

grants process, a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program was published in the **Federal Register** on March 8, 1999, at 64 FR 11246. Grant awards will be made in accordance with the selection factors set forth in the NOFA.

Accordingly, the Secretary delegates authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development the authority to award Rural Housing and Economic Development grants, pursuant to the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (Pub. L. 105-276, 112 Stat. 2475; October 21, 1998) and succeeding appropriations.

Section B. Authority Excepted

The authority delegated under Section A does not include the power to sue or be sued.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: May 5, 1999.

Andrew Cuomo,

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Decision and Availability of Decision Documents on the Issuance of Permits for Incidental Take of Threatened and Endangered Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Between June 2, 1998, and March 10, 1999, Region 1 of the Fish and Wildlife Service issued 13 permits for incidental take of threatened and endangered species, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Of the 13 permits issued, 4 are associated with implementation of the regional Orange County Central/Coastal Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (Central/Coastal Plan). On February 2, 1998, we also signed an assumption agreement for a previously issued permit (PRT-810191) that changed the location of incorporation by the permittee. Copies of this assumption agreement, and the 13 permits and associated decision documents are available upon request.

ADDRESSES: If you would like copies of any of the above documents, please contact the Fish and Wildlife Service Reference Service, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 110, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, telephone (800) 582-3421; or the Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Consultation and Conservation Planning, 911 NE 11th Avenue, 4th Floor East, Portland, Oregon 97232.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Browning, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Portland, Oregon, address; telephone (503) 231-6241.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act and Federal regulation prohibit the take of wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened, respectively. Under the Act, the term "take" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed wildlife, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. The Service may, under limited circumstances, issue permits to authorize take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are found in 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22.

Incidental Take Permits Issued Pursuant to the Central/Coastal Plan

The Central/Coastal Plan fully anticipated that jurisdictions within the plan boundaries would sign the plan's Implementing Agreement as Participating Jurisdictions following approval of the plan and subsequently be issued an Incidental Take Permit. Provided that no plan revisions or additional impacts were determined to be associated with permit issuance, no revision to the Service's permit decision documents for the Central/Coastal Plan would be necessary. The Service determined that no plan revisions or additional impacts were associated with issuance of the following permits pursuant to the Central/Coastal Plan. Copies of these permits and associated decision documents are available upon request. Decision documents for each permit include Findings and Recommendations, a Biological Opinion, and the Record of Decision for the Central/Coastal Plan.

Name of permittee	Permit No.	Issuance date
City of Mission Viejo	TE 005092-0	11/20/98
City of Irvine	TE 005089-0	11/20/98
City of Lake Forest	TE 005791-0	12/21/98
City of Orange	TE 006661-0	01/08/99

Incidental Take Permits Not Associated With the Central/Coastal Plan

Between June 2, 1998, and March 10, 1999, Region 1 of the Service issued the following permits for incidental take of threatened and endangered species, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. Each permit was issued after the following determinations were made: the application had been submitted in

good faith; all permit issuance criteria were met, including the requirement that granting the permit will not jeopardize the continued existence of the species; and the permit was consistent with the Act and applicable regulations, including a thorough review of the environmental effects of the action and alternatives, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Copies of these permits and associated decision documents are available upon request. Decision documents for each permit include Findings and Recommendations; a Biological Opinion; and either a Finding of No Significant Impact, a Record of Decision, or an Environmental Action Statement.

Name of permittee	Permit No.	Issuance date
Graniterock Co. (Wilder Quarry)	PRT-842273	06/19/98
Maxwell Irrigation District	PRT-842926	07/24/98
Los Osos Center, LLC	PRT-844723	07/31/98
Seneca-Enron	TE 000955-0	08/14/98
Graniterock Co. (Quail Hollow Quarry)	PRT-830417, Amendment 08/31/98#1	8/31/98
Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (Metcalf-Edenvale)	TE 003250-0	11/24/98 Edenvale)
U.S. Borax, Inc., 1,940-Acre Project	TE 837867-0	02/05/99
Zanker Material Processing Facility	TE 006962-0	02/23/99
University of California, Davis	TE 008810-0	03/10/99

Assumption Agreement Associated With the Central/Coastal Plan

In addition to issuing the incidental take permits listed above, we signed an assumption agreement, dated February 2, 1998, for incidental take permit PRT-810191 issued July 7, 1996. This agreement formally recognized the reincorporation of the permittee, The Irvine Company, from a Michigan corporation to a Delaware corporation. In signing the agreement, The Irvine Company-Delaware assumed the obligations of The Irvine Company-Michigan for implementation of the Central/Coastal Plan. Reincorporation did not result in a new analysis of effects or change the requirements of the original permit, habitat conservation plan, or implementing agreement. Copies of the executed assumption agreement are available upon request.

Dated: April 29, 1999.

Elizabeth H. Stevenson,

Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Rescinding of the Emergency Closure of Public Lands: Lane County, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Rescind the 1993 Emergency Closure of public lands in Lane County, Oregon.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain public lands in Lane County, Oregon are now rescinded from the temporary closure of water activities in Lake Creek. The closure was made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

The public lands affected by this closure are specifically identified as the Lake Creek Slide, a natural bedrock

feature in the bed of Lake Creek, within public lands located as follows:

Willamette Meridian, Oregon

T. 16 S., R. 7 W., Sec. 19: Metes and Bounds within the SE¹/₄SE¹/₄

Containing approximately 2 acres.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original closure was published 58 FR 39222, July 22, 1993. The rationale to rescind this temporary closure follows: The "temporary closure" is now 6 years old, BLM realizes it needs to either make this a permanent closure or resend it. During the 6 years of temporary closure, visitors have continued to ignore 2 visibly posted Danger signs and slide down the rock slab, especially when BLM personnel are not around to enforce it. This behavior demonstrates that a permanent closure would be just as ineffective without full time BLM personnel on site to enforce it. BLM does not have the manpower or funding to provide for this presence. Most visitors are aware of the hazards. The Danger signs have been revised with new verbiage to increase visitor's awareness of the many hazards present on site. The revised signs read:

DANGER UNSUPERVISED AREA
HAZARDOUS TO SLIDE ON ROCKS, SWIM IN THIS AREA, OR DIVE INTO THE WATER
BEWARE OF SLIPPERY SURFACES, SUBMERGED ROCKS, AND SHIFTING TOPOGRAPHY
PARTICIPATING IN THESE OR SIMILAR ACTIVITIES CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH

DATES: This rescind is effective on May 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this action and maps showing the location of this area are available from the Eugene District Office, P.O. Box 10226 (2890 Chad Drive), Eugene, Oregon 97440.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Chung, Coast Range Field Manager, Eugene District Office, at (541) 683-6600 or 1-888-442-3061.

Dated: May 4, 1999.

Dan Howells,

Acting Coast Range Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-920-1990-00]

Notice of Availability of the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Selected Actions Taken for Mining Claim Use and Occupancy in Nevada, and the Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and Use and Occupancy Under the Mining Laws regulations (43 CFR 3715), the Bureau of Land Management has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) that evaluates the impacts of typical mining claim and/or millsite occupancies. This EA describes and analyzes the proposed action, consisting of seven typical occupancy scenarios, and the no action option. The actions analyzed in this EA involve operations that disturb 5 acres or less. This notice is intended to invite the public to comment on the analysis of impacts presented in the EA and the performance measures developed for the proposed action.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted on or before June 11, 1999. Any comments received by the close of the comment period will be evaluated and those letters that identify issues, where clarification or discussion is required, will be addressed in the final EA. Copies of the EA and the preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be provided to any person or agency commenting, or to other interested parties, upon written