

public forum on the Merger rule. (HUD's public forum announcement, published on April 27, 1999, provided the dates and locations of the earlier public forums (see 64 FR 22550).)

The public forum on the PHA Plan rule will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The public forum for the Merger rule will be held from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Both public forums will be held at Grant Auditorium, E.I. White Hall, College of Law, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

July 28, 1999 Public Forum. The July 28, 1999 public forum in Washington, DC, will be HUD's fourth public forum on the PHA Plan rule, and its third public forum on the Merger rule. On this date, the discussion of the Merger rule will precede the discussion of the PHA Plan rule.

The public forum for the Merger rule will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The public forum on the PHA Plan rule will be held from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Both public forums will be held at HUD Headquarters, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC.

#### *Discussions at Public Forums*

So that the discussions at the public forums can be productive, recommendations from the categories of organizations specified in the statute need to be submitted in as far in advance of the forum date as possible to: the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410.

Communications should include the following reference: "PHA Plan rule (FR-4420); Public Forum" or "Section 8 Merger rule (FR-4428); Public Forum."

Dated: June 15, 1999.

#### **Harold Lucas,**

*Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Office of the Assistant Secretary— Policy, Management and Budget**

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#### **Notice of Intent To Establish the Joint Fire Science Program Stakeholder Advisory Group and Call for Non-Federal Nominations**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior; Office of the Assistant Secretary For Policy Management and Budget.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to establish the Joint Fire Science Program Stakeholder Advisory Group; Public call for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is published in accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C. App.). Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture intend to establish the Joint Fire Science Program Stakeholder Advisory Group to provide advice concerning priorities and approaches for research and implementation of research findings for the management of wildland fuels on lands administered by the Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Department of Agriculture, through the Forest Service (FS).

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted to the address listed below no later than July 21, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Bob Clark, Joint Fire Science Program Manager, National Interagency Fire Center, 3833 S. Development Ave., Boise, Idaho 83705, (208) 387-5349. Internet: b1clark@nifc.blm.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Stakeholder Advisory Group will consist of 30 members, 15 Federal and 15 nonfederal. This call for nominations will establish the nonfederal membership on the Group. Group membership will be balanced in terms of categories of interest represented.

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Joint Fire Science Program Stakeholder Advisory Group. Individuals may also nominate themselves for Group membership. All nomination letters should include the name, address, profession, relevant biographic data, and reference sources for each nominee, and should be sent to the above address. Letters of support should be from interests or groups that nominees claim to represent. This material will be used to evaluate nominees in terms of their expertise and qualifications for advising the Secretaries on matters pertaining to research into wildland fuels problems and implementation of strategies and solutions for managing the increasing fuel loadings on federally administered wildlands.

Nominations may be made for the following categories of interest:

Wildland fire management  
Wildland fuels management  
Air quality management

Public lands management  
Forest ecology  
Rangeland ecology  
Hydrology  
Conservation  
Social science  
Computer science and modeling  
Tribal government  
Public-at-large

The specific category that the nominee will represent should be identified in the letter of nomination.

Agency administrators will nominate Federal representatives, including: Four (4) members from the FS, and one member each from the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Department of Energy, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Each Stakeholder Advisory Group Member will be appointed to serve a 2-year term.

Members will serve without salary, but non-federal members will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Government employees.

The Group will meet at least once annually. Additional meetings may be called in connection with special needs for advice. The Department of the Interior's Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Managing Risk and Public Safety, will be the Designated Federal Officer who will call meetings of the Group.

Dated: June 11, 1999.

#### **John Berry,**

*Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### **Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications**

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications.

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

Permit No. TE-799158-0

Applicant: Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, Norman, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct a study of the movement of the leopard darter (*Percina pantherina*) in the Glover River and Mountain Fork River on USDA Forest Lands in McCurtain County, Oklahoma.

Permit No. TE-004439-1

Applicant: Albuquerque Biological Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant request authorization to capture and hold for public display the following endangered and threatened species of native New Mexican fishes.

Gila trout (*Oncorhynchus gilae*)  
Chihuahua chub (*Gila nigrescens*)  
Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*)  
Spikedace (*Meda fulgida*)  
Pecos bluntnose shiner (*Notropis simus pecosensis*)  
Colorado squawfish (*Ptychocheilus lucius*)  
Loach minnow (*Tiaroga cobitis*)  
razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*)  
Pecos gambusia (*Gambusia nobilis*)  
Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*)

Permit No. PRT-826118

Applicant: Tulsa District, Corps of Engineers, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following endangered species statewide in Oklahoma and in north Texas:

gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*)  
Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*)  
Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*)  
leopard darter (*Percina pantherina*)  
neosho madtom (*Noturus placidus*)  
Ouachita rock pocketbook (*Arkansia wheeleri*)

Permit No. TE012642

Applicant: Blue Earth Biological Consultants, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) throughout New Mexico.

Permit No. TE-812212

Applicant: Karen Melody Lytle, Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*), Coffin Cave mold beetle (*Bastrisodes texanus*), and Barton Springs salamander (*Eurycea sosorum*) in Travis County, Texas.

Permit No. TE-797457

Applicant: University of Texas, Department of Zoology, Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to collect the fountain darter (*Etheostoma fonticola*), Comanche Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon elegans*), Leon Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon bovinus*) in Texas.

