Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Endangered Species

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application **Federal Register** notice	Permit issuance date
171630	Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden	73 FR 21980; April 23, 2008	June 27, 2008.
180709	Dr. M.K. Gonder, Univ., at Albany, SUNY, NY	73 FR 29144; May 20, 2008	July 25, 2008.
181813	Conservators' Center, Inc	73 FR 31709; June 3, 2008	July 17, 2008.

Endangered Marine Mammals

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application **Federal Register** notice	Permit issuance date
032027 & 186914.	Monterey Bay Aquarium	72 FR 70339; December 11, 2007 (both permits were published in one notice for PRT–032027).	July 25, 2008.
690038	U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center	73 FR 36891; June 30, 2008	July 31, 2008.

Dated: August 1, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R9–IA–2008–N0215; 96300–1671–0000–P5]

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by September 22, 2008.

ADDRESSES: 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358–2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: The Phoenix Zoo, Phoenix, AZ, PRT–185747.

The applicant requests a permit to import one male jaguar (*Panthera onca*) from Centro Ecologico de Sonora, Mexico, for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Society, New York, NY, PRT–184950.

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive born male snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*) from the Tierpark Berlin, Berlin, Germany, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: John E. Yeagle II, Stansbury, UT, PRT–181041.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) 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.

Applicant: Hawthorn Corporation, Grayslake, IL, PRT–182592, 182594, 182595, 182596, 058658, 058659, 058660, 058662, 058663, 058664, 058665, 058666, 058667, 058668, 058669, 058681, 058683, 058685, 058736, and 058780.

The applicant requests permits to re-issue and issue for export/re-export and re-import tigers (*Panthera tigris*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: [New—182592, Sherkan; 182594, Sissy; 182595, Java2; 182596, Bo; Re-issue permits—058658, Sampson; 058659, Neena; 058660, Samira; 058662, Tibor; 058663, Delhi; 058664, Bihar; 058665, Jasmine; 058666, Kiki; 058667, Nakita; 058668, Vijay; 058669, Fabra; 058681, Obi; 058683, Amira; 058685, Mona; 058736, Ravi; and 058780, Ceasar]. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

Dated: August 1, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R9–IA–2008–N0209; 96300–1671–0000–P5]

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by September 22, 2008.

ADDRESSES: 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358–2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory, Ashland, OR, PRT–053639.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to export/re-export and import/re-import any endangered or threatened species for the explicit purpose of forensics activities which will directly or indirectly enhance the survival of the species in the wild. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Metro Richmond Zoo, Moseley, VA, PRT–189831.

The applicant requests a permit to import two male captive-bred cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) from the De Wildt Cheetah Breeding Center, South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati, OH, PRT–185761.

The applicant requests a permit to import various biological samples from captive-held and wild Sumatran rhinoceros (*Dicerorhinus sumatrensis*) from the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary, Indonesia for the purpose of scientific research and veterinary health evaluation. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

Applicant: Martin K. Slaugh, Salt Lake City, UT, PRT–189851.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) 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.

Dated: July 25, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV–010–1990–GN; 08–08807; TAS: 14X1109]

Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Betze Pit Expansion Project, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Elko District Office has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) to expand the Betze Pit at an open pit gold mine in Nevada; and by this Notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Betze Pit Expansion Project DSEIS within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

—*E-mail: eiscommentselko@nv.blm.gov.*

—*Fax:* (775) 753–0255.

—*Mail:* Attention Kirk Laird, Project Manager, BLM Elko District Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801.

Copies of the Betze Pit Expansion Project DSEIS are available in the BLM Elko District Office, at the above address and on the internet site at: *http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office.html.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact Kirk Laird, Project Manager, BLM Elko District Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801 (775) 753–0200, or e-mail to: *Kirk_Laird@blm.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Betze Pit Expansion Project DSEIS is an amendment to the Betze Project Plan of Operations for an ongoing open pit mine on the Carlin Trend in Eureka and Elko counties, Nevada. The Preferred Alternative of the DSEIS includes the Proposed Action of expanding the existing open pit and constructing a new waste rock and tailings facility. Current mining operations at the Betze Project are expected to end in 2011, with processing operations ending in 2020. The Proposed Action in the Preferred Alternative of the Betze Pit Expansion Project DSEIS would extend mining for 4 years and processing for 5 years. BLM's preferred alternative would also maximize mule deer corridor access in the vicinity of the Clydesdale Waste Rock Facility. Other alternatives include the No-Action Alternative continuing mining as currently approved without approving the expansion and a third Alternative denying the construction of the new Clydesdale Waste Rock Facility in favor of continued expansion of the existing Bazza Waste Rock Facility. A cumulative impacts study and supplemental EIS completed in 2000 and 2002 addressed groundwater pumping/dewatering issues for the Betze Pit, and pumping will continue whether or not expansion is approved. Major issues are impacts of current and proposed operations on mule deer migration routes, potential changes to the post-mining pit lake chemistry, air quality including increased greenhouse gas and mercury emissions/deposition, and sustaining benefits of mining on the local economy.

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and email addresses of respondents will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.