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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by October 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: 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:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications 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, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

PRT–076616

Applicant: Steven D. Reiley, Grand Rapids, MI.

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–076685

Applicant: Lewis E. Misterly, Anaheim Hills, CA.

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–065190

Applicant: Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, Camarillo, CA.

The applicant requests renewal of the permit to export and re-import non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species of plants and animals previously accessioned into the applicant’s collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

PRT–075484

Applicant: Saint Louis Zoological Park, St. Louis, MO.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from Galapagos hawk (Buteo galapagoensis) located on the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Safe Harbor Agreement and Receipt of Application for an Enhancement of Survival Permit for Activities on the (Crosswhite) EC Bar Ranch, Apache County, AZ

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and 30-day public comment period.

SUMMARY: James W. Crosswhite (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an enhancement of survival permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The permit application includes a proposed Safe Harbor Agreement between the Applicant and the Service. The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE–075891–0. The proposed Agreement and permit would become effective upon signature of the Agreement and both would remain in effect for 50 years. The requested permit would authorize take of two federally listed species—the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus) and the threatened Little Colorado River spine卿ace (Lepidomeda vittata). The proposed take could occur as a result of conservation measures implemented on 2.5 miles of Nutrioso Creek in Apache County, Arizona.

Based upon guidance in the Service’s June 17, 1999, Final Safe Harbor Policy, if a Safe Harbor Agreement and associated permit are not expected to individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment or other natural resources, the Agreement/permit may be categorically excluded from undergoing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review. We have made a preliminary determination that the proposed Agreement and permit application qualify as a “Low Effect”