

alternative methods to increase the response rates, it is critical that this incentive experiment be conducted as quickly as possible so that the findings can be considered in plans for the 2002 NHSDA (or sooner, if possible).

Households included in this experiment will be selected randomly from among the households already selected for the 2001 NHSDA. Once assigned to the experiment, households will be assigned to one of three treatment groups: a \$40 incentive, a \$20 incentive, or no incentive.

Respondents who take part in the incentive experiment will complete exactly the same questionnaire as that used for the main 2001 NHSDA. The sample size for the incentive experiment will be sufficient to assess the effectiveness of the incentive as described above. A sample of approximately 2,500 completed interviews is planned. No additional burden will be realized for this experiment beyond what was originally calculated for the main 2001 NHSDA data collection activities because the experiment will be conducted among households selected for the national survey.

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within two weeks of this notice to: Stuart Shapiro, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 10, 2000.

Patricia S. Bransford,

Acting Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for endangered species permit.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for permits 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.*).

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to

the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the internet to "victoria_davis@fws.gov". Please submit comments over the internet as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Service that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed below (see **FURTHER INFORMATION**). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to either Service office listed below (see **ADDRESSES**). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will not; however, consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

DATES: Written data or comments on these applications must be received, at the address given below, by November 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: 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 to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: Victoria Davis, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-4176; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Davis, Telephone: 404/679-4176; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicant: Dan L. Wilkinson, Geo-Marine, INC., Plano, Texas, TE032771-0.

The applicant requests authorization to harass (survey) Hawksbill sea turtle, *Eretmochelys imbricata*, Kemp's

(Atlantic) Ridley Sea Turtle, *Lepidochelys kempii*, Leatherback Sea Turtle, *Dermochelys coriacea*, Virgin Islands boa, *Epicrater monensis granti*, Culebra Island giant anole, *Anolis roosevelti*, Roseate tern *Sterna dogallii*, and brown pelican, *Pelicanus occidentalis occidentalis* throughout the species range on U.S. Navy land at U.S. Naval Station Roosevelt Roads and on the Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, for the purpose of the enhancement of the Survival of the species.

Dated: October 5, 2000.

H. Dale Hall,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for Cabin Timber Harvest Plan, Napa County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the California Baptist Foundation (CBF) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take of one pair of northern spotted owls (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), federally listed as a threatened species, that may result due to habitat modification within the nest stand. The permit would be in effect for 5 years.

The Service announces the receipt of CBF's incidental take permit application and the availability of the proposed Cabin Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan), for public comment. The Plan fully describes the proposed project and the measures CBF will undertake to minimize and mitigate project impacts to the northern spotted owl. The Service has determined that the Cabin Timber Harvest Plan (THP)/Plan qualifies as a "Low Effect" Plan as defined by the Service's Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook (November 1996). The Service has further determined that approval of the Plan qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act, as provided by the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1). The basis for this

determination is discussed in a Low-effect Screening form, which is also available for public review. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application and Plan should be received on or before November 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the permit application, low-effect screening form, or the Plan should be addressed to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Habitat Conservation Planning Team, 1829 S. Oregon Street, Yreka, CA 96097. Individuals wishing copies of the application, screening form, and Plan for review should immediately contact the above office. The Plan may be obtained from the following website: www.ccfwo.r1.fws.gov/completedPlans.html. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address. 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: Mr. Phil Detrich, Fish and Wildlife Service, Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office, telephone (530) 842-4471.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulation prohibits the "taking" of a species listed as endangered or threatened. Take of listed fish or wildlife is defined under the Act to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to "incidentally take" listed species, which is take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.32 and 50 CFR 17.22, respectively.

Background

The CBF has applied to the Service for a section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit for northern spotted owls, on the Cabin Plan area in Napa County, California. The term of the permit would be 5 years. The Cabin Plan area consists of 15 acres of privately owned land located approximately one mile north of Mt. Veeder, and 5 miles west of the cities of Yountville and Napa in Napa County, California. A THP for the site has previously been approved by the State of California (THP 1-97-201-NAP). The area was partially harvested in 1997, and the CBF currently wish to complete timber harvesting on this property. Completion of the THP will

entail a selected harvest of 25 trees from an area approximately 2 acres in size located within the nest stand of a pair of northern spotted owls. A nest stand is defined as the nest tree and the adjoining area up to 500 feet from the nest tree.

The Cabin Plan area is composed of pure hardwood stands, mixed conifer/hardwood stands, and conifer stands occurring mostly as clumps of Douglas-fir and redwood. Habitat in the surrounding area is highly fragmented as a result of conversion from foothill woodlands to vineyards and home sites.

Timber harvest will consist of single tree selection (25 trees within approximately 2 acres). The area will remain in a forested condition following the harvest. There will be no new roads built and existing landing and skid trails will be used. The goals of the Cabin Plan are to allow for the completion of the Cabin THP while protecting any reproductive effort of northern spotted owl pairs resident within the THP boundaries and avoiding adverse effects to aquatic resources for the five year duration of the permit.

