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Jane Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Friday, March 10, 2000; 1:30-4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: City of Bethlehem, Town Hall, 10 E. Church Street, Bethlehem PA 18018.

The agenda for the meeting will focus on implementation of the Management Action Plan for the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and State Heritage Park. The Commission was established to assist the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions in planning and implementing an integrated strategy for protecting and promoting cultural, historic and natural resources. The Commission reports to the Secretary of the Interior and to Congress.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission was established by Public Law 100-692, November 18, 1988 and extended through Public Law 105-355, November 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: C. Allen Sachse, Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission, 10 E. Church Street, Room A-208, Bethlehem, PA 18018, (610) 861-9345.

Dated: February 23, 2000.

C. Allen Sachse,

Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Summary for Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge, Maybell, CO

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published the Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan. This Plan describes how the FWS intends to manage the Browns Park NWR for the next 10-15 years.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Plan or Summary may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Browns Park NWR, 1318 Highway 318, Maybell, CO 81640; or download from <http://www.r6.fws.gov/larp/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allison Banks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486 DFC, Denver, CO 80225, 303/236-8145 extension 626; fax 303/236-4792.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Browns Park NWR is located in northwest Colorado. Implementation of the Plan will focus on adaptive resource management of riparian, wetland, grassland, and semidesert shrubland habitats and improved opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. Habitat monitoring and evaluation will be emphasized as the Plan is implemented. Opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation will continue to be provided.

Dated: February 16, 2000.

Terry T. Terrell,

Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published the final Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Summary and the final Valentine National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Summary. These Plans and Summaries describe how the FWS will manage the

Fort Niobrara and Valentine NWRs for the next 10-15 years.

ADDRESSES: A Summary of the Plans or the complete Plans may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ft. Niobrara/Valentine NWR, Hidden Timber Route, HC 14 Box 67, Valentine, NE 69201. The complete Plan may also be downloaded at the following internet site: <http://www.r6.fws.gov/larp/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernardo Garza, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, DFC, Denver, CO 80225, telephone 303/236-8145 extension 672; fax 303/236-4792.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fort Niobrara NWR Comprehensive Conservation Plan describes the reasons and the process for the removal of longhorn cattle from the Refuge; restructured use of the Wild and Scenic portion of the Niobrara River through the Fort Niobrara Wilderness Area through a participatory process; the expansion of prairie dog colonies in the Refuge; and overall less forage removal by large animal use with more residual cover for native birds, which is the primary mission of the Refuge.

The Valentine NWR Plan describes the reintroduction of bison to a portion of the proposed wilderness area through a 10-year phased-in process and relocation of the station headquarters. Existing fishing, hunting, wildlife observation, and photography opportunities will remain in place on Valentine NWR.

Dated: February 18, 2000.

Ralph O. Morgenweck,

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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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-022329

Applicant: Mike Warton and Associates, Cedar Park, Texas

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the Bee Creek Cave harvestman (*Texella*

reddelli), Bone Cave harvestman (*Texella reyesi*), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (*Tartarocreagriss texana*), Tooth Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta myopica*), Tooth Cave ground beetle (*Rhadine persephone*), Kretchmarr Cave mold beetle (*Texamaurops reddelli*), and to survey and collect the Coffin Cave mold beetle (*Batrissodes texanus*) primarily in Travis and Williamson Counties, Texas.

Permit No. TE-22628

Applicant: Stephanie Smallhouse, Benson, Arizona

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), and the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Pima, Pinal, and Cochise Counties, Arizona.

Permit No. TE-022190

Applicant: Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Tucson, Arizona

Applicant requests authorization to salvage the Pima pineapple cactus (*Coryphantha scheeri* var. *robustispina*) in various sites in Pima County for scientific research and recovery purposes.

Permit No. TE-776123

Applicant: Texas A & M University at Galveston, Dept. of Marine Biology, Galveston, Texas

Applicant requests authorization to take, transport, hold on land, then release Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles for attachment of radio/sonic tags, and for ultrasound or laparoscopic examination for the purpose of enhancement of the species.

Permit No. TE-827367

Applicant: Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu City, Arizona

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the Mohave desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) and Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) in Arizona, Nevada, and California.

Permit No. TE-22582

Applicant: Marilyn Murov, Flagstaff, Arizona

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the Mohave desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*), cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), and southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before March 30, 2000.

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: 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,

Programmatic Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability, Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for Natural Resources Injured by Releases of Pesticides From the United Heckathorn Superfund Site

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, on behalf of the Department of the Interior, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the State of California, announces the release for public review of the Final Tubbs Island Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (Plan/Assessment) for a wetland restoration project at Lower Tubbs Island, Sonoma County, California. The Tubbs Island Restoration Project was selected by the United Heckathorn Natural Resource Trustee Council (Trustees), consisting of representatives of the agencies listed

above, as the preferred alternative to compensate the public for impairment of fish and wildlife habitat resulting from releases of dichlorodiphenoltrichloroethane (DDT) at the United Heckathorn Superfund Site in Richmond, California. Funds to carry out the restoration program were obtained via Consent Decrees between the government and the responsible parties in July 1996, and the Final Tubbs Island Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment was completed in August 1998, along with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Plan/Assessment describes the approach, schedule, and budget for completing and monitoring the restoration project. A public hearing will be held to present the Trustees' proposal to fund the Tubbs Island Restoration Project with funds from the United Heckathorn settlement, and all interested parties are invited to submit comments on the proposal.

DATES: The public hearing will be held from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2000, Richmond, California. The comment period closes March 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the Martin Luther King Community Center, 360 Harbor Way South, Richmond, California. Written comments and materials should be sent to: Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825 (facsimile 916/414-6713). Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address. The Plan/Assessment is available for review on the internet at <http://www.r1.fws.gov>. The Plan/Assessment is also on file at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 2012, 1404 Mesa Road, Mare Island, CA 94952; (707) 562-3000. It is available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment, at that address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Haas, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) at (916) 414-6604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Between approximately 1947 and 1966, several operators formulated and packaged DDT and other pesticides at the United Heckathorn Site in