

Loans that closed or were approved before the Termination became effective may be submitted for insurance endorsement. Approved loans are: (1) Those already underwritten and approved by a Direct Endorsement (DE) underwriter employed by an unconditionally approved DE lender; and (2) cases covered by a firm commitment issued by HUD. Cases at earlier stages of processing cannot be submitted for insurance by the terminated branch; however, they may be transferred for completion of processing and underwriting to another mortgagee or branch authorized to originate FHA insured mortgages in that area. Mortgagees are obligated to continue to pay existing insurance premiums and meet all other obligations associated with insured mortgages.

A terminated mortgagee may apply for a new Origination Approval Agreement if the mortgagee continues to be an

approved mortgagee meeting the requirements of 24 CFR 202.5, 202.6, 202.7, 202.8 or 202.10 and 202.12, if there has been no Origination Approval Agreement for at least six months, and if the Secretary determines that the underlying causes for termination have been remedied.

To enable the Secretary to ascertain whether the underlying causes for termination have been remedied, a mortgagee applying for a new Origination Approval Agreement must obtain an independent review of the terminated office's operations as well as its mortgage production, specifically including the FHA-insured mortgages cited in its termination notice. This independent analysis shall identify the underlying cause for the mortgagee's high default and claim rate. The review must be conducted and issued by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) qualified to perform

audits under Government Auditing Standards as set forth by the General Accounting Office.

The mortgagee must also submit a written corrective action plan to address each of the issues identified in the CPA's report, along with evidence that the plan has been implemented. The application for a new Agreement should be in the form of a letter, accompanied by the CPA's report and corrective action plan. The request should be sent to the Director, Office of Lender Activities and Program Compliance, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room B133-P3214, Washington, DC 20410, or by courier to 490 L'Enfant Plaza, East, S.W., Suite 3214, Washington, DC 20024.

**Action**

The following mortgagees have had their Agreements terminated by HUD:

Mortgagee name	Mortgagee branch address	HUD office jurisdictions	Termination effective date	Home ownership centers
Allied Mortgage Capital Corp.	513 East Center Street, Kingsport, TN 37660 .....	Memphis, TN .....	06/02/2000	Atlanta.
Challenge Mortgage Corp	15 Spinning Wheel Road, STE 426, Hinsdale, IL 60521.	Chicago, IL .....	06/05/2000	Atlanta.
First Guaranty Mortgage Corp.	8180 Greensboro Dr., STE 1175, McLean, VA 22102.	Richmond, VA .....	06/02/2000	Philadelphia.
First Republic Mortgage Corp.	6230 Fairview RD #200, Charlotte, NC 28210 .....	Greensboro, NC .....	03/20/2000	Atlanta.
General Mortgage Corp ....	23880 Woodward Avenue, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.	Detroit, MI .....	06/02/2000	Philadelphia.
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc.	14402 John Humphrey Drive, Orland Park, IL 60462.	Chicago, IL .....	06/02/2000	Atlanta.

Dated: July 17, 2000.

**William C. Apgar,**

Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment of Take of Nestling American Peregrine Falcons for Falconry**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to announce the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment of falconry take of nestling American peregrine falcons in the contiguous United States and Alaska. In it, we seek to provide protection for the nationwide population of American

peregrine falcons while allowing a limited take of nestlings for falconry. We do so by evaluating the effects of take of nestlings on American peregrine population growth in the United States. We seek public comment on the draft assessment.

**DATES:** Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment are due by September 25, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft Environmental Assessment is available from, and written comments about it should be submitted to, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 634, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1610. You can request a copy of the Environmental Assessment by calling 703-358-1714. The fax number for a request or for comments is 703-358-2272. The Assessment also is available on the Office of Migratory Bird Management web pages at <http://migratorybirds.fws.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. George T. Allen, Office of Migratory

Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at 703-358-1714 or the address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) occurs throughout much of North America from the subarctic boreal forests of Alaska and Canada south to Mexico. The American peregrine falcon declined precipitously in North America following World War II, a decline attributed largely to organochlorine pesticides applied in the United States and Canada. Because of the decline, the American peregrine was listed as endangered in 1970 (35 FR 16047).

Recovery goals for American peregrine falcons in the United States were substantially exceeded in some areas, and on August 25, 1999, we removed the American peregrine falcon from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (64 FR 46542). However, monitoring of the status of the species is required, and it is still protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Anticipating delisting, in June 1999 a number of state fish and wildlife agencies, through the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, proposed allowing take of nestling American peregrines for falconry. In response, in an October 4, 1999, **Federal Register** notice (64 FR 53686), we stated that we would prepare two management plans and associated environmental assessments for take of wild peregrine falcons. We further stated that we would consider a conservative take of nestling peregrines from healthy populations of American peregrine falcons in the western United States and Alaska, where recovery was most marked and where approximately 82% of the nesting pairs in the United States were found in 1998.

The States proposed allowing take of 5% of the annual production of nestlings in States west of 100° (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming). In preparing the Draft Environmental Assessment, we considered the request from the States, as well as the effects of allowing no take, and take of 10%, 15%, and 20% of annual production in those States. A sixth alternative we evaluated was lifting the current restriction on take by falconry permittees. This option would make no distinctions regarding where nestling peregrines could be taken.

Because population changes also are greatly influenced by survival of adults, we also assessed the effects of different take levels with different values for adult mortality. We concluded that 20% post-first-year mortality is a conservative and reasonable value to use. However, we also modeled population growth using 10%, 15%, and 25% annual mortality of adults.

The proposed action in the Draft Environmental Assessment is to allow take of up to 5% of the nestlings produced in western States; take of any lesser amount could be allowed by a State. The 5% level of take should still allow population growth of 3% per year if post-first-year mortality is 20% and population density does not affect reproduction or survival.

Dated: July 18, 2000.

**Jamie Rappaport Clark,**

*Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Science Advisory Board; Notice of Reestablishment

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Science Advisory Board—Notice of Reestablishment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463). Following consultation with the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior has reestablished the Science Advisory Board.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Advisory Board is to advise and assist the Director of the Bureau of Land Management on issues pertaining to science and the application of scientific information in the management of public lands and their resources. The Advisory Board is comprised of up to nine members from among the following categories: natural resource management, energy and minerals, conservation biology, and ecology and genetics.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lee Barkow, Bureau of Land Management, Denver Federal Center, Building 50, P.O. Box 25047, Denver, Colorado 80225-0047, (303) 236-6454.

#### Certification

I hereby certify that the reestablishment of the Science Advisory Board is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities to manage the lands, resources and facilities administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: July 14, 2000.

**Bruce Babbitt,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-76305]

#### Utah; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (Pub. L. 97-451), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease UTU-76305 for lands in Grand

County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from January 1, 2000, the date of termination, have been paid.

The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 per acre and 16⅔ percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee has been paid and the lessee has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease UTU-76305, effective January 1, 2000, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

**Robert Lopez,**

*Chief, Branch of Minerals Adjudication.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-680-5101-ER-B124; CACA-41418]

#### Proposed Plan Amendment

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent for plan amendment to California desert conservation area plan.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has proposed a plan amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan (CDCA) to partially exempt a proposed fiber optic cable right-of-way from a designated Energy Production and Utility Corridor for a portion of the proposed alignment.

**DATES:** Written scoping comments must be received no later than August 24, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written scoping comments should be addressed to: Becki Gonzales, Attn: Plan Amendment, Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Becki Gonzales (760) 252-6029.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An approximate 235.8 mile fiber optic cable is proposed by Level 3

Communications, L.L.C., from Las Vegas, Nevada to San Bernardino, California. A major portion of the proposed route will utilize Energy