

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Fish and Wildlife Service

## 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-010426

*Applicant:* National Aviary in Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

The applicant requests a permit to export captive-born eggs from red-crowned (*Grus japonensis*) and white-naped cranes (*Grus vipio*) to Khingansky Nature Reserve, Russia, for scientific research and for the enhancement of the survival of the species through captive breeding.

PRT-008122

*Applicant:* Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx, NY

The applicant requests a permit to import two female captive-bred leopards (*Panthera pardus*) from the Basil Zoo in Switzerland for enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-010248

*Applicant:* University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL

The applicant requests a permit to import blood and other body fluid samples from chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii*) and bonobos (*Pan paniscus*) captive-held in the Democratic Republic of Congo for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement of the survival of the species.

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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

PRT-010249

*Applicant:* Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, San Diego, CA

*Permit Type:* Take for scientific research.

*Name and Number of Animals:* West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), 10.

*Summary of Activity to be Authorized:* The applicant requests a permit to conduct research on West Indian manatee behavior in the presence of fishing gear to determine method of entanglement and to devise appropriate mitigation.

*Source of Marine Mammals:* Manatees currently undergoing rehabilitation at Sea World facilities in Florida and California.

*Period of Activity:* Up to 5 years, if issued.

PRT-010434

*Applicant:* Roger Berube, Springville, ME

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010433

*Applicant:* Raymond N. Berube, Scarborough, ME

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010430

*Applicant:* Carl W. Reinsel, Kutztown, PA

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010432

*Applicant:* Normand Berube, Saco, ME

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010369

*Applicant:* Dan Meske, Bloomsburg, PA

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010367

*Applicant:* Donald Meske, Berwick, PA

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010493

*Applicant:* Derin Kartak, Bothell, WA

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*)

sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010260

*Applicant:* David Petrella, Mt. Pleasant, MI

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010261

*Applicant:* Aldrege Fabian, Steubenville, OH

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010262

*Applicant:* Catherine Rondeau, Rochester Hills, MI

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Western Hudson Bay polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010287

*Applicant:* Robert Rondeau, Jr., Rochester Hills, MI

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Western Hudson Bay polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010653

*Applicant:* Edward Belkin, Syosset, NY

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010655

*Applicant:* Wales Wilcox, Springfield, MO

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010657

*Applicant:* Otto Cerni, Jr. New Boston, MI

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010660

*Applicant:* Dube Viateur, Biddeford, ME

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010661

*Applicant:* Ronnie May, Bedford, TX

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

PRT-010662

*Applicant:* Leslie Barnhart, Houston TX

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: April 22, 1999.

**MaryEllen Amtower,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Indian Gaming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of amendments to approved Tribal-State Compact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. § 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of

engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Amendments to the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact, which were executed on March 2, 1999.

**DATES:** This action is effective April 29, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: April 21, 1999.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****Closure of Public Land Between Sunset and Sunrise**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management—Interior.

**ACTION:** Closure of public land between sunset and sunrise.

**SUMMARY:** Public land located in Owyhee County, known as the Jump Creek Recreation Site, is closed to public use between sunset and sunrise, year round.

The closed area is generally described as: West of State Highway 95, South of State Highway 55, adjacent to Jump Creek, Jump Creek Recreation Site, T. 2 N., R. 5 W., Section 27, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The described area is the site of growing crime, especially during evening hours. Reported incidents of illegal dumping, drug transactions, under-age parties involving drug and alcohol consumption, use of firearms, theft, and destruction of public property, have increased steadily over past years. The purpose of the closure is to provide for public safety and resource protection. The area will be signed to identify the closure. Law enforcement personnel will enforce the closure regularly.

Exceptions to this closure may be approved by the Authorized Officer. Exemptions may be approved for federal, state, and local government personnel on official duty, emergency service personnel including medical,

search and rescue, utility services, and other licensed or permitted individuals.

This closure order is effective 30 days after publication and public review unless otherwise rescinded. It will remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the authorized officer.

The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8364.1, Closure and Restriction Orders. Failure to comply with this order will subject violators to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FOR EXCLUSION APPROVAL CONTACT:** Daryl L. Albiston, Owyhee Resource Area Manager, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, Idaho, 83705. Telephone (208) 384-3300.

**Daryl L. Albiston,**

*Owyhee Area Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[UT-050-1610-00]

**Notice**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to amend the Henry Mountain Management Framework Plan of the Richfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Utah.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is intended to inform the public that the Bureau of Land Management intends to consider a proposed amendment to the Henry Mountain Management Framework Plan. This proposed amendment will consider the voluntary, partial relinquishment and retirement of grazing privileges associated with the Robbers Roost Grazing Allotment #0901.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Land Management (in coordination with the permittee in the Robbers Roost Allotment and a land conservation group) is proposing to relinquish and permanently retire 4,077 Animal Unit Months (AUMs) within the allotment for the long term benefit of land and wildlife resources. Preliminary issues/impacts that have been identified to be addressed include the following: (1) Economic impacts as a result of the partial elimination of grazing; (2) impact to watershed values as a result of partial elimination of grazing; (3) impacts to wildlife and associated habitat resulting from the re-allocation of AUMs from