

the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology where appropriate.

Purpose of Data Collection

The Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program is working to create a universal credential to be used as a means to enhance access control for individuals requiring unescorted access to secure areas of the national transportation system. The information collected under this proposal will be used to operate and evaluate the TWIC system during the Prototype Phase. In October 2003, TSA obtained a control number (1652-0014) from OMB for the TWIC Technology Evaluation Phase that expires in June 2004. Rather than renew the existing control number, TSA is seeking a new control number due to an expansion in the program's scope for the Prototype Phase, which now includes enhanced criteria to assess business processes of a significantly larger group of transportation workers and facilities. During this phase, TSA will fully develop the program, measure credential performance and effectiveness, collect user feedback, and provide data analysis prior to proceeding to full-scale deployment.

Description of Data Collection

TSA will issue credentials to a select group of transportation workers and then administer two instruments to collect data on the effectiveness of the TWIC program as well as the satisfaction of the transportation workers who will be using these credentials. TSA intends to collect data via the following instruments:

(1) *Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)*. The following information will be collected from individual transportation workers and facility operators to create the credential: (a) Individual's name, (b) other identifying data to include address, phone number, social security number, date of birth, and place of birth, (c) company, organization, or affiliation, (d) biometric data and digital photograph, and (e) access level

information. TSA estimates a total of 200,000 respondents and, based on an estimated burden of 22 minutes per respondent, a maximum total program-wide burden of approximately 73,333 hours.

(2) *Transportation Worker Survey*. TSA next intends to conduct a transportation worker survey at each site that is part of the Prototype Phase. These surveys will be distributed randomly either during or after the TWIC is issued at participating transportation facilities. The respondents who choose to participate in the surveys will be asked to return the completed survey within 30 days. The sample of workers receiving surveys at each site will be representative of the demographics of all the workers who are participating in the pilot program, including workers who access facilities on a 24-hour per day, 7-day per week basis.

Participation by workers in the survey will be voluntary. A TSA contractor will administer the survey independent of TSA. The survey will include questions about the workers' experience as well as the effectiveness of the TWIC. Dates, times, and locations will be selected within each site to provide a representation of worker satisfaction and credential effectiveness over the survey period. TSA estimates a total of 1,000 respondents and, based on an estimate of a 15-minute burden per respondent, a maximum program-wide total burden of approximately 250 hours. There will not be a burden on workers who choose not to respond.

(3) *Lead Stakeholder Port Security Interviews*. Finally, TSA will have a contractor conduct personal interviews of the lead stakeholder at each site participating in the Prototype Phase. The purpose of the interview will be to record observations on operational impact, system performance and utility, and identify problems that may have arisen. The results of these interviews will not be used for any formal performance measurement nor published outside of TSA, but will enable service improvement at each site. Participation by stakeholders will be voluntary. The interview format will come from a list of questions and will be limited to 15 minutes per respondent. Based on a projected total of 50 respondents, TSA estimates an aggregate program-wide burden of 12.5 hours. There will be no burden on stakeholders who choose not to respond.

Use of Results

TSA Headquarters will use the results to evaluate the performance and

effectiveness of the TWIC program. The results will also be analyzed to support future implementation and program decisions. TSA will further use this data to evaluate the impact of policy or process changes on customer satisfaction, public confidence, and overall security.

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Susan T. Tracey,

Chief Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

DATES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received on or before May 5, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter Fasbender, (612) 713-5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit Number: TE083429.

Applicant: Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, Portage, Michigan.

The applicant requests a permit to take the Michell's satyr butterfly (*Neonympha mitchellii mitchellii*) in Michigan. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE083469.

Applicant: National Mississippi River Museum, Dubuque, Iowa.

The applicant requests a permit to take (hold and propagate) the Higgins' eye pearl mussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*) in Iowa. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE083562.

Applicant: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect) the Topeka shiner (*Notropis topeka*) throughout

Minnesota. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE085016.

Applicant: Merrill B. Tawse, Lucas, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take (trap) the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) throughout Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Dated: March 23, 2004.

James T. Leach,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-020-04-1430-ES; AZA-31787]

Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands, located in Maricopa County, Arizona, and found suitable for lease or conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869, *et seq.*). The lands are not needed for federal purposes. Lease or conveyance is consistent with current Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The following described lands, located in the City of Peoria, Maricopa County, Arizona, and containing approximately 160 acres, have been found suitable for lease or conveyance to the City of Peoria for open space and park and the Northern Municipal Operations Center (MOC) Development and Improvement Plan:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

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The lease or conveyance would be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

3. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Camille Champion at the Phoenix Field Office, 21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027, (623) 580-5526.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease, conveyance, or classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Phoenix Field Office, 21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for the proposed Northern Municipal Operations Center Development and Improvement Plan for the City of Peoria. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposals, whether the uses will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the uses are consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the uses are consistent with state and federal programs.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific uses proposed in the applications and plans of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for proposed uses. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 2, 2004.

Teresa A. Raml,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Folsom Dam Road, Folsom, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is planning to prepare an EIS for a proposed permanent restriction to public access to Folsom Dam. The Folsom Dam Road, which was closed indefinitely for security reasons on February 28, 2003, was closed to preserve and protect the core mission of the facility and for the ultimate safety of the public. The closure followed a series of security reviews, including a final review conducted by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and subsequent full-scale analysis and evaluation of DTRA's recommendations by Reclamation and the Department of the Interior. The evaluation determined that uncontrolled access to Folsom Dam presents a clear security risk to the facility.

DATES: Reclamation will seek public input on alternatives, concerns, and issues to be addressed in the EIS through scoping meetings through scoping meetings in May. The schedule and locations of the scoping meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday, May 26, 2004, 4:30-7 p.m., Sacramento, CA
- Thursday, May 27, 2004, 4:30-7 p.m., Folsom, CA

Written comments on the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered should be sent to Mr. Robert Schroeder at the below address by June 10, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting locations are:

- Sacramento at the Library Galleria—West Meeting Room, 828 I Street
- Folsom at the Folsom Community Center—West Room, 52 Natoma Street

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Schroeder, Reclamation, 7794 Folsom Dam Road, Folsom, California 95630; telephone number (916) 989-7274.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Controlled access by authorized Government personnel is necessary to minimize the security risks and maximize the safety not only of Folsom Dam, but that of the entire Sacramento metropolitan population downstream of the Dam. Reclamation determined that an EIS is needed to examine the effect of the road closure on the natural and human environment.