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 212, 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 August 15, 2008, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a permit (PRT–192748) to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Fairbanks, AK, to take one captive held male wood bison (Bison bison athabascae) for the purpose of scientific research into animal and human health. This action was authorized under Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The Service determined that an emergency affecting the health and life of the Alaska captive held population existed, and that no reasonable alternative was available to the applicant for the following reasons:

One seven year old adult male wood bison owned by the State of Alaska and held at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, Girdwood, Alaska, became weak and emaciated, and tested positive for Cryptosporidium, threatening the health of other wood bison in the captive herd and presenting a risk to human health.


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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 application 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 September 29, 2008.

ADDRESS: 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 212, 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 application(s) 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).

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/California Condor Recovery Program, Ventura, CA, PRT–185756

The applicant requests a permit to re-export one dead male captive-born specimen of a California condor (Gymnogyps californianus) to the Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMAR NAT), Mexico City, Mexico for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education.

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Whooping Crane Recovery Program, Austwell, TX, PRT–189482

The applicant requests a permit to export one dead male captive-born specimen of a whooping crane (Grus americana) to the Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMAR NAT), Mexico City, Mexico for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education.


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SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announce that our Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the twelve National Wildlife Refuges (Refuges) are available. The twelve Refuges are combined and evaluated as one group and program under the CCP. The twelve Refuges include Audubon, Chase Lake, Kellys Slough, Lake Alice, Lake Ilo, Lake Nettie, Lake Zahn, McLean, Shell Lake, Stump Lake, Stewart Lake, and White Lake all located throughout the State of North Dakota. This Draft CCP/EA describes how the Service intends to manage these Refuges for the next 15 years.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments on the draft CCP/EA by September 29, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Please provide written comments to John Esperance, Planning Team Leader, Division of Refuge Planning, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; via facsimile at 303–236–4792; or electronically to John.Esperance@fws.gov. A copy of the CCP/EA may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Refuge Planning, 134 Union Boulevard, Suite 300, Lakewood, Colorado 80228; or by download from http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/planning.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Esperance, 303–236–4369 (phone); 303–236–4792 (fax); or John.Esperance@fws.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All twelve Refuges were established under authority to provide breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. The twelve National Wildlife Refuges conserve, restore, and enhance the ecological diversity of grasslands and wetlands of the North Dakota prairie to support healthy populations of ducks and geese, other migratory birds, and native species. Through this work, the twelve Refuges provide vital resting and breeding habitat.

This draft CCP/EA identifies and evaluates three alternatives for managing the Refuges for the next 15 years.

Alternative A: Funding, staff levels, and management activities at the Refuges would not change. Programs would follow the same direction, emphasis, and intensity as they do at present. The Service would prioritize management of wildlife habitat and associated species on Refuges’ lands into high, medium, and low areas. Only high priority lands receive consistent management. Refuge staffs conduct limited, issue-driven research and limited monitoring and inventory of birds and vegetation. On a multiyear rotation among Refuges, the staffs conduct public use events and workshops with such groups as school districts, youth groups, and conservation groups.

Alternative B: The Service’s proposadoption. Wildlife habitat management would provide for enhanced wetland and upland management, where warranted, on Refuge lands. Management objectives for various habitat types would be based on habitat preferences of groups of target species, such as waterfowl, migratory shore birds, grassland bird species and priority species. Refuge staff would focus on high priority tracts and medium priority tracts. The Refuge staff will implement compatible production enhancement techniques for targeted migratory bird populations. The Refuge staff will maintain existing environmental education and public use programs, with additional waterfowl emphasis. The Service proposes, at a future date, a new environmental learning center for Audubon NWR and interpretive panels are planned for Lake Alice NWR.

Alternative C: Refuge staff would apply more intensive and widespread management that targets native prairie/wetland complexes. Refuge staff would seek out restoration projects that expand and return grasslands to a quality native prairie. This alternative would have the potential to provide additional management options to address habitat requirements and needs of specific groups of water dependent birds (for example, waterfowl and shorebirds). The staff would develop new environmental education and visitor services programs. The Service proposes, at a future date, a new environmental learning center for Audubon NWR and interpretive panels are planned for Lake Alice NWR.

Opportunity for public input will be provided by the Service. All public comment information provided voluntarily by mail, by phone, or at meetings (for example, names, addresses, letters of comment, input recorded during meetings) becomes part of the official Public Record. If requested under the Freedom of Information Act by a private citizen or organization, the Service may provide copies of such information. The Environmental Review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); NEPA Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; Executive Order 12996; the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations.


Stephen Guertin, Regional Director.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Submission of Information Collection to OMB for Renewal

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is submitting the following collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs for approval and renewal: Law and Order on Indian Reservations, which concerns marriage and dissolution of a marriage in a Court of Indian Offenses, OMB Control No. 1076–0094.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by September 29, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior are to be e-mailed to OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov, or by telefacsimile to (202) 395–6566. Please send a copy to Joseph Little, Division of Tribal Justice Support, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1001 Indian School Road, NW., Suite 251, Albuquerque, NM 87104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Little, Bureau of Indian Affairs at (505) 563–3833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 9, 2008, a notice of proposed renewal of OMB Control No. 1076–0094 was published in the Federal Register (73 FR 19240), which requested any comments. No comments were received.

I. Abstract

The Bureau of Indian Affairs must collect personal information to carry out the requirements of 25 CFR 11.600(c)—Marriage, and 25 CFR 11.606(c)—Dissolution of Marriage, in order for a Court of Indian Offenses to issue a marriage license or dissolve a marriage.