

Permit No. 820283

Applicant: Dr. David M. Leslie, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The applicant requests a permit to collect 30 leopard darters (*Percina pantherina*) for research studies to be conducted during 1997, in the Mountain Fork River, McCurtain County, Oklahoma.

Permit No. 820337

Applicant: Terry L. Myers, Springerville, Arizona.

The applicant requests a permit to conduct surveys on Arizona hedgehog cactus (*Echinocereus triglochidiatus* var. *arizonicus*) and lesser long-nosed bats (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena*). Portions of up to 50 plants will be collected during 1997 for genetic analysis for the purpose of recovery of the species. Lesser long-nosed bats will be surveyed by using mist nets for capture and immediately released unharmed in 1997 and subsequent years.

The applicant will also be sampling non-listed fish populations yearly with electrofishing, seines, and dip nets in portions of the Blue and San Francisco Rivers and Eagle Creeks, and their tributaries. Any razorback suckers captured during sampling will be released immediately.

All the above activities will be conducted in the Clifton Ranger District in Apache and Greenlee Counties, Arizona.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before November 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.

Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, to the address above.

Lynn B. Starnes,

Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-821107

Applicant: Wesley Skidmore, Provo, UT.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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 through conservation education.

PRT-821078

Applicant: Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE.

The applicant requests a permit to import one male captive-born Siberian tiger (*Panthera tigris altaica*) for enhancement of the survival of the species through captive breeding and education.

PRT-821239

Applicant: Derek Baker, San Jose, CA.

The applicant request a permit to import three Asian bonytongue (*Scleropages formosus*) born in captivity from P.S. Bintang Kalbor, Kalimantan, Indonesia for the purpose of the survival of the species through propagation.

PRT-821046

Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx, NY.

The applicant requests a permit to import three male and two female black-necked cranes (*Grus nigricollis*) for enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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 the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: October 18, 1996.

Caroline Anderson,

Acting Chief Branch of Permits Office of Management Authority.

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Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit for Construction of Schlueter 33, a 33-acre Commercial Development in Travis County, Texas

SUMMARY: 2222 Research Park Limited (applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The applicant has been assigned permit number PRT-817362. The requested permit, which is for a period of 30 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction of commercial development on RM 2222 in Travis County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take applications. A determination of whether jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made before 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. 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 application should be received on or before November 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Joseph E. Johnston or Sybil Vosler, Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758

(512/490-0063). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the Austin address above. Written data or comments concerning the application(s) and EA/HCPs should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Field Office, Austin, Texas at the address above. Please refer to permit number PRT-817362 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph E. Johnston or Sybil Vosler at the above Austin Ecological Service Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species when such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Applicant: 2222 Research Park Limited plans to construct a commercial development in Travis County, Texas. This action will eliminate less than 18 acres of occupied golden-cheeked warbler habitat and indirectly impact less than 25 additional acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat.

The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by purchasing approximately 71 acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat located within the same watershed or adjacent habitat in Travis County through an accepted conservation entity and providing for the maintenance of the acquired habitat.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because selling or not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible.

Lynn B. Starnes,

Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Geological Survey

Earth Observing System (EOS) Land Processes Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC) Science Advisory Panel

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, the Land Processes DAAC Science Advisory Panel will meet at the U.S.

Geological Survey Earth Resources Observation Systems (EROS) Data Center near Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Panel, comprised of scientists from academic and government institutions, will provide Land Processes DAAC management with advice and consultation on a broad range of scientific and technical topics relevant to the development and operation of DAAC systems and capabilities.

Topics to be reviewed and discussed by the Panel include Land Processes DAAC FY 1996 accomplishments and FY 1997 planned activities, prioritization of 1997 activities, DAAC operations plans, DAAC user services issues, EOS data and information system (EOSDIS) implementation status, digital elevation model (DEM) and ground control point (GCP) activities, information management system (IMS) workshop results, and others.

DATES: November 5-7, 1996, commencing at 8:30 a.m. on November 5 and adjourning at 1:00 p.m. on November 7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Bryan Bailey, Land Processes DAAC Project Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey, EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57198 at (605) 594-6001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the Land Processes DAAC Science Advisory Panel are open to the public.

Dated: October 15, 1996.

Gordon P. Eaton,

Director, U.S. Geological Survey.

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Bureau of Reclamation

Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Roundtable Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's (BDAC) Ecosystem Roundtable will meet to discuss several issues including: Draft operating rules; mission and objectives; and the restoration coordination program. This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Ecosystem Roundtable or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Roundtable meeting will be held from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm on Friday, November 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council will meet at the Resources

Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1206, Sacramento, CA.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Cindy Darling, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 657-2666. If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (916) 653-6952 or TDD (916) 653-6934 at least one week prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta system) is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy. In recognition of the serious problems facing the region and the complex resource management decisions that must be made, the state of California and the Federal government are working together to stabilize, protect, restore, and enhance the Bay-Delta system. The State and Federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the Bay-Delta system are working together as CALFED to provide policy direction and oversight for the process.

One area of Bay-Delta management includes the establishment of a joint State-Federal process to develop long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta system related to fish and wildlife, water supply reliability, natural disasters, and water quality. The intent is to develop a comprehensive and balanced plan which addresses all of the resource problems. This effort, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Program), is being carried out under the policy direction of CALFED. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is exploring and developing a long-term solution for a cooperative planning process that will determine the most appropriate strategy and actions necessary to improve water quality, restore health to the Bay-Delta ecosystem, provide for a variety of beneficial uses, and minimize Bay-Delta system vulnerability. A group of citizen advisors representing California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta system has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) to advise CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, and objectives for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. BDAC provides a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff. BDAC has established a subcommittee called the Ecosystem