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 request for a copy of such documents to Karl Tinsley (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT).

Authority

The authority for this notice is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Dated: January 27, 2014.

Lynn Lewis,
Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.

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 permitees to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or interstate commerce (the latter only in the event that it facilitates scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival). 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 TE27485B

Applicant: Dixie State University, 225 South 700 East, Department of Biology, Saint George, UT.

The applicant requests a permit to remove and reduce to possession Arctomecon humilis (dwarf bearcrawl poppy) in populations on Federal lands within Washington County, Utah, in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit Application Number TE09941B

Applicant: Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig, Inc., 6300 South Syracuse Way, Suite 600, Centennial, CO.

The applicant requests an amendment to their existing permit to expand the geographic location of their presence/absence surveys for the American burying beetle (Nicrophorus americanus) to localities in Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, and Arkansas to determine range, distribution, and abundance for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit Application Number TE064680

Applicant: Cindy Lawrence, 175 Metz Lane #203, Durango, CO.

The applicant requests a permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus) in Utah to determine range, distribution, and abundance for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit Application Number TE25406B

Applicant: Brandon Marette, 8162 Cody Court, Arvada, CO.

The applicant requests a permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for the black-footed ferret (Mustela nigripes) throughout its range and the southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus) throughout its range, to determine distribution and abundance for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit Application Number TE27491B

Applicant: PG Environmental, LLC, 607 10th Street, Suite 307, Golden, CO.

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The applicant requests a permit for bony tail (Gila elegans), Colorado pikeminnow (Ptychocheilus lucius), humpback chub (Gila cypha), and razorback sucker (Xyrauchen texanus) to conduct presence/absence surveys in Colorado in support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s National Rivers and Streams Assessment to determine range, distribution, and abundance for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit Application Number TE26841B

Applicant: Tatanka Group, LLC, P.O. Box 13938, Colorado Springs, CO.

The applicant requests a permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for the black-footed ferret (Mustela nigripes) in Colorado to determine range, distribution, and abundance for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit Application Number TE27486B

Applicant: Wetland Dynamics, LLC, 3393 E CR 9 South, Monte Vista, CO.

The applicant requests a permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus) in Colorado 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 ADDRESSES 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.).

Michael G. Thabault,
Assistant Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92–463 and 94–579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council (DAC) to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of BLM-administered public lands on Friday, March 14, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will meet in formal session on Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hilton Palm Springs, 400 E. Tahquitz Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Agenda for the Saturday meeting will include updates by council members, the BLM California Desert District Manager, five Field Managers, and Council subgroups. Final agenda items for the field trip and the public meeting will be posted on the DAC Web page at http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/rac/dac.html when finalized.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: All DAC meetings are open to the public. Public comment for items not on the agenda will be scheduled at the beginning of the meeting Saturday morning. Time for public comment may be made available by the council chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda. While the Saturday meeting is tentatively scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the meeting could conclude prior to 4:30 p.m. should the council conclude its presentations and discussions. Therefore, members of the public interested in a particular agenda item or discussion should schedule their arrival accordingly.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, External Affairs, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Stephen Razo, BLM California Desert District External Affairs, (951) 697–5217.

Dated: January 24, 2014.
Teresa A. Raml,
California Desert District Manager.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Clear Creek Management Area Resource Management Plan, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) located in portions of southern San Benito and western Fresno Counties, California. The California State Director signed the ROD on February 11, 2014, which constitutes the BLM’s final decision and makes the CCMA RMP effective immediately.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD and the CCMA RMP are available upon request from the Field Manager, Hollister Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, CA 95023 or via the Internet at http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/hollister/clear_creek_management_area/CCMA_RMP.html. Copies of the ROD/Approved RMP are available for public inspection at the Hollister Field Office and the BLM California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sky Murphy, Planning & Environmental Coordinator, telephone 831–630–5039; address 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, CA 95023; email smurphy@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message with the above individual. You