

DRP as part of the Central Utah Project. The WCWEP and DRP Projects provide for increasing irrigation efficiency in the Heber Valley, conserving water, and eliminating the diversion of water from the upper Strawberry River tributaries to Heber Valley. As part of these projects, the United States plans to acquire the Timpanogos and Wasatch Canals from WCSSA. These two canals are features which have historically been used to convey Provo River water to Heber Valley irrigators. The canals will be used to convey project water and non-project water for irrigation purposes.

The purpose of the negotiation sessions will be to agree upon the price and the details for the United States to purchase Timpanogos and Wasatch Canals from WCSSA.

DATES: Dates for public negotiation sessions will be announced in local newspapers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Additional information on matters related to this **Federal Register** notice can be obtained at the address and telephone number set forth below: Mr. Reed Murray, Program Coordinator, CUP Completion Act Office, Department of the Interior, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, UT 84606-6154, Telephone: (801) 379-1237, E-Mail address: rmurray@uc.usbr.gov

Dated: November 17, 1997.

Ronald Johnston,

CUP Program Director, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Permit No. 835433

Applicant: California Army National Guard, San Luis Obispo, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey; capture and release; collect and sacrifice voucher specimens) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta*

longiantenna), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Brachinecta sandiegonensis*), and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in vernal pools throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. 790167

Applicant: Kevin Lafferty, Santa Barbara, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to his permit to extend the area authorized to take (harass by survey, capture and release) the tidewater goby (*Eucylobius newberryi*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and population monitoring throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 835549

Applicant: Charles Black, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture and release) the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Brachinecta sandiegonensis*) and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and remove and reduce to possession the San Diego mesa mint (*Pogogyne abramsii*) and the San Diego button celery (*Eryngium aristulatum* ssp. *pavishii*) for the purpose of enhancing their survival, in conjunction with research in vernal pools on Miramar Naval Air Station, San Diego, California.

Permit No. 804203

Applicant: Stephen Myers, Riverside, California.

The applicant requests an amendment of his permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Riverside, Orange, and San Diego Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 835918

Applicant: Jutta C. Burger, Riverside, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Riverside, Orange, and San Diego Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 836517

Applicant: Chet McGaugh, Riverside, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino

checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Riverside, Orange, and San Diego Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 836419

Applicant: Mike Wilcox, Riverside, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in Riverside, Orange, and San Diego Counties, California, and take (harass by survey) the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (*Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis*) in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California, in conjunction with presence or absence surveys for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. 836521

Applicant: Dan Holland, Fallbrook, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, measure, apply Passive Integrated Transponders, and radio-tag) the arroyo southwestern toad (*Bufo microscaphus californicus*) in conjunction with ecological research in San Diego, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 836518

Applicant: The Environmental Trust, La Mesa, California.

The applicant requests a permit to: take (locate and monitor nests, capture, band, color-band, and release) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*); take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*); take (harass by survey, capture and release, collect and sacrifice voucher specimens) the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Brachinecta sandiegonensis*) and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*); take (capture and release) the Stephen's kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*); and take (capture and release, conduct egg counts) the arroyo southwestern toad (*Bufo microscaphus californicus*) in conjunction with population monitoring and ecological research in Southern California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. 777965

Applicant: LSA Associates, Irvine, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in San Diego, Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Kern Counties, California, in conjunction with presence or absence

surveys and population monitoring for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 836079

Applicant: Richard E. Hill, Fair Oaks, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture and release, collect and sacrifice voucher specimens) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Brachinecta sandiegonensis*), and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and ecological research in vernal pools, throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before December 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Division of Consultation and Conservation Planning, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; fax (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments, including names and addresses, received will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: 503-231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: November 17, 1997.

Don Weathers,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Issuance of an Incidental Take Permit to the Rellim Redwood Company, Del Norte County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior; National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Commerce; California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (collectively "the Services"), and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection intend to prepare a joint National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Impact Statement addressing approval and implementation of a Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan) submitted by the Rellim Redwood Company (Rellim) as part of an application for an incidental take permit, pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Plan will cover forest management activities on Rellim's forestlands in Del Norte County, California. Rellim intends to request an incidental take permit for the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus marmoratus*) and coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*); these species listed as threatened or endangered under the Act. Rellim is also seeking coverage under specific provisions of the permit for approximately 40 currently unlisted species (including those with State, proposed Federal or State, or other special status) should these species be listed under the Act in the future. The Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection are acting as joint lead agencies on the project. Under the California Environmental Quality Act and the state Z'berg Nejedly Forest Practice Act, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection must conduct its own environmental assessment, and has determined that a Program Timberland Environmental Impact Report will be prepared. In accordance with Federal and State regulations, a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Program Timberland Environmental Impact Report will be prepared.

Public Involvement

This notice is being furnished pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR sections 1501.7 and 1508.22) to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be considered in preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 24, 1997. Public scoping meetings, at which oral and written comments can be submitted, are scheduled for Monday, November 24, 1997, 2:00-4:00 p.m., at the Cultural Center Atrium, 1001 Front Street, Crescent City, California, and from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Eagles Hall, 1005 J Street, Arcata, California.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement should be addressed to Mr. Ken Hoffman, Coastal California Fish and Wildlife Office, 1125 16th Street, Room 209, Arcata, California 95521. Written comments may also be sent by facsimile to (707) 822-8411. Comments received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours (Monday through Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at the above address. 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: Mr. Ken Hoffman, at the address above, or telephone (707) 822-7201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Rellim manages approximately 30,000 acres in Del Norte County, California, as commercial forestlands that will be considered for inclusion in the Plan. Rellim is developing a comprehensive 50-year multi-species Plan, covering both listed and certain unlisted species. Rellim's Plan is expected to combine several mitigation strategies to ensure species protection.

Rellim's multi-species planning approach is anticipated to include the northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and coho salmon, which are listed as threatened or endangered under the Act. In addition, about 40 currently unlisted species (including those with State, proposed Federal or State, or other special status) are being considered for inclusion in the Plan.

Once completed, it is expected that Rellim will submit the Plan as part of the incidental take permit application