this application 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: 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone (703) 358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 17, 2003, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a permit (PRT–070221) to the Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati, Ohio, to import biological samples collected from bonobos (Pan paniscus) from Lola ya Bonobo sanctuary in the Democratic Republic of Congo, for the purpose of scientific research. The 30-day comment period required under the Endangered Species Act was waived pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1539(c). The Service determined that an emergency affecting the health and life of the remaining bonobos sanctuary population existed, and that no reasonable alternative was available to the applicant for several reasons.

The Cincinnati Zoo requested a permit to import multiple blood samples, tracheal washings, gastric washings, urine, feces, hair and tissues samples from all animals housed at the Lola ya Bonobo sanctuary in the Democratic Republic of Congo for emergency and ongoing health/disease evaluation purposes. Samples will be utilized exclusively for diagnostic and scientific purposes. The specimens will be used to run diagnostics tests to determine the cause of the death of several animals that have died during an ongoing disease outbreak at the sanctuary within the past several weeks. The necessary diagnostic testing is not available in Africa. The results of health and disease testing from these bonobos may result in a secondary benefit by providing important clues to disease threats to the wild bonobo population.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004. 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.


Timothy J. Van Norman, Chief, Branch of Permits—International Division of Management Authority.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permit for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permit was issued.

ADDRESS: Documents and other information submitted for this application 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; fax (703) 358–2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone (703) 358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 3, 2003, a notice was published in the Federal Register (68 FR 10026), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Ricky H. Jackson for a permit (PRT–067142) to import one polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport hunted from the Foxe Basin polar bear population, Canada, prior to April 30, 1994, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 17, 2003, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) the Fish and
Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.


Michael S. Moore,
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

Summary: Notice is hereby given that all public lands and roadways within the Holter Lake Recreation Site between April 28 and June 30, 2003, and all public lands and roadways within Log Gulch and Departure Point Recreation Sites between July 15 and October 31, 2003 are closed to all public uses for construction equipment and materials. Maps of the closure area and information on the reconstruction plans may be obtained from the Butte Field Office. Reasons for this closure are to provide for the safety of the public, expedite construction work, and protect construction equipment and materials. Authority for this closure is cited under 43 CFR, Subpart 8364.

Prohibited Act: Under 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following rule within the area known as Holter Lake Recreation Area: The public is not allowed within the area for any purpose. The public lands affected by this closure are administered by the BLM in T. 14 N., R. 3 W., Sec. 4, 14, and 23 P.M.M.

Dates: This closure will take effect May 14, 2003.

Addresses: Closure area maps may be obtained from the Butte Field Office, 106 N. Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701.

For Further Information Contact: Brad Rixford, Butte Field Office, telephone (406) 533-7600.

Supplementary Information:

Exemptions: Persons who are exempt from these rules include any Federal, State, or local officer or employee in the scope of their duties, members of any organized rescue or fire-fighting force in performance of an official duty, construction and contract workers, and any person authorized in writing by the Bureau of Land Management.

Penalties: The authority for this closure is found under Section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR 8360.0–7. Any person who violates this closure may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than $1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.


Steven Hartmann,
Assistant Field Manager.

Notice of Application for Disclaimer of Interest, Iowa

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposal to issue a disclaimer.

Summary: Jeffrey L. Poulson has filed an application on behalf of Fairview Farms, A Partnership, claiming title to the lands hereinafter described, for a recordable disclaimer of interest from the United States pursuant to the authority of Section 315 of the Federal Land Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1745).

For Further Information Contact: Regina Berry, Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. If no objections are received, the disclaimer will be issued after 90-day period.


Walter Rewinski,
Acting State Director.

Notice of Public Hearing on the Use of Helicopters and Motor Vehicles To Gather Wild Horses From Public Lands in Montana and Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing date inviting comment on the use of helicopters and motor vehicles to gather and remove excess wild horses from public lands administered by the

Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE1\4NW1\4), The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW1\4NE1\4); Tax Lot “E” Except for the West 700 Feet, Tax Lots “F” and H, Except for the West 700 Feet of Section Thirty Four (34); and Tax Lot “B” of Section Thirty Five (35), All in Township Eighty Five (85) North, Range Forty Seven (47) West of the 5th P.M., containing 472.77 acres in Monona County, Iowa.

The above described acreage was formed by accretion to land after the land was selected by the State of Iowa as swamplands and conveyed by the United States to that State, in accordance with the Act of September 28, 1850, by the patent number 2, dated January 10, 1860 and patent number 7, dated February 15, 1869. Accretion is the gradual deposit of soil and other materials along the bank of a body of water adding to the riparian owner’s land. If issued the proposed recordable disclaimer of interest will remove a cloud on the title to the accreted land and will state that the United States does not have a valid interest in the accreted land. For a period of 90 days from the Federal Register publication date of this notice, persons who wish to comment or present an objection in connection with the pending application and the proposed disclaimer may do so by writing Ida V. Doup, Chief, Branch of Use Authorization, Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. If no objections are received, the disclaimer will be issued after 90-day period.


Walter Rewinski,
Acting State Director.