

## II. Delegations of Authority

All delegations and redelegations of authority which were in effect immediately prior to the effective date hereof have been continued in effect in them or their successors pending further redelegation. I hereby ratify and affirm all actions taken by any DHHS officials which involved the exercise of these authorities prior to the effective date of this delegation.

This reorganization is effective upon date of signature.

Dated: June 19, 1998.

**Claude Earl Fox,**

*Administrator.*

[FR Doc. 98-17472 Filed 6-30-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4160-15-U

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit 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.*):

PRT-843092

*Applicants:* San Antonio Zoological Gardens and Aquarium, San Antonio, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import 4.4 live Japanese Giant Salamanders (*Andrias japonicus*), bred in captivity by the Asa Zoological Park, Hiroshima, Japan, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive breeding and exhibition.

PRT-841435

*Applicant:* Panamerican Marketing, San Antonio, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to export 1.2 live ring-tailed lemurs (*Lemur catta*) to Promotora Zoofari, Morelos, Mexico for the purpose of enhancement of the propagation and survival of the species through captive breeding.

PRT-831689

*Applicant:* University of Wisconsin, Dept. of Zoology, Madison, WI.

The applicant requests a permit to import blood and feather samples taken from captive-held and wild caught Andean condors (*Vultur gryphus*) in South America, for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-844311

*Applicant:* Geraldine Mr. Stallman, Salem, WI.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bonetebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Writtend 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, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days 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 such 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, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: June 26, 1998.

**MaryEllen Amtower,**

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

[FR Doc. 98-17524 Filed 6-30-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-55-U

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Intent To Issue 2 Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plans and Associated Environmental Assessments for 2 National Wildlife Refuges in the Southwest Region

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has prepared draft Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCP) and associated Environmental Assessments for the Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Roswell, New Mexico, and San Andres National Wildlife Refuge, Las Cruces, New Mexico pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and its implementing regulations.

**DATES:** The Service will be open to written comments through July 30, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies may be obtained by writing to: Mr. Tom Baca, Natural

Resource Planner, Division of Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103-1306. Comments should be submitted to: Lou Bridges, Project Coordinator, Research Management Consultants, Inc., 1746 Cole Blvd., Bldg. 21, Suite 300, Golden, CO 80401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It is Service policy to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process has considered many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection and acquisition, public and recreational uses, and cultural resources. Public input into this planning process has assisted in the development of the draft documents. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Service intends to consider comments and advice generated in response to the draft documents prior to the preparation of a final CCP. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCP policy: (1) To advise other agencies and the public of the availability of the draft documents, and (2) to obtain suggestions and advice for consideration in preparation of final documents.

The Service anticipates that final CCP documents and any associated NEPA documents will be available by September 15, 1998.

Dated: June 26, 1998.

**Renne Lohefner,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

[FR Doc. 98-17460 Filed 6-30-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-55-U

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the White River Amphitheatre, Muckleshoot Indian Reservation, King County, WA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent and public scoping notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with the cooperation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and Washington Department of Transportation, intends to gather the information necessary and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed taking into federal trust of land for the construction of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe's White River Amphitheatre. A description of the proposed project, location, and environmental considerations to be addressed in the EIS are provided in the Supplementary Information section. This notice also announces a public meeting to be held on the proposal and the preparation of the EIS.

This notice is published in accordance with Section 1501.7 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8. The purpose of this notice is to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 24, 1998. The public scoping meeting will be held on July 15, 1998. We will consider all comments sent during the comment period, or submitted at the public scoping meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Stanley Speaks, Area Director, Portland Area Office, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169. The public scoping meeting will be held at Green River Community College, Lindbloom Student Center, 12401 S.E. 320th Street, Auburn, Washington, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** June Boynton, Area Environmental Coordinator, 503-231-6749.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe intends to develop an amphitheatre on tribal property within the boundaries of the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation adjacent to Highway 164, about seven miles southeast of the City of Auburn in King County, Washington. The White River Amphitheatre Project will consist of a 20,000-seat amphitheatre plus parking for approximately 5900 cars, all on a 90-acre site. The amphitheatre will include fixed and lawn seating, a main stage, concessions, cafes, and various plantings surrounding the seating. The amphitheatre will be used for about 30 to 40 concert events per year (which

will generate the greatest attendance) and community and cultural events such as Native American pow wows, dance performances, and children's events.

The Tribe has recently requested that the BIA acquire the land upon which the amphitheatre is being built and hold that land in trust status on behalf of the Tribe. As a consequence, BIA must decide either to acquire the land or not acquire the land. With respect to possible BIA action, only the action and no action alternatives have so far been identified. Additionally, a federal district court ordered BIA to prepare an EIS with respect to the amphitheatre in *United States ex rel. Citizens for Safety & Environment v. Bill Graham Enterprises, Inc.*, No. C97-1775C (W.D.Wash.) (order issued April 17, 1998). It has not been decided whether to appeal that decision.

The EIS will address the project's effects on the environment. Issues identified include:

- Traffic—concerns that traffic jams will result and that safety and emergency services will be compromised.
- Noise—concerns that the sounds from the concerts will travel offsite and adversely affect surrounding residents, wildlife, and livestock.
- Crime—concern that crimes, including alcohol and drug related ones, will increase in the vicinity of the amphitheatre.
- Water quality—the primary concern is that runoff from the site will not be adequately controlled or cleaned up to prevent impact to the White River.
- Wetlands—are wetland impacts minimized, accounted for, or mitigated?
- Wildlife—are there unacceptable impacts on fish and wildlife and their habitats, including threatened or endangered species?
- Slope stability—will the project affect the stability of the bluff above the White River and thereby affect other resources?
- Sewage disposal—how will sewage from the site be handled?
- Air quality—will traffic at the amphitheatre generate enough carbon monoxide to violate regional standards?
- Land use—how will the project affect the rural character of the surrounding lands?
- Socioeconomics—how will the project affect local businesses and property values?

The Bureau of Indian Affairs recognizes that the Corps of Engineers has issued a public notice for a proposed wetland fill permit for the amphitheatre, has held a public hearing to receive comments, and has accepted

numerous written comments concerning the Amphitheatre project. The issues and concerns received by the Corps of Engineers in comments on the project will be included as part of the scoping for this EIS.

Dated: June 26, 1998.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

[FR Doc. 98-17528 Filed 6-30-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-02-P

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-985-0777-66]

#### Notice of Intent To Conduct a Planning Review, Concerning Off Road Vehicle Use in the Weston Hills Area, North of Gillette, Wyoming, and Request for Public Participation

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Buffalo Resource Area, invites the public to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in a review of vehicular use management decisions for BLM administered public lands in the Weston Hills Area.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Interested parties may obtain further information, or request to be placed on the Buffalo mailing list by contacting Neil Schiche, Project Coordinator, at the Buffalo Resource Area Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1425 Fort Street, Buffalo, Wyoming 82834, 307-684-1100.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A planning review of the Weston Hills area is needed to evaluate existing BLM off road vehicle use and vehicular use management decisions for the BLM administered public lands in the area. The purposes of the planning review are to determine: (1) Whether the existing vehicular use management decisions for the BLM administered public lands in the Weston Hills area provide for an appropriate level of resource protection, (2) whether other management actions and alternatives that may be considered would be in conformance with existing decisions in the Buffalo Resource Management Plan (RMP), and (3) whether or not it will be necessary to amend the Buffalo RMP.

The National Environmental Policy Act environmental analysis and documentation process will be used in conducting the planning review and in making the above determinations for the planning review area. An Environmental Assessment will be