

matching sources of money to target the purchase of larger tracts of habitat. As a result, the immediate acquisition of habitat with the mitigation funding provided by the Applicant is not anticipated.

However, any future acquisition made with all or portions of this funding is expected to benefit scrub-jays since habitat protection and management has been identified as one of the most important conservation tasks for this species.

As stated above, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the issuance of the Permit is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. This preliminary information may be revised due to public comment received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the draft EA and Plan.

The Service will also evaluate whether the issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit complies with Section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service Section 7 consultation. The results of the biological opinion, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the Permit.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

**Judy L. Jones,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Change in Administrative Jurisdiction of Navassa Island

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are announcing the establishment of Navassa Island National Wildlife Refuge located in the Caribbean Sea, and that the Secretary of the Interior has delegated the authority for the civil administration of Navassa Island to the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeffery M. Donahoe, Chief, Division of Realty, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 622, Arlington, Virginia 22203; Telephone (703) 358-1713; FAX (703) 358-2223.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This gives public notice of the establishment of the Navassa Island National Wildlife

Refuge. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the Director of the Office of Insular Affairs (both within the Department of the Interior) established the refuge on April 22, 1999. On December 3, 1999, the Secretary of the Interior transferred full administrative responsibility for the island and its territorial waters from the Office of Insular Affairs to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service by Secretarial Order 3210.

We will continue to administer this area under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee), the general regulations governing the National Wildlife Refuge System published in Title 50, Subchapter C, Code of Federal Regulations, and in accordance with all applicable laws, policies, and rules.

The refuge consists of all of Navassa Island located in latitude 18°25' N and longitude 75°02' W from Greenwich together with the full extent of its territorial sea, which currently extends outward to 12 miles. Secretarial Order 3210, dated December 3, 1999 delegated the authority over Navassa Island from the Secretary of the Interior to the Director of the Service. We took this action in furtherance of United States sovereignty over Navassa Island and to protect the unique ecosystem of Navassa Island, the adjacent coral reefs, and marine waters.

The Service, which has been managing the refuge pursuant to the MOU, will continue to manage it under all applicable laws, policies, and regulations that govern the National Wildlife Refuge System. In carrying out those responsibilities, and consistent with those authorities, we shall ensure that we manage the unique ecosystem of the refuge to preserve its character in support of the protection and conservation of the fish and wildlife in the refuge.

Dated: December 15, 1999.

**Jamie Rappaport Clark,**

*Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

The following applicant has applied for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected under the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992.

This notice is provided under section 112, paragraph 4, of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, and Title 50, of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 15.26(c).

Applicant: Hurricane Aviaries Inc., Loxahatchee, FL. The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for the Blue-headed macaw (*Ara couloni*). The applicant wishes to be an active participant in this program with four other private enterprises. The American Federation of Aviculture Inc. has assumed the responsibility for the oversight of the program.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, VA 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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 these documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, VA 22203. Phone: (703/358-2095); FAX: (703/358-2298).

Dated: December 22, 1999.

**Bruce Weissgold,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

The following applicant has applied for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected under the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. This notice is provided under Section 112, paragraph 4, of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, and Title 50, of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 15.26(c).

Applicant: Jerry G. Royster, Leonard, MI. The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for the Orange-breasted Fig-parrot (*Cyclopsitta gulielmiterti*), Double-eyed Fig-parrot (*Cyclopsitta diophthalma*), Desmarest's Fig-parrot (*Psittaculirostris desmarestii*), Edward's Fig-parrot (*Psittaculirostris edwardsii*), and Salvadori's Fig-parrot

(*Psittaculirostris salvadori*). Mr. Royster wishes to be an active participant in this program with five other private individuals. The Avicultural Society of America (ASA) has assumed the responsibility for the oversight of the program.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, VA 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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 these documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, VA 22203. Phone: (703/358-2095); FAX: (703/358-2298).

Dated: December 22, 1999.

**Bruce Weissgold,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Nevada Temporary Closure of Certain Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Temporary closure of selected public lands in Clark County, Nevada, during the operation of the 2000 SCORE Laughlin Desert Challenge Race.

