

condor management actions, but to a lesser extent than Alternative B, and work with partners to increase some guided visitor and volunteer opportunities. The Refuge would remain closed to public use.

Selected Alternative for All Three Refuges

During the review and comment period, we received 25 letters on the Draft CCP/EA containing over 750 comments. Comments focused on habitat management (including grazing, fire management, and protection of special status plants) and visitor services (wildlife-dependent recreation). We incorporated comments we received into the CCP when appropriate and we responded to the comments in an appendix to the CCP. In the FONSI, we selected Alternative B for implementation for all three Refuges. The FONSI documents our decision and is based on the information and analysis contained in the EA.

Under the selected alternative, the Service will expand both natural resource management and visitor services opportunities on the Refuges. Additional biological activities would include baseline surveys on native flora and fauna. Other habitat management activities would include development of a comprehensive integrated pest management plan and addressing the effects of climate change on Refuge resources.

Visitor services, specifically interpretation and environmental education opportunities, would be expanded at all three refuges. Additional volunteer opportunities would be offered at Hopper Mountain and Bitter Creek NWRs. A new Refuge administrative office with visitor area, and a condor observation area would be constructed at Bitter Creek NWR.

The selected alternative best meets the Refuges' purposes, vision, and goals; contributes to the Refuge System mission; addresses the significant issues and relevant mandates; and is consistent with principles of sound fish and wildlife management. Implementation of the selected alternative will be subject to the availability of funding and other resources, and may occur incrementally over the life of the 15-year plan. Based on the associated environmental assessment, this alternative is not expected to result in significant environmental impacts and

therefore does not require an environmental impact statement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-HQ-IA-2014-N003;FXIA16710900000-145-FF09A30000]

Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before February 12, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please

confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, "Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government," and the President's Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications**A. Endangered Species**

Applicant: Los Angeles Zoo, Los Angeles, CA; PRT-24209B

The applicant requests a permit to import two captive-born ale brush-tailed bettong (*Bettongia penicillata*) from Zoo Duisburg Ag, Germany, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Zoofari Animal Park & Preserve, Como, MS; PRT-24177B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species, to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Species

Barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*)
 Eld's deer (*Rucervus eldi*)
 Scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*)
 Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*)
 Addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*)
 Dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*)
 Red lechwe (*Kobus leche*)
 Southern white rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum simum*)
 Grevy's zebra (*Equus grevyi*)
 Hartmann's mountain zebra (*Equus zebra hartmannae*)
 Przewalski's horse (*Equus przewalskii*)
 African wild ass (*Equus africanus*)
 Asian wild ass (*Equus hemionus*)
 Bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*)
 Arabian gazelle (*Gazella gazella*)
 Cuvier's gazelle (*Gazella cuvieri*)
 Slender-horned gazelle (*Gazella leptoceros*)
 Anoa (*Bubalus depressicornis*)
 Seladang (*Bos gaurus*)
 Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*)

Applicant: Anthony Pierlioni, Plainville, CT; PRT-24368B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), yellow-spotted river turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*), and spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Turtles and Tortoises Inc., Lakeland, FL; PRT-24163B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), aquatic box turtle

(*Terrapene coahuila*), yellow-spotted river turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*), tartaruga (*Podocnemis expansa*) spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*), river terrapin (*Batagur baska*), African dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis*), Nile crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus*), Siamese crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*), Cuban crocodile (*Crocodylus rhombifer*), saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*), yacare caiman (*Caiman yacare*), caiman (*Caiman crocodilus*), broad-snouted caiman (*Caiman latirostris*), and Chinese alligator (*Alligator sinensis*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Ralph Hoekstra, Huntington Beach, CA; PRT-050827

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Oregon Zoo, Portland, OR; PRT-677662

The applicant requests amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to include African wild dog (*Lycaon pictus*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Zoo New England, Boston, MA; PRT-692781

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families and species, to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Family:

Bovidae
 Cercopithecidae
 Cervidae
 Equidae
 Felidae (does not include jaguar, margay or ocelot)
 Hominidae
 Hylobatidae
 Lemnidae
 Tapiridae
 Gruidae
 Crocodylidae (does not include American crocodile)

Species

African wild dog (*Lycaon pictus*)

Northern bald ibis (*Geronticus eremita*)
 Andean condor (*Vultur gryphus*)
 Rothschild's starling (*Leucopsar rothschildi*)
 Scarlet-chested parakeet (*Neophema splendida*)
 Panamanian golden frog (*Atelopus zeteki*)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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Proposed Safe Harbor Agreement With the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Abbott Lake Unit of the Feather River Wildlife Area in Sutter County, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an enhancement of survival permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The permit application includes a proposed safe harbor agreement (agreement) between the Department and the Service for the federally-threatened valley elderberry longhorn beetle (*Desmoceris californicus dimorphus*) (beetle). The Agreement is available for public comment.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by February 12, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Mr. Rick Kuyper, via U.S. Mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rick Kuyper, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**); telephone: (916) 414-6600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Availability of Documents**

You may obtain copies of the document for review by contacting the individual named above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). You may also make an appointment to view the document at the above address