DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before October 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.

10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act requires that permits be issued only when necessary and when the applications meet the requirements of the Act.

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. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave. SW., Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, Endangered Species Division, (505) 248–6920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE–676811

Applicant: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to the Regional Director’s permit to add the following species: Roswell springsnail (Pyrgulopsis roswellensis), Koster’s springsnail (Juturnia kosteri), Noel’s amphipod (Gammarus desperatus), and Pecos assiminea (Assiminea pecos) within New Mexico and Texas. The listed species will be effective September 8, 2005.

Permit No. TE–109028

Applicant: Susan Courage, San Antonio, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for golden-cheeked warbler (Dendroica chrysoparia) and black-capped vireo (Vireo atricapillus) within Texas.


Dated: September 13, 2005.

Larry G. Bell,
Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Recovery Plan for Blackburn’s Sphinx Moth (Manduca blackburni)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (we) announces the availability of the Recovery Plan for Blackburn’s Sphinx Moth (Manduca blackburni) (sphinx moth). This insect taxon is endemic to the main Hawaiian Islands.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this recovery plan will be available within 4 weeks by request from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3–122, Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850 (phone: 808–792–9400) and the Hawaii State Library 478 S. King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. An electronic copy of the recovery plan is now available on the World Wide Web at: http://endangered.fws.gov/recovery/index.html#plans.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Field Supervisor at the above Honolulu address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of our endangered species program. The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) (ESA) requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Recovery plans help guide the recovery effort by describing actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establishing criteria for downlisting or delisting listed species, and estimating time and cost for implementing the measures needed for recovery.

Section 4(f) of the Act requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. In fulfillment of this requirement, the Draft Recovery Plan for the Blackburn’s Sphinx Moth (Manduca blackburni) was available for public comment from December 16, 2003, through February 17, 2004 (68 FR 70526). Information presented during the public comment period has been considered in the preparation of this final recovery plan, and is summarized in the appendix to the recovery plan. We will forward substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions.

The sphinx moth was federally listed as endangered in 2000 (65 FR 4770) and 22,440 hectares (55,451 acres) of critical habitat was designated (68 FR 34770). This insect taxon is currently known to occur on three of the seven...
Hawaiian Islands where it historically occurred, including Hawaii, Maui, and Kahoolawe. Vegetation types that support the sphinx moth include dry to mesic shrub land and forest from sea level to mid-elevations. Soil and climatic conditions, as well as physical factors, affect the suitability of habitat within the species’ range.

Threats include impacts to the sphinx moth’s habitat from urban and agricultural development, invasion by non-native plant species, habitat fragmentation and degradation, increased wildfire frequency, ungulates, and direct impacts to the moth from non-native parasitoids and insect predators.

The objective of this recovery plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of the sphinx moth so that protection by the ESA is no longer necessary. Actions necessary to accomplish this objective include: (1) Protection, management, restoration of habitat, and control of threats; (2) expanding existing wild Nothocestrum spp. host plant populations; (3) conducting additional research essential to recovery of the sphinx moth; (4) development and implementation of a detailed monitoring plan for the sphinx moth; (5) reestablishing and augmentation of wild sphinx moth populations within its historic range; (6) developing and providing information for the public on the sphinx moth; (7) validating recovery objectives which includes refining/ revising the downlisting and delisting criteria; and (8) develop a post-delisting monitoring plan.

Authority: The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: August 26, 2005.

David J. Wesley,
Acting Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Portland Cement Association

Notice is hereby given that, on September 7, 2005, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. (“the Act”), Portland Cement Association (“PCA”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, 5 new standards have been initiated and 5 existing standards are being revised. More detail regarding these changes can be found at http://standards.ieee.org/standardswire/sba/08–12–05.html.

On September 17, 2004, IEEE filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 3, 2004 (69 FR 64105).

The last notification was filed with the Department on July 1, 2005. A notice was published in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act of August 11, 2005 (70 FR 46890).

Dorothy B. Fountain,
Deputy Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

[MT–060–01–1020–PG]

Notice of Public Meeting; Central Montana Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 19, 2005, at the Bureau of Land Management’s Lewistown Field Office in Lewistown, Montana (920 NE Main, in Lewistown, MT). The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period. This meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 15–member council advises the Secretary of the Interior on a variety of management issues associated with public land management in Montana. At this meeting the council will discuss/act upon:

The minutes of their proceeding meeting;
Orientation of new council members;
Field managers’ updates;
The BLM planning process;
Range management programs;
A presentation from American Prairie’s Foundation;
An overview of the monument resource management plan; and administrative details.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Bailey, Lewistown Field Manager, Lewistown Field Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, Montana, 59457, (406) 538–1900.

Dated: September 21, 2005.

June Bailey, Lewistown Field Manager.
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Institutes of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

Notice is hereby given that, on September 8, 2005, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. (“the Act”), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (“IEEE”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Specifically, 5 new standards have been initiated and 5 existing standards are being revised. More detail regarding these changes can be found at http://standards.ieee.org/standardswire/sba/08–12–05.html.

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