

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4572-D-02]

Order of Succession

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO), HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Order of Succession for the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity designates the Order of Successions for the position of Assistant Secretary for FHEO, and revokes the prior Order of Succession for this position.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah R. Harrison, Administrative Officer, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Budget and Administrative Support Division, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 5124, Washington, DC 20410-2000; telephone (202) 708-2701. [This is not a toll-free number.] A telecommunications device for hearing impaired persons (TDD) is available at 1-800-543-8294.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In this document, the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity is issuing the Order of Succession of officials authorized to serve as Acting Assistant Secretary for FHEO when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Assistant Secretary for FHEO is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the office. This revised Order of Succession is being issued due to a reorganization of the office of the Assistant Secretary for FHEO.

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for FHEO designates the following officials, in the order specified to act for and assume the powers of the Assistant Secretary for FHEO:

Section A. Order of Succession

During any period when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for FHEO, the following are hereby designated to serve as Acting Assistant Secretary for FHEO:

- (1) General Deputy Assistant Secretary;
- (2) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Program;

(3) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Management;

(4) Director, Policy and Program Evaluation Staff;

(5) Director, Office of Enforcement;

(6) Director, Office of Programs;

(7) Director, Field Oversight Staff; and

(8) Director, Office of Management and Planning

Section B. Authority Revoked

The Order of Succession of the Assistant Secretary for FHEO, published in the **Federal Register** on December 13, 1996 at 61 FR 65591, is hereby revoked.

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

Dated: March 17, 2000.

Eva M. Plaza,

Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications**

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit No. TE-836329

Applicant: Blanton and Associates, Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct activities with the following federally-listed plants:

Slender rush pea (*Hoffmannseggia tenella*)

Black lace cactus (*Echinocereus reichenbachii* var. *albertii*)

Tobusch fishhook cactus (*Ancistrocactus tobuschii*)

Texas poppy mallow (*Callirhoe scabriuscula*)

Sneed pincushion cactus (*Coryphanthus sneedii* var. *sneedii*)

Terlingua Creek Cat's-Eye (*Cryptantha crassipes*)

Lloyd's hedgehog cactus (*Echinocereus lloydii*)

Davis' green pitaya (*Echinocereus viridiflora* var. *davisii*)

Texas snowbells (*Styrax texana*)

Permit No. TE-24723

Applicant: Colorado River Indian Tribes, Ahakhav Tribal Preserve.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within the Colorado River Indian Tribes Ahakhav Tribal Preserve in La Paz County, Arizona.

Permit No. TE-24755

Applicant: Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, Kingman, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Mohave and Yavapai Counties, Arizona.

Permit No. TE-821356

Applicant: Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for research and recovery purposes to conduct fish monitoring studies for the humpback chub (*Gila cypha*) in the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River mainstem.

Permit No. TE-24786

Applicant: Bureau of Indian Affairs-Western Regional Office, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in any Indian Reservation that may have potential habitat in Maricopa, Yuma, Pima, Pinal, Gila, or Yavapai Counties, Arizona.

Permit No. TE-24788

Applicant: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service/Wildlife Services, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following federally-listed species in various counties in Arizona:

bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)

cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*)

southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*)

Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*)

black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*)

jaguar (*Panthera onca*)

Mexican gray wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*)

Permit No. TE-828830

Applicant: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Tucson Field Office, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/

absence surveys for the following federally-listed species occurring on lands administered by the BLM:

Fish: Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*) desert pupfish

(*Cyprinodon macularius macularius*) razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*)

Birds: southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*)

Mammals: lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena*)

Permit No. TE-819473

Applicant: Grand Canyon National Park, Grand Canyon, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to monitor the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and the California condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*) in Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona.

Permit No. TE-24789

Applicant: Colby Henley, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in southern Arizona.

Permit No. TE-24791

Applicant: Freese and Nichols, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*), and red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) within Texas.

Permit No. TE-24792

Applicant: Deborah L. Brewster, Pine, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Arizona and New Mexico.

Permit No. TE-4439

Applicant: Albuquerque Biological Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to collect, hold, spawn, and release the Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*) and also collect from all river drainages in New Mexico, and hold for public display the following federally-listed fish species: Gila trout (*Oncorhynchus gilae*) Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*)

razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*) Pecos gambusia (*Gambusia nobilis*) Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*)

Permit No. TE-799099

Applicant: Eagle Environmental, Inc.

Applicant requests authorization for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before May 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. 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: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents. 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 on or before May 1, 2000, to the address above.

Susan MacMullin,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-340-1220-PC-02-24 1A]

Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection, OMB Approval Number 1004-0165

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), acting for the Department of the Interior, announces its intention to request approval to collect certain information from those people submitting nominations for significant caves under the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988 and those people requesting confidential cave information on federal lands administered by the Secretary of the Interior. This information is needed to: (1) Determine which caves will be listed as significant and (2) decide whether to grant access to confidential cave information.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 30, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St., NW, Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via the Internet to: WOComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0165" 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 St., NW, Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for inspection at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 am to 4:15 pm), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Goodbar, BLM, Carlsbad, New Mexico Field Office, (505) 234-5929.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), the BLM, on behalf of the Department, is required to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules to solicit comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, 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 collecting the 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. BLM will receive and