**SUMMARY:** The Field Office Manager of the Las Vegas District announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under its administration.

This action is being taken to help ensure public safety, prevent unnecessary environmental degradation during the official permitted running of the 2000 SCORE Laughlin Desert Challenge Race and to comply with provisions of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion for Speed Based Off-Highway Vehicle Events (I-5-98-F-053).

**DATES:** From 6 a.m. January 21, 2000 through 8 p.m. January 23, 2000 Pacific Standard Time.

Closure Area: As described below, an area within T.32 S. to T.33 S.R. 64 E. to R. 66 E.

1. The closure is a bound by STATE ROUTE #163 on the NORTH, CALIFORNIA STATE LINE on the SOUTH, US 95 on the WEST, BIG BEND DRIVE ON THE EAST.

Exceptions to the closure are: State Route 163.

2. The entire area encompassed by the designated course and all areas outside the designated course as listed in the legal description above are closed to all vehicles except Law Enforcement, Emergency Vehicles, and Official Race Vehicles. Access routes leading to the course are closed to vehicles.

3. No vehicle stopping or parking.

4. Spectators are required to remain within designated spectator area only.

5. The following regulations will be in effect for the duration of the closure:

Unless otherwise authorized no person shall:

- a. Camp in any area outside of the designated spectator areas.
- b. Enter any portion of the race course or any wash located within the race course.
- c. Spectate or otherwise be located outside of the designated spectator area.
- d. Cut or collect firewood of any kind, including dead and down wood or other vegetative material.
- e. Possess and or consume any alcoholic beverage unless the person has reached the age of 21 years.
- f. Presence on a public land when under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance to a degree that may endanger oneself or another person, or damage property or public land resources, is prohibited.
- g. Discharge, or use firearms, other weapons or fireworks.
- h. Park, stop, or stand any vehicle outside of the designated spectator area.
- i. Operate any vehicle including an off-highway vehicle (OHV), which is not legally registered for street and highway operation, including operation of such a vehicle in spectator viewing areas, along the race course, and in designated pit area.
- j. Park any vehicle in violation of posted restrictions, or in such a manner as to obstruct or impede normal or emergency traffic movement or the parking of other vehicles, create a safety hazard, or endanger any person, property or feature. Vehicles so parked are subject to citation, removal and impoundment at owner's expense.
- k. Take a vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence or traffic control barrier or device.

l. Fail to keep their site free of trash and litter during the period of occupancy, or fail to remove all personal equipment, trash, and litter upon departure.

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m. Violate quiet hours by causing an unreasonable noise as determined by the authorized officer between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

n. Allow any pet or other animal in their care to be unrestrained at any time.

o. Fail to follow orders or directions of an authorized officer.

p. Obstruct, resist, or attempt to elude a Law Enforcement Officer or fail to follow their orders or direction.

Signs and maps directing the public to designated spectator areas will be provided by the Bureau of Land Management and the event sponsor.

The above restriction do not apply to emergency vehicles and vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Nevada or to Clark County. Vehicles under permit for operation by event participants must follow the race permit stipulations.

Operators of permitted vehicles shall maintain a maximum speed limit of 35 mph on all BLM roads and ways. Authority for closure of public lands is found in 43 CFR part 8340 subpart 8341; 43 CFR part 8360, subpart 8364.1 and 43 CFR part 8372. Persons who violate this closure order are subject to fines and or arrest as prescribed by law.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Wolf, Recreation Manager or Ron Crayton, BLM Law Enforcement Ranger, BLM Las Vegas District, 4765 West Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada 89108, (702) 647-5000.

Dated: December 17, 1999.

**Mark T. Morse,**

*Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-030-1330-00]

#### Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed 3R Minerals Coal Bed Canyon mine/operation plan modification, Garfield County, UT

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS and Notice of Scoping on the proposed 3R Minerals' Coal Bed Canyon mine/operation plan modification, Garfield County, UT.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy