

animal waste from residential septic systems and livestock feedlots).

Historically, the Illinois cave amphipod was known to occur in six cave systems in Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois. Its presence has not been confirmed in Madonnaville Cave, Monroe County and it appears to be extirpated from Stemler Cave, St. Clair County. Additional populations have been found within the known range of the species in two additional groundwater systems in Monroe County.

The quality and condition of groundwater in the amphipod's habitats are tied to land use practices within cave recharge areas. Surface activities that have the potential to contribute to the degradation of groundwater and cave habitats are best managed at the individual landowner and community level. The draft plan proposes to develop partnerships with Federal and state agencies, organizations, and private landowners that will provide mechanisms for protecting Illinois cave amphipod populations through voluntary and incentive-driven stewardship efforts.

#### Public Comments Solicited

The Service requests written comments on the recovery plan described. Comments should be sent to the Field Supervisor, Rock Island Ecological Services Field Office. All comments and materials received by the date specified will be considered prior to approval of the plan. They will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours (see **ADDRESSES** section).

**Authority:** The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: July 19, 2002.

**Charles M. Wooley,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of a Permit Application (Laster) for Incidental Take of the Houston Toad

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Michael Laster and Elizabeth Pardue (Applicants) have applied for an incidental take permit (TE-053011-0) pursuant to Section 10(a) of the

Endangered Species Act (Act). The requested permit would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad. The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and occupation of a single-family residence on approximately 0.5 acres of a 10.004-acre property in Cottletown Ranches Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas.

**DATES:** Written comments on the application should be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Clayton Napier, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). Please refer to permit number TE-053011-0 when submitting comments.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clayton Napier, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**Applicant:** Michael Laster and Elizabeth Pardue plan to construct a single-family residence, within 5 years, on approximately 0.5 acres of a 10.004-acre property in Cottletown Ranches Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas.

Houston toads have been documented on or within one mile of the Cottletown Ranches Subdivision, which is evidence that take of the Houston toad will occur on this subject property. Therefore, the Service has recommended that the landowner apply for a 10(a)(1)(B) permit to be fully covered under the Endangered Species Act for any incidental take of the toad that may occur as a result of the Applicants' activities on the subject property. The Applicants voluntarily have agreed to apply for a 10(a)(1)(B) permit to reduce their risk of liability.

This action will eliminate 0.5 acres or less of Houston toad habitat and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The Applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by providing \$3,000.00 to the Houston Toad Conservation Fund at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat.

**Bryan Arroyo,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Indian Gaming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State Compact.

**SUMMARY:** Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Compact between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the State of Montana regarding the Class III Gaming on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

**DATES:** This action is effective August 5, 2002.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: July 19, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WO-310-1310-PB-24 1A]

#### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Approval Number 1004-0074

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to extend an existing approval to collect information to determine whether a bidder is qualified to hold a lease and to conduct geothermal resource operations under the terms of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 and the Geothermal Steam Act of 1969. BLM uses Forms 3000-2 and 3200-9 to collect this information.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before October 4, 2002. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (WO-630), Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

You may send comments via Internet to: [WOCComment@blm.gov](mailto:WOCComment@blm.gov). Please include "ATTN: 0004-0074" any your name and address with your comments.

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may contact Barbara Gamble, Fluids Minerals Group, on (202) 452-0338 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Gamble.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the *Federal Register* concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

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

(b) the accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

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

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

The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*), gives the Secretary of the Interior responsibility for oil and gas leasing on approximately 600 million acres of public lands and national forests, and private lands where the Federal Government retains the mineral rights. Congress passed the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act of 1987 requiring BLM to offer all public lands that are available for oil and gas leasing by competitive oral bidding before accepting noncompetitive lease applications. The Department of the Interior Appropriations Act of 1981 (43 U.S.C. 6508) provides for the competitive leasing of the lands in the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska. The Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001-1025) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to issue leases for geothermal development.

The regulations (43 CFR part 3100) outline procedures for obtaining a lease to explore for, develop, and produce oil and gas resources located on public lands. The regulations (43 CFR part 3200) outline procedures to issue geothermal leases and the exploration, development and utilization of Federally-owned geothermal resources. BLM needs the information requested on the two forms to process lease bids for oil and gas and geothermal resources and to complete environmental reviews required by NEPA.

You must submit the forms to the proper BLM office. Form 3000-2 requires the name and address to identify the bidder. This allows BLM to ensure that the bidder meets the eligibility requirements in the regulations. The regulations require the bidder to submit one-fifth of the amount of the bid for a geothermal bid or the minimum acceptable bid for an oil and gas lease is the first year's rental and administrative fee. Form 3200-9 requires the name and address of the

entity who will conduct operations on the land. You must also submit the legal land description of the lands you plan to enter or disturb for your exploration/operation. We use the starting and ending dates to determine how long the applicant/operator/contractor intends to conduct operations on the land.

Based on BLM's experience administering this program, we estimate the public reporting burden is 2 hours for completing Form 3000-2 and 2 hours for completing Form 3200-9. These estimates include the time spent on research, gathering, and assembling information, reviewing instructions, and completing the respective forms. In FY 2000, BLM estimated 393 competitive bids for oil and gas and geothermal resources and 50 Notice of Intent to Conduct Geothermal Resource Exploration Operations are filed annually, with a total annual burden of 886 hours. Respondents vary from individuals and small businesses to large corporations.

Any member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of BLM Forms 3000-2 or 3200-9 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of a public record.

Dated: July 18, 2002.

Michael H. Schwartz,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WO-880-9500-PF-24 1A]

#### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Approval Number 1004-0109

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requests the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collection information from the Governors of States to allow the BLM to compute units of payments due to local governments under the Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Act of