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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**
Kathy Konishi, Permit Coordinator Ecological Services, (303) 236–4212 (phone); permitsR6ES@fws.gov (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**
We have issued the following permits in response to recovery permit applications we received under the authority of section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Each permit listed below was issued only after we determined that it was applied for in good faith; that granting the permit would not be to the disadvantage of the listed species; and that the terms and conditions of the permit were consistent with purposes and policy set forth in the Act.

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**Availability of Documents**
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 requires for a copy of such documents to Kathy Konishi (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**SUMMARY:**
We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under the authority of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (Act).

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by March 7, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments or requests for copies or more information by any of the following methods. Alternatively, you may use one of the following methods to request hard copies or a CD–ROM of the documents. Please specify the permit you are interested in by number (e.g., Permit No. TE–XXXXXX).

- **Email:** permitsR6ES@fws.gov
- **U.S. Mail:** Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486–DFC, Denver, CO 80225.
For Further Information Contact:

Kathy Konishi, Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (303) 236–4212
(phone); permitsR6ES@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17, the Act provides for permits and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the permittees to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or interstate commerce. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies and the public to comment on the following applications. Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with their applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit Application Number TE227446

Applicant: Clifton Sanitation District, 3217 D Road, Clifton, CO.

The applicant requests the renewal of a permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for the pallid sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus albus) in Nebraska and South Dakota to determine range, distribution, and abundance for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

National Environmental Policy Act

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to these requests will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the CONTACT section of this notice.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Dated: January 30, 2014.

Nicole Alt,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

[DR.SB711.AA000814]

Land Acquisitions; Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria of California

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Final Agency Determination.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 626.55 acres of land in trust for the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria of California for gaming and other purposes on January 24, 2014.

For Further Information Contact:

Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Bureau of Indian Affairs, MS–3657, MIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219–4066.

Supplementary Information:

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1, and is published to comply with the requirements of 25 CFR 151.12(c)(2)(ii) that notice of the decision to acquire land in trust be promptly provided in the Federal Register.

On March 14, 2008, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs first approved the trust acquisition of 626.55 acres of land in trust for the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria of California. Notice of that decision was published in the Federal Register on May 8, 2008, 73 FR 26142. The 2008 decision was challenged in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia by Butte County, California, and was ultimately remanded to the Department for reconsideration. On January 24, 2014, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs issued a new decision to accept approximately 626.55 acres of land into trust for the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria of California under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465.

On June 10, 2014, the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria of California’s request meets the requirements of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act’s “restored lands” exception, 25 U.S.C. 2719(b)[1][B][iii], to the general prohibition contained in 25 U.S.C. 2719(a) on gaming on lands acquired in trust after October 17, 1988. The 626.55 acres are located in Butte County, California, and are described as follows:

Parcel I

All that portion of the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 20 North, Range 2 East, M.D.B. & M., lying easterly of U.S. Highway 99E.