

Permit No. 823442

Applicant: Richard Long, Houston, Texas

The applicant requests authorization to collect specimens of prairie dawn (*Hymenoxys texana*) from population sites in the wild at Addicks and Barker reservoirs, southwest Harris County and northeast Fort Bend County, Texas. They will be preserved for use as an educational exhibit of the interpretive center at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Addick Project Office at Barker reservoir.

Permit No. PRT-823964

Applicant: Dr. Paul Krausman, Tucson, Arizona

The applicant requests authorization to survey for Mexican spotted owls (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) on U.S. Navy Observatory property in Flagstaff, Arizona for the purpose of making appropriate management decisions regarding timber thinning and fire control.

Permit No. PRT-823956

Applicant: Dr. Thomas M. Engels, Austin, Texas

The applicant requests authorization to conduct surveys of large fruited sand verbenas (*Abronia macrocarpa*), Navasota ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*), and the Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*) at the ALCOA Sandow Mine and surrounding areas in Milam and Lee Counties, Texas. No individuals of any species will be handled, captured, or removed from the wild at any time.

Permit No. PRT-824062

Applicant: Joseph Lawrence Kowalski, McAllen, Texas

The applicant requests authorization to receive deceased sea turtle specimens from the Coastal Studies Laboratory in South Padre Island, Texas. The director of the facility, has agreed to sign over any deceased listed, sea turtle specimens to Mr. Kowalski for taxonomy and comparative anatomy studies in his classroom.

Permit No. PRT-824714

Applicant: Barney Wegener, Farmington, New Mexico

The applicant requests authorization to conduct field surveys, locate, and map the distribution of Mexican spotted owls (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Rio Arriba, San Juan, and McKinley Counties, New Mexico.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before March 13, 1997.

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: 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.

Lynn B. Starnes,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Bureau of Land Management

[ES-930-07-1310-00-241A; LAES 46792]

Mississippi: Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease LAES 46792, Wayne County, Mississippi, was timely filed and accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from June 1, 1996, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 16⅔ percent. Payment of \$500 in administrative fees and a \$125 publication fee has been made.

The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective June 1, 1996, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. This is in accordance with section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Goodwin at (703) 440-1534.

Dated: January 31, 1997.

Marilyn H. Johnson,

Associate State Director.

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[ES-930-07-1310-00-241A; LAES 46793]

Mississippi: Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease LAES 46793, Wayne County, Mississippi, was timely filed and accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from June 1, 1996, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 16⅔ percent. Payment of \$500 in administrative fees and a \$125 publication fee has been made.

The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective June 1, 1996, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. This is in accordance with section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Goodwin at (703) 440-1534.

Dated: January 30, 1997.

Marilyn H. Johnson,

Associate State Director.

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[OR-036-07-1220-04: GP7-0086]

Prohibited Acts in Owyhee National Wild and Scenic River Area

AGENCY: Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to closures and restrictions within the boundaries of the Main Owyhee River as established in the Main, West Little and North Fork Owyhee National Wild and Scenic Rivers Management Plan. Refer to Federal Register Notice Vol. 59, No. 240 dated Thursday, December 15, 1994.

SUMMARY: The Vale District is amending 2 closures or restrictions that were initiated as part of the implementation of the 1993 Main, West Little and North Fork Owyhee National Wild and Scenic Rivers Management Plan. One change is made to incorporate the original intent of requiring all float boaters to carry a firepan, and the other is to allow

motorized watercraft access only in that portion of the Wild and Scenic River that is the recognized "slack water" of the Owyhee Reservoir (approximately 4 miles upstream from the existing boundary). The amended closures or restrictions are the minimum necessary to protect and enhance ORVs and are consistent with the approved plan. Pursuant to 43 CFR 8351.2-1, the following acts are prohibited on all public lands within the boundaries at the Owyhee River component of the National Wild and Scenic River System administered by the Bureau of Land Management:

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months or both. (Title 16 U.S.C. 1281).

1. Fire.

a. Failure, on any float trip, to carry and use a firepan or similar device to contain campfires.

4. Boating.

a. Operation of any motor-driven (including electric motor-driven) watercraft upstream of T.26S., R.43E., section 29 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cathi Wilbanks, Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918, (Telephone 541-473-3144).

Lynn P. Findley,

Assistant District Manager, Operations.

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National Park Service

**Public Use Statistics Program Center;
Notice of Request for Extension of a
Currently Approved Information
Collection**

AGENCY: DOI, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Park Service (NPS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Public Use Statistics Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 14, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Albert A. Galipeau, Statistician or Sandra D. Valdez, Program Administrator, U.S. Department of

Interior, Park Operations and Education, National Park Service, Public Use Statistics Program Center, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Denver, CO, 80225-0287, (303) 987-6950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Public Use Reporting.

OMB Number: 1024-0036.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 1997.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The survey is used by NPS for the purpose of collecting public interview data which are used to determine conversion factors used in converting electro-mechanical visitor counts into recreation visits.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals visiting parks.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 7.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 900 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Sandra D. Valdez, Program Administrator.

Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information to:

Sandra D. Valdez, Program Administrator, U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Park Operations and Education, Public Use Statistics Program Center, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Denver, CO, 80225-0287, (303) 987-6950.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 4, 1997.

Terry N. Tesar,

Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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**Notice of Intent To Issue a Prospectus
for Operation of Marina Facilities at
Lake Roosevelt National Recreation
Area**

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will be releasing a concession

prospectus authorizing continued operation of marina services, which includes seasonal moorage, rental of boats and houseboats, sale of marina supplies and general merchandise, limited grocery and camping supplies, and marina fuel and oil, for the public at Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area for a period of ten years from May 1, 1997 through April 30, 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing concessioner, Lake Roosevelt Vacations, Inc., has performed its obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under an existing permit which expires by limitation of time on December 31, 1997, and therefore pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969 U.S.C. 20), is entitled to be given preference in the renewal and execution of a new contract providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the contract will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the contract will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the contract will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice.

The cost for purchasing a prospectus is \$30.00. Parties interested in obtaining a copy should send a check payable to "National Park Service" to the following address: National Park Service, Office of Concession Program Management, Pacific Great Basin Support Office, 600 Harrison St., Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94107-1372. The front of the envelope should be marked "Attention: Office of Concession Program Management—Mail Room Do Not Open". Please include a mailing address indicating where to send the prospectus. Inquiries may be directed to Ms. Teresa Jackson, Secretary, Office of Concession Program Management at (415) 744-3981.