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 Kathy Konishi (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT).

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Kathy Konishi, Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (307) 772–2374 x248 (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 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 (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 TE42721B

Applicants: City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department, P.O. Box 580, Fort Collins, CO.

The applicant requests a permit to conduct reintroduction, management activities, and conduct presence/absence survey for the black-footed ferret (Mustela nigripes) on City of Fort Collins, CO-owned property in conjunction with the Black-footed Ferret Conservation Center for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

Permit Application Number TE131638

Applicant: The Loveland Living Planet Aquarium, 12033 South Lone Peak Parkway, Draper, UT.

The applicant requests a permit to acquire a non-releasable Kemp’s Ridley sea turtle (Lepidochelys kempii) for the purpose of public display and education at their aquarium facility in Draper, UT 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. 14C(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

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