Patricia A. Wash, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 10245, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Millicent Potts, Assistant General Counsel for Multifamily Mortgage Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 9230, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–4090 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed guide.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for 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 of the proposed collection of information; (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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: HUD Guide for Counsel to the Mortgagor and HUD Guide to Counsel to Owner.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2510–0010

Description of the need for the information and proposed use:

The opinion is required to provide comfort to HUD and the mortgagee in multifamily rental and health care facility mortgage insurance transactions and similarly to HUD and owners in the capital advance transactions.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: Guide.

Members of affected public: Counsel to mortgagors of multifamily rental projects and health care facilities upon which the mortgage loans are insured by HUD and counsel to owners of section 202 or section 811 projects which receive capital advances from HUD.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: As closings occur in connection with the aforementioned projects.

Number of respondents	Burden hours	Frequency of response	Total burden hours
700	1.0	1	700

Status of the proposed information collection: Expired.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: March 26, 2003.

Camille Acevedo,

Associate General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt.

SUMMARY: The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with an 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 on this application must be received at the address given below by May 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review 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, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035. Attention: Diane Lynch, Regional Endangered Species Permits Coordinator, telephone: 413–253–8628; facsimile: 413–253–8482.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Lynch, telephone: 413–253–8628; facsimile: 413–253–8482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You are invited to comment on an application received from York University, Department of Biology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, PRT–TE068166–0. The application requests authorization to take (harm) Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) eggs and/or larvae from Saratoga County, New York; Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana; and Manistee, Wexford, Mason, Lake, Oceana, and Newaygo Counties, Michigan. This project may result in accidental injury or death of Karner blue butterfly eggs and/or larvae through unavoidable foot traffic when conducting field work. The applicant's objectives are to access the quality of potential reintroduction sites in Ontario, Canada; to identify the most suitable Karner blue butterfly source sites in the United States; and to compare the effect of different management methods by comparing vegetation structures of sites managed under different strategies. None of the proposed activities involves collection of Karner blue butterflies.

Dated: March 7, 2003.

Mamie A. Parker,

Regional Director.

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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 a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received within 30 days of the date of publication.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, PO Box 1306, Room 4102,

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103; (505) 248–6649; Fax (505) 248–6788. Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave. SW., Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, PO Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. 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 address above within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE–676811

Applicant: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to add the scaleshell mussel (*Leptodea leptodon*) within Oklahoma.

Permit No. TE–819541

Applicant: Ecosystem Management, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys for northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*) with Arizona and New Mexico.

Permit No. TE–068175

Applicant: Jones & Stokes, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for cactus ferruginous pygmy owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) and Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) within Arizona. Additionally, applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

Permit No. TE–068895

Applicant: Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to survey, collect, and captively propagate Comal Springs dryopid beetle (*Stygoparnus comalensis*) and Peck's Cave amphipod (*Stygobromus pecki*) within Texas.

Permit No. TE–068189

Applicant: Archaeological Consulting Service, Ltd., Tempe, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for cactus ferruginous pygmy owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*), desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*), Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*), razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*), and Gila trout (*Oncorhynchus gilae*) within Arizona. Additionally, applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuenae*) within Arizona and New Mexico.

Permit No. TE–035179

Applicant: Denis Humphrey, Show Low, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE–067869

Applicant: Rhea Environmental Consulting, Durango, Colorado.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah.

Permit No. TE–067868

Applicant: Coronado National Memorial, Hereford, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and habitat assessment for lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuenae*) within Arizona.

Allan M. Strand,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan for a 2.8 Mile Right-of-Way Proposed by Imperial Irrigation District for a Double Circuit 161 kV Overhead Transmission Line

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; El Centro Field Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan for a 2.8 mile Right-of-Way Proposed by Imperial Irrigation District (IID) for a Double Circuit 161 kV Overhead Transmission Line.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)'s intent to prepare an amendment to the CDCA to consider issuance of a right-of-way proposed by Imperial Irrigation District (IID) for a double circuit 161 kV overhead transmission line. The purpose of the proposed transmission line is to deliver power generated by a proposed geothermal power plant to an existing IID electrical transmission line (L-line). The proposed L-Line Interconnection is a new 16-mile line of which approximately 2.8 miles will cross Federal lands in sections 8, 9 and 17, Township 13 South, Range 12 East, San Bernardino Meridian, Imperial County, California. The CDCA Plan requires new electrical transmission towers and cables of 161 Kv or above to be placed within designated corridors as identified in the Plan's Energy Production and Utility Corridor Element. An amendment to the CDCA Plan is necessary because the proposed right-of-way is outside any utility corridor designated by the CDCA Plan. The proposed plan amendment would allow an exception to the Energy Production and Utility Corridors element of the CDCA Plan, thereby allowing the issuance of a right-of-way grant to IID for the construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of a double circuit 161 kV overhead transmission line.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the proposed plan amendment. Written comments are requested on this notice concerning the scope of analysis of the Environmental Assessment and Proposed Plan Amendment. Comments must be received within 30 days of the publication date of this notice in the **Federal Register**.