I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under ADDRESSES. Please include the Federal Register notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see DATES) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see ADDRESSES). The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see DATES) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see ADDRESSES). The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, section 10(a)(1)(A), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), require that we invite public comment before final action on these permit applications.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: International Elephant Foundation, Fort Worth, TX; PRT–15923A

On October 25, 2010, we published a Federal Register notice inviting the public to comment on this application for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species (75 FR 65505). The applicant subsequently submitted additional information in support of their application; therefore, we are reopening the comment period. The applicant requests a permit to import biological specimens of Asian elephant (Elephas maximus) from wild animals in all range countries and captive-held animals in countries worldwide for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Tanganyika Wildlife Park, Goddard, KS; PRT–25482A

The applicant requests a permit to import four live Cheetahs (Acinonyx jubatus jubatus), Bred-in-Captivity for the purpose of conservation education and captive breeding for the enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus pygargus) 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.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the One Nevada Transmission Line (ON Line Project) Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the One Nevada Transmission Line (ON Line Project) and by this notice is announcing its availability.

DATES: The BLM will not issue a final decision on the proposal for at least 30 days after the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice of availability in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: A list of locations where the One Nevada Transmission Line (ON Line Project) Final EIS can be reviewed is in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below. The Final EIS is also available online at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/. Click on the Ely District map and then click on the ON Line Final EIS “In the Spotlight.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Dwyer at (702) 821–7102, e-mail: michael_dwyer@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The One Nevada Transmission Line (ON Line Project) Final EIS is available for review at the following locations:

—BLM Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada
—White Pine County Library, 950 Campton Street, Ely, Nevada
—BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nevada
—BLM Caliente Field Station, U.S. Highway 93, Caliente, Nevada
—Caliente Branch Library, 100 Depot Avenue, Caliente, Nevada
—BLM Southern Nevada District Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines, Las Vegas, Nevada
—North Las Vegas Library, 2300 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada
—BLM Office of Public Affairs, Room 406–LS, 1620 L Street, Washington, DC

On March 30, 2009, the BLM received a right-of-way application and Plan of Development from NV Energy for a 236-mile-long 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and telecommunication facilities running generally from Ely to Las Vegas, Nevada; one new substation near Ely; a loop-in of an existing 345 kV transmission line at the new substation; an expansion of one existing substation on private land near Battle Mountain, Nevada; and appurtenant facilities and access roads. The project name is the One Nevada Transmission Line Project and is referred to as the “ON Line Project.”

The components of the ON Line Project had been part of the 2006 Ely Energy Center (EEC) proposal for a coal fired power-generating facility that included rail lines, transmission lines with fiber optic cable, new and expanded substations, water wells fields and pipeline delivery systems, and associated facilities to be located mostly on public lands in White Pine, Lincoln, Nye, Elko, and Clark counties, Nevada. On January 26, 2007, the BLM published a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the EEC and its associated facilities and held public scoping meetings (see 72 FR 3871). On January 2, 2009, the BLM published a Notice of Availability initiating a 90-day public comment period on its Draft EIS (see 74 FR 115). In February 2009, during the public comment period, the proponent made public its intention to postpone the coal-fired power generation facilities associated with the EEC in its proposal until carbon capture technology becomes commercially feasible.

On July 29, 2009, the BLM published in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent to develop an EIS for the ON Line project and invited the public to submit comments (see 74 FR 37728). An Draft EIS was developed for the following reasons: the ON Line proposed action was part of the EEC proposed action assessed in the EEC Draft EIS; removing the coal-fired power generation facilities from the application requires a change in the description of the purpose and need for the project; and the assessment of impacts in association with the power generation facilities in the Draft EIS are no longer applicable. The ON Line Draft EIS incorporated all appurtenant sections of the EEC Draft EIS along with new information such that it stands on its own. Applicable comments collected during the public comment period on the EEC Draft EIS were carried forward into the ON Line EIS process.

On November 20, 2009, the BLM published in the Federal Register a Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS for the ON Line project and initiated a 60-day public comment period (see 74 FR 60290). Public meetings on the Draft EIS were conducted in Las Vegas, Caliente, and Ely during December 2009. Nineteen comments were received and taken into consideration in the preparation of the Final EIS. Public comments identified potential conflicts with the Robinson Summit substation and resulted in an additional alternative site for the substation being added to the Final EIS.

The comments also identified the need to clarify several sections of the document.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6 and 1506.10.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification, San Juan County, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (RPP) Act, as amended, 20