Applicant: George Hogan, Jr., Okeechobee, FL, PRT–844074

The applicant requests a permit to authorize interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess male barasingha (*Cervus duvauceli*) and Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*) from his captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species. This notice shall cover a period of three years. Permittee must apply for renewal annually.

Applicant: End of the Road Bird Ranch, Millington, MI, PRT–844072

The applicant requests a permit to authorize the import of one male Elliot's pheasant (*syrmaticus ellioti*) and two female brown eared pheasants (*Crossoptilon mantchuricum*) from Old House Bird Gardens, Reading, England, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through propagation.

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, Virginia 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 such documents to the following office by July 27, 1998: 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 19, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) and Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit for Construction of One Single Family Residence on 0.75 Acre of the 18.79 acres on Spicewood Springs Road in Travis County, TX

SUMMARY: Daniel O. Shelley (Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit numbers PRT–840322. The requested permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler (Dendroica chrysoparia). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction of one single family residence on Spicewood Springs Road, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

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 10c of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before July 27, 1998.

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, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Christina Longacre, Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490–0063). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application(s) and EA/HCPs should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Field Office, Austin, Texas at the above address. Please refer to permit number PRT–840322 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina Longacre at the above Austin Ecological Service Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the ''taking'' of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the 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.

Applicant: Daniel O. Shelley plans to construct a single family residence on Spicewood Springs Road Austin, Travis County, Texas. This action will eliminate less than one acre of land and will indirectly impact less than eight additional acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by placing $1,500 into the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because selling or not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible.

Dated: June 16, 1998.

Renne Lohoefener,

Acting Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits for Marine Mammals

On March 4, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 43, Page 10931, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by John Kloosterman, Tucson, AZ, for a permit (PRT–839518) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Baffin Bay population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 4, 1998, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On March 19, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 53, Page 13423, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Fred D. Rich, Portland, TX, for a permit (PRT–840250) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 4, 1998, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On March 19, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 53, Page 13423, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Robert L. Zachrich, Holgate, OH, for a permit

(PRT–840287) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Lancaster Sound population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 4, 1998, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On March 4, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 43, Page 10931, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Jacksonville Field Office, USFWS, Jacksonville, FL, for renewal and amendment of a permit (PRT–770191) for enhancement of West Indian manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) through recovery, rehabilitation and release.

Notice is hereby given that on May 13, 1998, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 9, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 63, Page 17436, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific, Long Beach, CA, for a permit (PRT–840350) for enhancement of two southern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) through public education.

Notice is hereby given that on June 1, 1998, the application request was withdrawn. The Service has authorized the Long Beach Aquarium to maintain these sea otters for continued rehabilitation under section 109(h) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

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: June 19, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM–030–1220–00]

Emergency Closure of the Lordsburg Playa to Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV), Hidalgo County, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Emergency closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, the Las Cruces Field Office is implementing emergency closure of an existing OHV area known as the Lordsburg Playa. The area is closed to all vehicle use except for administrative purposes. This closure extends to both motorized and non-motorized vehicles, including landsail craft. This action is taken to aid in reducing the blowing dust from the Lordsburg Playa across Interstate Highway 10 west of Lordsburg, New Mexico. The dust storms have caused four fatalities on this portion of the Interstate and resulted in closure of the Interstate on 5 consecutive days since June 13. The authority for this emergency closure is 43 CFR 8364.1: Closure and Restriction Orders.

The following public land is affected by the closure:

T.23 S., R.20 W., NMPM
Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, all;
Section 11, W½;
Sections 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, all;
Section 26, N½;
Section 27, NE¼NE¼, W½E½, W½, SE¼SE¼;
Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, all;
Section 34, W½.

T.24 S., R.20 W., NMPM
Section 5, N½, N½S½, SW¼SW¼;
Section 6, all.

DATES: This closure is effective June 19, 1998 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the authorized officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim C. McCormick, Assistant Field Office Manager for Renewable Resources, or Dwayne Sykes, Multi-Resource Staff Chief, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico or call (505) 525–4300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Violations of this closure are punishable by fines not to exceed $1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed one year.

The purpose of this action is to reduce impacts to the soil on the Lordsburg Playa. Once the soil surface is disturbed, it is highly susceptible to wind erosion. Windy conditions this year have produced heavy dust storms in the area resulting in low visibility on nearby Interstate Highway 10. These conditions have caused 4 fatal accidents on the highway and required that the highway be closed for up to 9 hours per day for 5 consecutive days since June 13.

Copies of this closure order and maps showing the location of the area are available from the Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88005 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated: June 19, 1998.

Josie Banegas,

Acting Field Manager, Las Cruces.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM–030–1430–01; NMNM99245]

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

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action; R&PP Act Classification.

SUMMARY: The following public land in Dona Ana County, New Mexico has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to Las Cruces Public Schools under the provision of the R&PP Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). Las Cruces Public Schools propose to use the land for the K–2 Sunrise Elementary School and playgrounds.

T. 22 S., R. 3 E., NMPM
Sec. 18, Part of lot 11.
Containing 30 acres, more or less.

DATES: Comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification must be submitted on or before August 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin M. James at the address above or at (505) 525–4349.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Lease or conveyance will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the R&PP Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease/patent issuance.