

conducted April–June 2001. The second detailed interviews will be conducted September–October 2001. The third and last detailed interviews will be conducted January–March 2002.

Description of Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Completion Time: We estimate the average completion time per respondent to be about 7 minutes for the screen and 15 minutes for the detailed interviews. A respondent will average 2 interviews during the survey period.

Number of Respondents: It is estimated that there will be 80,000 total respondents.

Dated: April 28, 2000.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicant has applied for a permit amendment 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.*).

Permit Number TE 809227–13

Applicant: BHE Environmental, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect) 33 fish species and 68 mussel species throughout their ranges in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Regions 3, 4 and 5. Activities are proposed for studies to identify populations of listed fish and mussel species and to develop methods to minimize or avoid project related impacts to those populations. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111–4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111–4056. Telephone: (612/713–5343); FAX: (612/713–5292).

Dated: May 2, 2000.

T.J. Miller,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of Application for an Incidental Take Permit for Construction of Commercial and Residential Development on 110 Acres of the 446-acre Comanche Canyon Ranch in Travis County, Texas

SUMMARY: Comanche Canyon Ranch, Inc. (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit numbers TE–004683–0. The requested permit, which is for a period of 30 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (*Tartarocreagris texana*), Kretschmarr Cave mold Beetle (*Texamaurops reddelli*), Bee Creek Cave harvestman (*Texella reddelli*), Bone Cave harvestman (*Texella reyesi*), Tooth Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta myopica*), and Tooth Cave ground beetle (*Rhadine persephone*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction of commercial and residential structures with associated streets and utilities on 110 acres of the 446-acre Comanche Canyon Ranch, Travis County, Texas.

The Service has completed the review of the draft Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the 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 on or before June 8, 2000.

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 EA/HCP may obtain a copy by written or telephone request to Christina Longacre, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490–0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request or by appointment only during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office, Austin, Texas. Data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted in writing to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office, Austin, Texas at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE–004683–0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina Longacre at the above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office, Austin, TX.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the “taking” of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler, Bone Cave harvestman, Tooth Cave spider, Bee Creek Cave harvestman, Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion, Tooth Cave ground beetle and the Kretschmarr Cave mold 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

Comanche Canyon Inc. plans to construct residential and commercial structures with associated streets and utilities in Travis County, Texas. This action will eliminate approximately 26 acres of habitat and indirectly impact 37 additional acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat. The Applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by preserving a minimum of 213 acres on-site.

If any voids are encountered that contain the listed karst invertebrates, the Applicant will minimize and mitigate any impacts determined by the Service.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because not developing the subject property with federally listed species present would not add preserve

acreage and management to the area and was not economically feasible.

Domenick R. Ciccone,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-040-00-1060-HI]

Notice of Intent To Gather Excess Wild Horses During Calendar Year 2000

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Rock Springs Field Office, prepared an environmental assessment for wild horse gathering inside and outside of wild horse herd management areas in 1999. The proposed action to gather excess wild horses to appropriate management levels was approved in a decision record on July 14, 1999. Gathering of excess wild horses to appropriate management levels was not completed in 1999. BLM is scheduled to continue gathering operations in the year 2000. The environmental assessment and decision record are available for review at the Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming. It is also available via the world wide web at: <http://www.wy.blm.gov/currentnews/wildhorses/WILDHORSEADOPTION.HTML> The planned gathering period will extend from July 15, 2000 until inclement weather prevents gathering operations. Up to 800 wild horses may be removed from four wild horse herd management areas including Great Divide Basin, White Mountain, Little Colorado, and Salt Wells Creek. Excess wild horses outside of the herd management areas in the North Baxter/Jack Morrow hills areas may also be removed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John (Stan) McKee, Field Manager, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901 (307-352-0201).

Dated: May 3, 2000.

John S. McKee,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Proposed Kykotsmovi Sewer Lagoon—Public Facility Project

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of application for grant funding; public comment period for the Hopi Tribe's request to fund the Village of Kykotsmovi Sewer Lagoon—Public Facility Project.

SUMMARY: OSM is announcing its receipt of a grant application from the Hopi Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Program, in Kykotsmovi, Arizona. The Hopi Tribe is requesting \$200,000 from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund to pay the cost of upgrades to the existing wastewater infrastructure within the Village of Kykotsmovi on the Hopi Indian Reservation. In its application, the Hopi Tribe proposes paying for a percentage of the total construction cost as a public facility project (PFP) to offset various socioeconomic impacts to the community that is impacted by the mining of Hopi coal. The Chairman of the Hopi Tribe has determined that this project is necessary to prevent an imminent threat to human health and safety.

This notice describes when and where you may read the Grant Application that requests funding for the Village of Kykotsmovi—Sewer Lagoon Public Facilities Project. It also sets the time period during which you may send written comments on the request to OSM.

DATES: We will accept written comments until 4 p.m., d.s.t., June 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You should mail or hand-deliver your written comments to Willis L. Gainer, Albuquerque Field Office Director, at the address shown below.

You may preferably read the Hopi Tribes Grant Application for this proposed project during normal business hours Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) at the same address. However, OSM will send one free copy of the grant application to you if you contact OSM's Albuquerque Field Office.

Willis L. Gainer, Director,
Albuquerque Field Office, Office of
Surface Mining Reclamation and
Enforcement, 505 Marquette Avenue
NW., Suite 1200, Albuquerque, New
Mexico 82601-1918.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Willis L. Gainer, Telephone: (505) 248-5070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on Title IV of SMCRA

Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) established an Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation (AMLR) Program. The purpose of the AMLR Program is to reclaim and restore lands and waters that were adversely affected by past mining. The AMLR Program is funded by a reclamation fee paid by active coal mining operations. Lands and waters eligible for reclamation under Title IV are primarily those that were mined, or affected by mining, and abandoned or inadequately reclaimed before August 3, 1977, and for which there is no continuing reclamation responsibility under State, Federal, or other laws.

Title IV of SMCRA allows States or Indian Tribes to submit AMLR plans to OSM. On behalf of the Secretary, OSM reviews those plans and considers any public comments received. If OSM determines that a State or Indian Tribe has the ability and necessary legislation to operate an AMLR program, the Secretary can approve it. The Secretary's approval gives a State or Tribe exclusive authority to put its AMLR plan into effect.

Once the Secretary approves a State's AMLR plan, the State or Tribe may apply to OSM for money to fund specific projects that will achieve the goals of its approved plan. OSM follows the requirements of the Federal regulations at 30 CFR parts 874, 875, and 886 when we review and approve such applications.

II. Background on the Hopi AML Plan

The Secretary of the Interior approved the Hopi Tribe's AML plan on June 28, 1988. General background information on the Hopi Tribe AML Plan, including the Secretary's findings and disposition of comments, can be found in the June 28, 1988, **Federal Register** (53 FR 25262). Subsequent actions concerning the Hopi Tribe's AML Plan can be found at 30 CFR 756.16, 756.17, and 756.18. Effective June 9, 1994, (59 FR 29721) the Director approved the Hopi Tribe's certification that it had addressed all known coal-related impacts on the Hopi Reservation that were eligible for funding.

As a result, the Hopi Tribe may submit annual grant requests for AML funds to address eligible lands, waters, and facilities impacted by noncoal mining and construction of new facilities in accordance with the provisions of Section 411 of SMCRA.