

Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm. 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203, phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Caroline Anderson,

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

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Propylene and Ethylene Pipeline Right-of-Way Permit Application Crossing Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) advises the public that BASF Corporation of Freeport, Texas has applied for the installation of an 8.625" O.D. welded steel pipeline across Service land tracts 40c and 40g in Brazoria County, Texas. The pipeline will be installed solely within an existing pipeline 300 foot right-of-way corridor, known as the "Dow Corridor". The project will temporarily impact 4.3 acres. An Environmental Analysis and Cultural Resource Review has been prepared and is on file. This notice informs the public that the Service will be proceeding with the processing of the application, the compatibility determination and the approval processing which includes the preparation of the terms and conditions of the permit.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 9, 1997 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, (RE), Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-1306. Attention: Wanda McKean, Realty Specialist.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wanda McKean, Realty Specialist, at the above Albuquerque, New Mexico address (505 248-7415 or FAX 505 248-6803).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The refuge manager, for the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge has approved the route of the pipeline that lies within an

existing 300 foot wide right-of-way corridor known as the "Dow Corridor". It crosses the northwest corner portion of the Refuge known as Hoskins Mound.

Right-of-way applications for pipelines are to be filed in accordance with section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C.), as amended by the Act of November 16, 1973 (37 Stat. 576, Pub. L. 93-153).

Dated: February 27, 1997.

Nancy Kaufman,

Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

The following applicant has applied for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected in accordance with the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, 50 CFR 15.26(c).

Applicant: Heather Bright, Psittacine Central, Dover, FL. The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for the Monk or Quaker parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*). Ms. Bright wishes to be an active participant in this program with one other private individual. The Greater Orlando Bird Club 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 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director on or before April 9, 1997.

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 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Susan Lieberman,

Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority.

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Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-910-0777-61-241A]

State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting, notice of meeting cancellation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the cancellation of the March 20, 1997 meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. in the 1A Conference Room at the Bureau of Land Management Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. For Further Information Contact: Deborah Stevens or Ken Mahoney Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203, (602) 417-9512.

Gina Ramos,

Acting Deputy State Director, Resources Division.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Notice of Intention To Issue a Concession Contract for Crater Lake National Park

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the requirements of 36 CFR 51.5 that the National Park Service intends to issue a 3-year concession contract to continue operations currently conducted at Crater Lake National Park to provide park visitors with hotel, food, gift, touring, and other services. This action is necessary to avoid disruption of the provision of these services and to satisfy requirements that concession contracts do not extend for a continuous period exceeding 30 years. In accordance with the requirements of Public Law 89-249 (16 U.S.C. 20d), the current concessioner, having operated to the satisfaction of the Secretary, has a right to a preference in this renewal action.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notwithstanding the short term action which is the subject of this notice, it is the intention of the National Park Service that a Prospectus for a long term concession contract at Crater Lake will be issued no less than one year prior to the expiration of the 3-year contract to be issued. Before this action is taken,

the National Park Service must complete certain planning actions that will determine what specific services will be required and what changes from current operations will be necessary. That planning is currently underway, but is not complete. Additionally, with any change of concessioner, payment will be due to the current concessioner from the successor for real property assets at a level that is likely to exceed \$3,000,000, but has not yet been definitively estimated. Additional sums for personal property would also be due and have not yet been estimated. Also, it is necessary in the short contract that the operating concessioner invest an additional \$650,000 in furniture and fixtures to equip dormitory buildings that are under construction. Given these collective circumstances, it is not believed to be practical to expect a competitive successor offer at this time.

Therefore, to effect the necessary investment and to allow for the necessary planning to be completed, it is the intention of the National Park Service to enter into a 3-year contract with the current, preference holding concessioner.

Information about this notice can be sought from: National Park Service, Assistant Field Director, Operations, Pacific West Region, Attention: Mr. Stephen G. Crabtree, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94107-1372, or call: (415) 427-1366.

Dated: February 21, 1997.

Patricia Neubacher,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Issue a Prospectus for the Operation of Stables and Pack Station Services and Facilities Within Kings Canyon National Park

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is seeking a concessioner to operate, under a 4-year permit, a pack station providing pack and saddle animal services and facilities within the Cedar Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park, as well as guided day-ride services and facilities within the Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park. Both the Cedar Grove Pack Station and Grant Grove Stables would be operated for the public under the provisions of a Concession Permit. This notice is the formal announcement of the availability of this

business opportunity and the initiation of the contracting process.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The pack station is located at an elevation of 4,500 feet and the stables at 6,500 feet in the Southern Sierra Nevada. Both is a summer seasonal operation serving visitors to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. The existing operator has a preference in the renewal of this concession permit. The award will be fully competitive based upon the requirements of this Prospectus.

If you are interested in this business opportunity, please ask to be placed on the mailing list by writing or calling: National Park Service, Concession Management Office, Sequoia National Park, Three Rivers, CA 93271, or call: (209) 565-3103—Peggy Williams.

When the Prospectus is issued, submittals will be accepted for a forty-five (45) day period under terms that will be described in the Prospectus. The release of the Prospectus is expected to occur shortly after the publication of this notice.

Dated: February 11, 1997.

Michael J. Tollefson,
Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

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Notice of the Intention To Issue a Concession Contract at Callville Bay, Lake Mead National Recreation Area

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20 et seq.), notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to issue a concession contract at Lake Mead National Recreation Area for a period of two years. This short contract is necessary to allow the continuation of public services during the completion period of the planning documents for the Callville Bay location in the park. The current concessioner has performed its obligation to the satisfaction of the Secretary and retains its right of preference under this administrative action.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The concession contract at Lake Mead National Recreation Area expired on December 31, 1996. The National Park Service will not renew this contract for an extended period until planning can be completed to determine the future direction for concession services at the Callville Bay location within Lake Mead National Recreation Area. This necessary planning process has begun and will have a direct affect on future concession activities. It is anticipated

that this planning process will conclude within the next several months. Until that planning process is completed, it will not be in the best interest of Lake Mead National Recreation Area to enter into a long term concession contract. For these reasons, it is the intention of the National Park Service to issue a short term contract at this time, complete the planning process and then to conduct a public contracting process for selection of a concessioner for an extended period.

Information regarding this notice can be sought from Mr. Mac Foreman, Office of Concession Program Management, Pacific Great Basin System Support Office, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 145, San Francisco, California 94107-1372, or by calling (415) 744-3981.

Dated: January 29, 1997.

Stephen G. Crabtree,
Acting Field Director, Pacific West Area.

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Notice of Intent To Issue a Prospectus for the Operation of Pack Station Services and Facilities Within Sequoia National Park

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is seeking a concessioner to operate, under a 4-year permit, a pack station providing pack and saddle animal services and facilities within the Wolverton area of Sequoia National Park. These facilities would be operated for the public under the provisions of a Concession Permit. This notice is the formal announcement of the availability of this business opportunity and the initiation of the contracting process.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The pack station is located at an elevation of 7,000 feet in the southern Sierra Nevada. It is a summer seasonal operation serving visitors to Sequoia National Park. The existing operator does not have a preference in the renewal of this concession permit. The award will be fully competitive based upon the requirements of this Prospectus.

If you are interested in this business opportunity, please ask to be placed on the mailing list by writing or calling: National Park Service, Concession Management Office, Sequoia National Park, Three Rivers, CA 93271, or call: (209) 565-3103—Peggy Williams.

When the Prospectus is issued, submittals will be accepted for a SIXTY (60) day period under terms that will be described in the Prospectus. The release of the Prospectus is expected to occur