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Dated: October 24, 2001.

John A. Blankenship,

Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address below) and must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

Applicant: Thomas S. Powell, Jacksonville, FL, PRT-047939.

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

Applicant: Steve Martin, Frazier Park, CA, PRT-783054.

The applicant requests a permit to re-export and re-import tigers (*Panthera tigris*), African leopards (*Panther pardus*), and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281.

Dated: October 26, 2001.

Monica Farris,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On August 7, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 41261), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Ernest Meinhardt for a permit (PRT-045925) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 17, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On August 21, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 43885), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Steve A. Reedy for a permit (PRT-042516) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), taken from the Southern Beaufort population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 22, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On August 29, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 45689), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Jack A. Wilkinson for a permit (PRT-044833) to import one polar bear (*Ursus*

maritimus) taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 17, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone (703) 358-2104 or fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: October 26, 2001.

Monica Farris,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs approved an information collection request for emergency clearance under 5 CFR 1320.13. This information collection request for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Form-4432, Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in the BIA and the Indian Health Service (IHS), is cleared under OMB Control Number 1076-0160 through April 30, 2002. We are now seeking comments from interested parties for renewal of OMB Control #1076-0160.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by January 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments are to be mailed or hand delivered to Duane Bird Bear, Chief, Division of Tribal Government Services, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4660-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone: 202-208-5097.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Newman, Bureau of Indian

Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4660—
MIB, Washington, DC 20240;
Telephone: 202-208-2473.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of the Indian Preference Form is to encourage qualified Indians to seek preference in employment with the BIA and the IHS. BIA collects information under the proposed regulations to ensure compliance with Indian preference hiring requirements.

II. Method of Collection

The information collection relates only to individuals applying for employment with the BIA and the IHS. The tribe's involvement is limited to verifying membership information submitted by the applicant.

III. Data

Title of the collection of information: Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in the BIA and IHS Form.

Type of review: Renewal of Indian Preference for Employment in the BIA and IHS Form.

Summary of the collection of information: The collection of information provides that certain persons who are of Indian descent receive preference when appointments are made to vacancies in positions with the BIA and IHS as well as in any unit that has been transferred intact from the BIA to a Bureau or office within the Department of the Interior or the Department of Health and Human Services and that continues to perform the functions formerly performed as part of the BIA or IHS. You are eligible for preference if (a) You are a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe; (b) you are a descendant of a member and you were residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation on June 1, 1934; (c) you are an Alaska Native; or (d) you possess one-half degree Indian blood derived from tribes that are indigenous to the United States.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information: The information is submitted to obtain or retain a benefit; namely, preference in employment with the BIA and IHS.

Affected entities: Qualified Indian applicants and the tribe's involvement in verifying membership information submitted by the applicant.

Estimated number of respondents: Approximately 5,000 applications for preference in employment are received annually by the BIA field offices.

Proposed frequency of responses: On occasion as needed.

Burden: The average burden of submitting an Indian Preference Form is 30 minutes including time for reviewing instructions, searching data sources and assembling the information needed. We estimate the annual public burden is 2,500 hours.

Estimated cost: There are no costs to consider, except postage and the cost of duplicating the original verification form, because verification of the information is already available for other reasons. The form will be used by an applicant to seek documentation of Indian descent or membership from either a tribal official or the BIA.

IV. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agencies' estimate of the burden (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They also will become a matter of public record.

All written comments will be available for public inspection in Room 4660 of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Dated: November 2, 2001.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-HY-P; AA-50379-26]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to secs. 14(e) and 22(f) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C., 1613(e) and 1621(f), and sec. 1302(h) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of December 2, 1980, (ANILCA), 16 U.S.C. 3192(h), and sec. 1430(a) of the ANILCA, Pub. L. 96-487, 94 stat. 2531 and will be issued to the Chugach Alaska Corporation for secs. 34 and 35, T. 12 S., R. 6 W., Copper River Meridian, Alaska. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Cordova Times*.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until December 21, 2001 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Sitbon (907) 271-3226.

Authority: 43 CFR 2650.7(d).

Chris Sitbon,

Land Law Examiner.

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