

Bastrop County, Texas. The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application.

**DATES:** Written comments on the application should be received within 60 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, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by written or telephone request to Sybil Vosler, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request or by appointment only during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office, Austin, Texas. Data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted in writing to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office, Austin, Texas at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-065406-0 when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sybil Vosler at the above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office, Austin, Texas.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. 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:* The Boy Scouts of America Capitol Area Council #564 plans to develop and operate a high adventure Boy Scout Camp on the 4,848-acre Griffith League Ranch, Bastrop County, Texas. This action would eliminate up to approximately 498 acres of habitat and moderately impact up to 416 acres of Houston toad habitat resulting in take of the Houston toad. The Applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by setting aside and managing under a long-term conservation easement up to 748 acres of the Griffith League Ranch for the benefit of the toad depending on the actual acres impacted. The Boy Scouts expect that balance of the Houston toad habitat on the Griffith League Ranch will have little or no impact from activities such as day hiking, backpacking, orienteering and nature studies. The Boy Scouts of

America Capitol Area Council #564 believe they could use their resources to manage the Griffith League Ranch in such a manner as to avoid impacts and protect the toad as much as possible while carrying out their primary mission. They will also incorporate information regarding the conservation of the Houston toad into the educational program at Griffith League Ranch and facilitate scientific studies aimed at increasing the available information about the toad by making the Griffith League Ranch available for such studies.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible, would not provide a valuable social service, and would not contribute to positive management and increased knowledge of the Houston toad. Alteration of the project design increased the level of impacts and was rejected.

A determination of jeopardy or non-jeopardy to the species and a decision pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act will not be made until at least 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**Geoffrey L. Haskett,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **Receipt of a Permit Application for Incidental Take and Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan For Issuance of an Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)(1)(B) for the Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Exeter LXI, L.L.C. (Applicant) has applied for an incidental take permit (TE-063647-0) pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The requested permit would authorize the incidental take of the endangered cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), which would occur as a result of the construction and occupation of a proposed 103-acre residential development project

(Skyranch) in Pima County, Arizona. A draft Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the proposed development project has been prepared as required under section 10(a)(1)(B).

**DATES:** Written comments on the application should be received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the application and draft EA/HCP 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 Kim Hartwig, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 110 S. Church Ave, Suite 3450, Tucson, Arizona 85701 (520/670-4617). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tucson, Arizona. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 110 South Church Ave, Suite 3450, Tucson, Arizona 85701. Please refer to permit number TE-063647-0 when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Hartwig, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 110 S. Church Ave, Suite 3450, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl. 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.

Exeter LXI, L.L.C. plans to construct a residential development on 103-acres of the 515-acre Skyranch property. This action will eliminate 103 acres or less of cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl habitat. The Service and the Applicant have prepared a draft EA/HCP that outlines the measures necessary to minimize and mitigate to the maximum extent practicable the incidental take of the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl. The Applicant proposes to compensate for the incidental take of the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl by preserving 413 acres of the 515-acre Skyranch property as a Reserve, which will be buffered from development by development setbacks.

A determination of jeopardy or non-jeopardy to the species and a decision

pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will not be made until at least 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**Geoffrey L. Haskett,**

*Regional Director, Region 2.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-03-1020-PG]

#### Notice of Public Meeting, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 9-10, 2003, at the Sheraton Uptown, 2600 Louisiana Blvd., Albuquerque, NM beginning at 8 a.m. The meeting will adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. both days. An optional Field Trip is planned for the Placitas area. The three established RAC subcommittees will meet in the late afternoon or evening on Thursday, January 9. The public comment period will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 10, and end at 12 noon.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in New Mexico. At this meeting, we will have briefings/discussion on:

- Report from the RAC Chairs' and Collaborative Land Use Planning Meetings.
- What is the RAC's role.
- Where can the RAC's influence be most effective over the next 1-2 years.
- Future planning and problem solving.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments.

Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. New Mexico RAC meetings are coordinated with the representative of the Governor of the State of New Mexico, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theresa Herrera, RAC Coordinator, New Mexico State Office, Office of External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115, (505) 438-7517.

Dated: December 6, 2002.

**Richard A. Whitley,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-910-1410-PG]

#### Notice of Public Meeting, Alaska Resource Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held February 13-14, 2003, at the Anchorage Federal Office Building, located at 7th and C Street, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The public comment period will begin at 1 p.m. February 13.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Teresa McPherson, Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue #13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Telephone (907) 271-3322 or e-mail [Teresa\\_McPherson@ak.blm.gov](mailto:Teresa_McPherson@ak.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** the 13-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Alaska. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:

- The Resource Advisory Council's 2003 work plan.
- Outdated withdrawals on federal public lands in Alaska.
- Status of planning in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR-A).
- Other topics the Council may rise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allotted for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact BLM.

Dated: December 6, 2002.

**Linda S.C. Rundell,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-460]

#### Certain Sortation Systems, Parts Thereof, and Products Containing Same; Commission Decision To Review Portions of a Final Initial Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Schedule for Filing Written Submissions on the Violation Issues Under Review and on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding

**AGENCY:** International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to review portions of the final initial determination issued by the presiding administrative law judge (ALJ) on October 22, 2002, finding a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, in the above-captioned investigation.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael K. Haldenstein, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-3041. Copies of the public version of the ID and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may also be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS-ON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/>