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All individually identified employee information in EEOMAS for which unauthorized disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (employee name in conjunction with the race, sex, age, date of birth, social security number, etc.) has been deleted or shaded from view by all EEOMAS Users, except ODEEO's "need to know" staff.

All information is stored in a computerized database. Any hard copy reports, not in statistical format, generated from the database are kept in locked offices with restricted access.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

All EEO/AE data must be retained for a period of five (5) years in accordance with HUD's Record Disposition Schedule, after which computerized data is erased. All statistical hard copy reports are recycled. Any reports containing personal privacy data are shredded.

SYSTEM MANGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Affirmative Employment Division, Director, Equal Opportunity Division, Departmental Affirmative Employment Program, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 2112, Washington, DC 20410.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

For information, assistance, or inquiry about the existence of records, contact the Privacy Act Officer at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room P8202, Washington, DC 20410, in accordance with procedures in 24 CFR part 16.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Department's rules for contesting the contents of records and appealing initial denials, by the individual concerned, appears in 24 CFR part 16. If additional information or assistance is needed, it may be obtained by contacting: (i) In relation to contesting contests of records, the Privacy Act Officer at the appropriate location, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room P8202, Washington, DC 20410 and (ii) in relation to appeals of initial denials, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Departmental Privacy Appeals Officer, Office of General Counsel, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Initial employee personal information is collected when first appointed as HUD employees (i.e. full name, social

security, date of birth, disability status, etc.).

Initial position/employment related information for each employee is derived from the type of appointment and specific position (title, series, grade, organization, duty station, etc.) under/for which they were hired.

Updates to information on current employees are the results of personnel actions affecting employees (i.e. promotions, reassignments, etc.) and those self initiated by employees (i.e. changes in disability status/medical condition).

Information on EEO Discrimination Complaint processing is collected and entered directly into EEOMAS by ODEEO staff as complaints are filed and processed.

EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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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-012640

Applicant: The Peregrine Fund, Boise, ID

The applicant requests a permit to import from the United Kingdom up to 30 DNA samples (0.1 to 0.25ml per vial) taken from wild Madagascar sea eagles (*Haliaeetus vociferoides*) for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-012336

Applicant: Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

The applicant requests a permit to import from South Africa up to 20 serum samples (5.0 to 7.0ml per vial) taken from wild African elephants (*Loxodonta africana*) for the purpose of enhancement through scientific research.

PRT-002843

Applicant: University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

The applicant requests a permit to import one farm-raised Asian bonytongue (*Scleropages formosus*) from CV. Dua Ikan Selarus, Jakarta,

Indonesia for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education.

PRT-012823

Applicant: University of Florida, Ruskin, FL

The applicant requests a permit to import blood samples from captive-bred Siamese crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*) from the Sriracha Farm (Asia) Co., Ltd., Chonguri, Thailand, for scientific research.

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-013327

Applicant: Victor E. Moss, Winthrop, WA

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

PRT-013352

Applicant: Fred Wiedenfeld, San Antonio, TX

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel Polar population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-013353

Applicant: John DeFalco, Fullerton, CA

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

PRT-013350

Applicant: Timothy Brammer, Fishers, IN

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

PRT-011354

Applicant: Jeffrey Gephart, Marguette, MI

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock

Channel Polar population, Northwest Territories, 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: June 18, 1999.

Pamela Hall,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Draft Revised Recovery Plan for *Liatris helleri* (Heller's Blazing Star) for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft revised recovery plan for *Liatris helleri* (Heller's blazing star). Heller's blazing star is a perennial herb that grows on high cliffs, rock ledges, and balds in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina. We solicit review and comments from the public on this draft revised plan.

DATES: Your comments on the draft revised recovery plan must be received on or before August 23, 1999 in order to receive consideration..

ADDRESSES: If you wish to review the draft revised recovery plan, you may

obtain a copy by contacting the Asheville Field Office. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 160 Zillicoa Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801 (Telephone 828/258-3939). Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to the State Supervisor at the above address. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nora Murdock at the address and telephone number shown in the ADDRESSES section (Ext. 231).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, criteria for recognizing the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that a public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to the approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The primary species considered in this draft revised recovery plan is *liatris helleri* (Heller's blazing star). The areas of emphasis for recovery actions are the North Carolina counties of Avery, Caldwell, Burke, and Ashe. Habitat protection, population augmentation and reintroduction, and the preservation of genetic material are the major objectives of this recovery plan.

Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments

received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the final plan.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: June 16, 1999.

Nora A. Murdock,

Acting State Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

National Wildlife Refuge System Design Symbol

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice serves to designate the "Blue Goose" as the official design symbol for the National Wildlife Refuge System. We will use this design symbol on boundary markers for National Wildlife Refuges, and in conjunction with the Service shield, on signs at entrances and exits and on refuge-specific and Refuge System-specific publications. This action accomplishes the official designation of the symbol in current use. The Service Sign Committee and Publication Design Standards Committee are drafting specific guidelines for use of the Blue Goose on entrance and exit signs and on publications.

DATES: Effective June 24, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Staller; telephone (703) 358-2029; FAX (703) 358-1826; e-mail Doug_Staller@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We prescribe the "Blue Goose" design symbol as the official symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior. We intend to use, but not limit the use, of this design symbol to indicate boundary markers for the National Wildlife Refuge System, and in conjunction with the Service shield, on signs at entrances and exits and on refuge-specific and Refuge System-specific publications. We use this symbol in a specified blue color.

In making this prescription, we give notice that whoever manufactures, sells or possesses this design symbol, or any colorable imitation thereof, or photographs, prints or in any other manner makes or executes any engraving, photograph or print, or