As described in the Plan, the applicant proposes the following measures to minimize and mitigate the anticipated project impacts: (A) Retention of existing habitat as functional roosting habitat containing an average of 65 percent canopy closure post-harvest; (B) No trees to be removed are closer than 50 feet to the current nest tree. All trees to be removed shall be directionally felled away from the nest tree. The down logs shall be tractor skidded from existing skid trails to an existing landing outside the nest grove; (C) Operations to complete the Cabin THP shall not occur during the northern spotted owl breeding season (February 1 through July 31) unless it is conclusively demonstrated to the Service that active breeding is not occurring within 1,000 feet of the area of operations.

Monitoring of the known northern spotted owl nest site within the Plan area shall be conducted each spring beginning after March 1 during the permit period by a qualified wildlife biologist to assess continued owl residency and nesting status. If the owls are not detected in the current nest tree, the Cabin Plan area and lands surrounding the Plan area out to ¼ mile will be surveyed in accordance with the guidelines specified in the Protocol for Surveying Proposed Management Activities That May Impact Northern Spotted Owls (USDI Fish and Wildlife Service 1992b). If the Service adjusts the dates of protocol application, the CBF will be entitled to use those dates.

Should the Service revise the northern spotted owl survey protocol, the CBF may elect to adopt the new protocol, or continue to use the protocol currently in place.

The Service has determined that the Cabin Plan qualifies as a "Low Effect" Plan as defined by the Service's Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook. Low Effect Plans are those involving: (1) Minor or negligible effects on federally listed and candidate species and their habitats; and (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources. The Cabin Plan qualifies as a Low Effect Plan for the following reasons:

1. Approval of the Plan will result in minor or negligible effects on the northern spotted owl. The Service does not anticipate that significant direct or cumulative effects to the owl will result from the proposed 2 acres of selection harvest. No other federally listed, proposed, or candidate species are known or expected to occur within or immediately adjacent to the proposed harvest, and the National Marine Fisheries Service has determined that, as a result of incorporation of aquatic protection measures, the project is not likely to adversely affect listed salmonids that may occur in the watershed below the project area.

2. The proposed harvest will not have adverse effects on unique geographic, historic or cultural sites, or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

3. Approval of the Plan will not result in any cumulative or growth inducing impacts and, therefore, will not result in significant adverse effects on public health or safety.

4. The project does not require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, nor does it threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

5. Approval of this Plan will not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

The Service has therefore determined that approval of the Cabin THP/Plan qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act, as provided by the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1). No further National Environmental Policy Act documentation will therefore be prepared. This notice is provided

pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act. The Service will evaluate the permit application, Plan, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the northern spotted owl. The final permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: October 10, 2000.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request extending the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the USGS Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to the USGS Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the USGS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the USGS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Mine, Development, and Mineral Exploration Supplement. Current OMB approval number: 1028-0060.

Abstract: Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with domestic production, exploration, and mine development data on nonfuel mineral commodities. This information will be published as an Annual Report for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

Bureau Form Numbers: 9-4000-A.

Frequency: Annual.

Description of Respondents: Nonfuel Mineral and Uranium Producers, Development and Exploration Operations.

Annual Responses: 739.

Annual Burden Hours: 555.

Bureau Clearance Officer: John Cordyack, 703-648-7313.

John H. DeYoung, Jr.,

Chief Scientist, Minerals Information Team.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-010-1220-HA]

Notice of Closure of Certain Public Lands to the Use of Motorized Vehicles

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure of certain public lands to the use of motorized vehicles.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that motorized vehicle use is allowed only on Crooked Creek Road and the parking lot of the 17-Mile Area. The remaining lands at the 17-Mile Area are closed to motorized vehicle use. The 17-Mile Area is located 12 miles north of Billings, Montana on Crooked Creek Road west of Montana Highway 87. This closure is necessary for public safety and resource protection on lands used for firearms target practice.

Designation and location of public lands:

Open to motorized vehicle use: Crooked Creek Road and the adjoining parking lot,

T. 3 N., R. 26 E., P.M.M.,
Sec. 9, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 10, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Closed to motorized vehicle use:

T. 3 N., R. 26 E., P.M.M.,
Sec 4, all;
Sec. 8, W $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 9, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec 10. NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Exempted from this closure are Bureau of Land Management employees on official business, firefighting forces, law enforcement officers, or persons with a permit or written authorization allowing the otherwise prohibited act.

Authority: Authority for this action is outlined in sections 302, 303, and 310 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 USC 1716) and Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations, subpart 8341 (43 CFR 8341.2) and subpart 8364 (43 CFR 8364.1). Any person who fails to comply with this closure is subject to arrest and a fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This closure is effective year-around upon the date of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra S. Brooks, Field Manager, BLM, Billings Field Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800 or call 406-896-5013.

Dated: October 6, 2000.

Sandra S. Brooks,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-010-1220-AA]

Notice of Closure of Certain Public Lands to the Discharge of Firearms, Pellet Guns, and Paint-Ball Guns

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure of certain public lands to the discharge of firearms, pellet guns, and paint-ball guns.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on all public lands in the South Hills Area, located two miles south of Billings, Montana; and 16.88 acres of land, located two miles southeast of Laurel, Montana, situated on the right bank of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River, directly across the river from the Sundance Lodge Recreation Area, are closed to the discharge of firearms, pellet guns, and paint-ball guns. This closure is necessary for public safety