

review process. In responding to those comments, the Department noted the practical limits on Secretarial discretion in establishing SPRANS categories and priorities owing to the extensive prescription in both the statute and annual Congressional directives.

Comments on this SPRANS notice which members of the public wish to make are welcome at any time and may be submitted to: Director, MCHB, at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Suggestions will be considered when priorities are developed for the next solicitation.

Eligible Applicants

MCH training awards may be made only to public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning.

Executive Order 12372

The MCH Federal set-aside program has been determined to be a program which is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 concerning intergovernmental review of Federal programs.

The OMB Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.110.

Dated: April 22, 1996.

Ciro V. Sumaya,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-3778-N-82]

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development; Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 26, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7256, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1226; TDD number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: April 19, 1996.

Jacquie M. Lawing,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission (Commission), established by the Secretary of the Interior under the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, will hold its second meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 1996, from 1:00 to 5 p.m. and Friday, May 17, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The Commission meeting will be at the Executive Tower Hotel, 1405 Curtis Street, Denver, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Western Water Policy Review Office, PO Box 25007, Denver, Colorado, 80225, (303) 236-6211.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, Public Law 102-575, Section 30 directs the President to undertake a comprehensive review of Federal activities in the 19 Western States which affect the allocation and use of water resources, and to submit a report on the President's finding and recommendations to Congress. The Secretary of the Interior established the Commission to provide assistance regarding the President's report to Congress. The President's report is due to Congress by October 2, 1997.

At this meeting, the Commission will discuss the information obtained at a series of scoping of meetings held recently throughout the Western United States to obtain suggestions for the Commission's work plan. A final work plan will be proposed and discussed by the Commission. Members of the public may submit written statements to the Commission at the address listed above, or at the meeting. There will be an opportunity for public comment to the Commission on Friday morning, May 17, 1996. If you are interested in addressing the Commission, please notify the Commission office by May 10, 1996, to facilitate scheduling. Seating at the meeting will be limited and therefore on a first come basis.

Dated: April 22, 1996.

Lawrence J. MacDonnell,

Executive Director, Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability; request for comments.

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for a Permit to Authorize Incidental Take of Threatened and Endangered Species by Port Blakely Tree Farms, L. P., on the Robert B. Eddy Tree Farm, Pacific and Grays Harbor Counties, Washington.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that Port Blakely Tree Farms, L. P., of Seattle, Washington (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The application has been assigned permit number PRT-813744. The Applicant has also requested to enter into a consensual agreement with the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to address the needs of anadromous salmonids being considered for listing under the Act, and with the FWS to conserve other fish and wildlife species which may be associated with habitats on their Robert B. Eddy Tree Farm in Pacific and Grays Harbor Counties, Washington (Tree Farm). The requested permit would authorize the incidental take of northern spotted owls (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), marbled

murrelets (*Brachyramphus marmoratus marmoratus*), bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), and American peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) that may occur on the Applicant's Tree Farm. The proposed incidental take may occur as a result of timber harvest activities, and road construction and maintenance in the various habitat types that occur now, and will occur on the Tree Farm during the 50-year term of the proposed permit. The application includes a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), which the Applicant proposes to implement as a condition of the permit, and an Implementation Agreement (IA) which identifies the responsibilities of the parties under the HCP. The IA would provide for the issuance of additional permits under certain conditions for the incidental take of species not presently listed under the Act, but which may become listed during the term of the proposed permit, and which may occur in habitats on the Tree Farm.

The FWS, in conjunction with NMFS, announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed issuance of the incidental take permit and signing of the IA. The agencies are also making draft permit conditions available for public review and comment should the permit be issued. The FWS is taking administrative responsibility for announcing the availability of the aforementioned documents. All comments received will become part of the public record and may be released. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the permit application, EA, and draft permit conditions should be received on or before May 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the application or EA should be addressed to Mr. Curt Smitch, Assistant Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 3704 Griffin Lane, SE, Suite 102 Olympia, Washington 98501 (360-753-9440). Please refer to permit PRT-813744 when submitting comments. Individuals wishing copies of the application, EA, or draft permit conditions, for review should immediately contact the above office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Bogaczyk, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (360) 753-5824, or Matt Longenbaugh, National Marine Fisheries Service at (360) 753-7761, at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under section 9 of the Act, and its implementing regulations, "take" of a threatened or endangered species is prohibited. However, the FWS and NMFS, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take threatened and endangered wildlife species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are in 50 CFR 17.32 and in 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered species.

The Applicant proposes to implement the HCP containing conservation measures for the northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, and other currently unlisted species, as a condition of the permit which would authorize the incidental take of listed species during timber harvest activities on the approximately 7,485-acre Tree Farm. The Applicant's proposed timber harvest may result in the take, as defined in the Act and its implementing regulations, of listed species. The term of the proposed HCP and permit is 50 years.

The Applicant proposes to mitigate for the impacts of any incidental take by maintaining the best late successional habitat (>80 years old) on the Tree Farm in harvest deferrals until ingrowth of additional older, higher quality habitat occurs. Measures to maintain important habitat structures such as wildlife trees, snags and downed logs would be implemented on all harvest units. Further, riparian measures designed to protect stream associated amphibians, and anadromous and resident fish would be implemented along streams. Additional benefits to these riparian species would be provided by improvements to road construction and maintenance techniques. Implementation of all measures would be initiated immediately upon issuance of the permit, and would continue for the term of the permit.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of 3 alternatives, including the proposed action and no-action alternatives. The proposed action alternative is the issuance of the permit under section 10(a) of the Act that would authorize incidental take of listed species, and signing of the IA to cover currently unlisted species, that may occur in the habitats on the Applicant's Tree Farm. The proposed action would require the Applicant to implement the HCP. Under the no-action alternative, the Applicant would continue to abide by section 9 take prohibitions under the Act; an incidental take permit would

not be issued. The third alternative is to manage the Tree Farm according to the standards and guidelines described in the Northwest Forest Plan, which would maintain approximately 61 percent of the Tree Farm in reserves.

Dated: April 22, 1996.

Thomas Dwyer,

Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

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Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit for Surveying Black-Footed Ferrets in Chaves County, NM

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Mr. Scott Ellis has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(A)1(a) of the Endangered Species Act for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement of propagation and survival of the endangered black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*), as prescribed by Service recovery documents. The applicant has been assigned permit number PRT-804124. The requested permit, which is for a period of 2 years, authorizes the incidental take of the black-footed ferret which may occur as a result of nocturnal surveys of a 150-acre black-tailed prairie dog colony in Chaves County, New Mexico.

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before May 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by contacting to the Chief, Ecological Services/Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. The request must be received by the Chief, Ecological Services/Endangered Species within 30 days of the date of this publication. Please refer to permit number PRT-804124 when submitting comments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the black-footed ferret. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species when such take is for scientific purposes. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.