Permit No. TE-797125

Applicant: The McDonald Company, Maryville, Tennessee.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), and peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) in Latimer, Haskell, LeFlore, Cherokee, and Muskogee Counties, Oklahoma.

Permit No. TE-013086

Applicant: Ron J. Van Ommeren, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposed to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following endangered and threatened species in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas:

cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*)  
southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*)  
peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)  
golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*)  
black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*)  
Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*)  
lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena*)  
Mexican long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris nivalis*)  
Hualapai Mexican vole (*Microtus mexicanus hualpaiensis*)  
desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*)

Permit No. TE-828640

Applicant: Harris Environmental Group, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and the lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena*) in New Mexico and Arizona.

Permit No. TE-013103-0

Applicant: Abilene Zoological Society, Abilene, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization for research and recovery purposes to band the black-capped vireos (*Vireo atricapillus*) in Taylor County, Texas.

Permit No. TE-827726-0

Applicant: Tonto National Forest, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant request authorization for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the endangered and threatened wildlife and collect plant parts for the plant species listed below:

razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*)  
Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*)  
desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius macularius*)  
Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis*)  
lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena*)  
southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*)  
cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*)  
Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*)  
Arizona hedgehog cactus (*Echinocereus triglochidiatus var. arizonica*)  
Arizona agave (*Agave arizonica*)  
Arizona cliffrose (*Purshia subintegra*)

Permit No. TE-013143-0

Applicant: The Institute for Bird Populations, Point Reyes Station, California.

Applicant requests authorization for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*) in Ft. Hood, Texas.

Permit No. TE-0131490-0

Applicant: Thomas Staudt, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following endangered species in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas:

southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*)  
cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*)  
Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*)  
bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)  
peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)  
northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*)  
interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*)  
piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*)  
brown pelican (*Pelicanus occidentalis*)  
golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*)  
black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*)  
western snowy plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*)

California condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*)

**DATES:** Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before July 21, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, PO 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:** The 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.

**Bryan Arroyo,**  
*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[OR-010-1430-00; GP9-0209]

**Meeting Notice for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** Lakeview District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council will meet at the Winema National Forest Headquarters, 2819 Dahlia, Klamath Falls, Oregon, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 pm (PDST) on July 27, 1999. Topics to be discussed by the Council include the Klamath Basin water issues, the Owyhee Wild and Scenic River, and other such matters as may reasonably come before the Council. The entire meeting is open to the public. Public comment is scheduled for 11:15-11:45 am.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Julie Bolton, Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District Office, HC 10, Box 337, Lakeview, OR 97630, (Telephone: 541/947-2177).

Dated: June 7, 1999.

**M. Joe Tague,**  
*Designated Federal Official.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Realty Action; Lake County, Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District, Interior.

**ACTION:** Competitive sale of public land in Lake County, Oregon, Serial Number (OR 54499).

The following parcel of public land is suitable for competitive sale under section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713, at no less than the appraised fair market value. The land will not be offered for sale for at least 60 days following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Legal description	Acreage	Sale price	Deposit
Parcel Serial No., OR 54499 <i>T.25S., R.18E., W.M., Oregon, Sec. 32: W½</i> .....	320	\$41,600.00	\$4,160.00

The above described parcel of land is hereby classified for disposal pursuant to section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f and segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, but not from sale under the above cited statutes. The segregation will last for a period of 270 days from the date of publication, until title transfer is completed or the segregation is terminated by publication in the **Federal Register**, whichever occurs first.

The land is not considered essential to the public land management base and is unsuitable for management by another Federal agency. No significant resource values will be affected by this disposal. The sale is consistent with Bureau planning for the land involved and will serve important public objectives.

The sale parcel will be offered under competitive sale procedures as authorized under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 and 43 CFR 2711.3-3. The land

will be offered for competitive sale at 10 a.m. PST, on September 30, 1999 and will be by written bid only. Sealed written bids, delivered or mailed, must be received by the BLM, Lakeview Resource Area Office, 1300 South G Street, HC 10 Box 337, Lakeview, Oregon 97630, prior to 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 30, 1999, and must be for not less than the appraised sale price indicated. Each written sealed bid must be accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, bank draft or cashier's check, made payable to the Department of the Interior-BLM for not less than the bid deposit specified in this notice and shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked, in the lower left hand corner, "Bid for Public Land Sale OR 54499, Lake County, Oregon, September 30, 1999." All written sealed bids received will be opened and the high bidder declared at the time of the sale. In the event of a tie, the tied bidders will be notified and given an opportunity to modify their original bids. The resulting bid off will

determine the high bidder and the high bidder will be notified by certified mail. The high bidder is required to pay the total purchase price within 180 days of the date of sale or the bid deposit will be forfeited and the parcel reoffered to the public until sold or withdrawn from sale.

The terms, conditions and reservations applicable to the sale are as follows:

- (1) Patent to the sale parcel will contain a reservation to the United States for ditches and canals.
- (2) The sale parcel will be subject to all valid existing rights of record at the time of patent issuance.
- (3) The mineral interests being offered for conveyance with sale parcel OR 54499 have no known value. A deposit or bid to purchase the parcel will also constitute an application for conveyance of the mineral estate with the following reservations:
  - (a) Oil and gas and geothermal resources will be reserved to the United States. The above mineral reservations