

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

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received by May 17, 1999.

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 draft EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Christina Longacre, Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Field Office, Austin, Texas at the above address. Please refer to permit number PRT-836384 when submitting comments.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Tooth Cave ground beetle. 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: Lumbermen's Investment Corporation plans to construct single-family and multi-family residences on 275 acres of the 438 acres in Williamson County, Texas. This action is not expected to impact any Tooth Cave ground beetle habitat directly or indirectly, although the potential to discover an unknown feature does exist. The Applicant proposes to preserve in perpetuity all known features of both endangered and species of concern caves.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because alternative designs or not developing the subject property

with federally listed species present was not economically feasible.

Charlie Sanchez, Jr.,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On February 3, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 22, Page 5310, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Michael Carpinito for a permit (PRT-007280) to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted trophy taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on March 24, 1999, 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 February 19, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 33, Page 8397, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Denis Danner for a permit (PRT-007279) to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 2, 1999, 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 February 19, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 33, Page 8397, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Steve Kobrine for a permit (PRT-006302) to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 2, 1999, 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 January 22, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol.

64, No. 14, Page 3539, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Ina L. Johnson for Ernest L. Johnson for a permit (PRT-006116) to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada, prior to April 30, 1994, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 2, 1999, 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 February 19, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 33, Page 8397, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Patrick Short for a permit (PRT-007671) to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 2, 1999, 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 February 19, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 33, Page 8397, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Carl Ulberg for a permit (PRT-003949) to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 6, 1999, 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 February 19, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 33, Page 8397, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Johnny Bliznak for a permit (PRT-004455) to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 1, 1999, 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 February 19, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol.

for a permit (PRT-003421) to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 6, 1999, 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.

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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: April 12, 1999.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0153

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request renewal of existing approval to collection of information from those persons who seek to acquire the federally owned (reserved) mineral interests underlying their surface estate. BLM collects information to assure that the applicant is the owner of the surface that overlies the federally owned minerals and that statutory requirements for their conveyance have been met. The authorization for such collection is provided by the 43 CFR part 2720 regulations.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by June 15, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Director (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WoComment@wo.blm.gov. Please

include "ATTN: 1004-0153" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl C. Gammon, (202) 452-7777.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a proposed collection of information to solicit comments on (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), 43 U.S.C. 1719, states that the Secretary of the Interior may convey mineral interests owned by the United States where the surface is or will be in non-federal ownership if he finds that there are no known mineral values in the land or that the reservation of the mineral rights in the United States is interfering with or precluding appropriate non-mineral development is a more beneficial use of the land than mineral development. BLM adopted implementing regulations at 43 CFR Part 2720 in 1979 (44 FR 1342, January 4, 1979) and amended them in 1986 (51 FR 9657, March 20, 1986). The regulations establish a procedure whereby any individual seeking to acquire the federally owned (reserved) mineral interest underlying their surface must make application and provide information essential to compliance with the law, regulations, and procedures. The regulations at 43 CFR 2720.1-2 specify what information must be included in the application in narrative form:

Name, address, and phone number.
The name, mailing address, and

telephone number of the existing or prospective record title owner of the land is necessary to identify and locate the individual for transacting business and communication. The phone number is necessary for direct communication with the applicant.

Proof of ownership. Proof of ownership of land included in the application is necessary to assure the applicant is the record title owner of the surface. In the case of a prospective owner, the application must include a copy of the contract or a statement describing the method by which ownership will be obtained.

Supporting survey evidence. The applicant must include a copy of any patent or other instrument conveying the land included in the application, with supporting survey information. This information is necessary to legally describe the land in the application.

Statement. The applicant must include a statement concerning: (1) The nature of the federally owned or reserved mineral values in the land, (2) the existing and proposed uses of the land, (3) why the mineral reservation is interfering with or precluding appropriate non-mineral development of the land, (4) how and why such development would be a more beneficial use than mineral development, and (5) a showing that the proposed use complies or will comply with state and local zoning or planning requirements. This information is necessary to assure that the application meets statutory requirements for receiving benefits.

BLM uses the information collected to analyze and approve applications for purchase of federally owned mineral interests. If the information required by 43 CFR 2720.1-2 was not collected, BLM would be unable to carry out the mandate of Section 209 of FLPMA, and beneficial development of the surface would be precluded.

Based on its experience administering the regulations at 43 CFR Part 2720, BLM estimates that the public reporting burden for the information collection is 8 hours per application. The respondents are non-federal owners of the surface of the land in which the mineral interests are reserved or otherwise owned by the United States who seek to acquire those mineral interests. The frequency of response is one per application. BLM estimates that 29 applications for conveyance of federally owned mineral interests will be filed annually. The estimated total annual burden on respondents is collectively 232 hours.

We will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the