

Problems", Total Amount \$110,000, Date Awarded 09/27/01.

Manufactured Housing Research Alliance, Richard Boyd, 220 West 93rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10025, Grant # H-21353CA, "Accelerating Technology Advances in Manufactured Housing", Total Amount \$501,400, Date Awarded 09/28/01.

Metropolitan Area Research Corporation, Myron W. Orfield, Jr., 1313 Fifth Street, SE, Suite 108, Minneapolis, MN 55414, Grant # H-21171CA, "A Comparative Study of Socioeconomic Disparity In U.S. Metropolitan Regions", Total Amount \$95,500, Date Awarded 11/17/00.

Mortgage Banking Association, Steven Hornburg, 2107 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 450, Arlington, VA 22201-3042, Grant # H-21300CA, "Assessment of Consumer Mortgage Process and Home Search Process", Total Amount \$200,000, Date Awarded 01/12/01.

NAHB Research Center, Liza K. Bowles, 400 Prince George's Boulevard, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-8731, Grant # H-21313CA, "Tool Base Services: The Source of Technical Information For The Building Industry", Total Amount \$500,000, Date Awarded 06/04/01.

NAHB Research Center, Liza K. Bowles, 400 Prince George's Boulevard, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-8731, Grant # H-21314CA, "Updated Model Land Development Standards Featuring Green Building and Smart Growth Technologies", Total Amount \$300,000, Date Awarded 09/21/01.

National Bureau of Economic Research, Susan Colligan, 1050 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138-5308, Grant # H-21301CA, "Expanding Moving To Opportunity Research", Total Amount \$75,000, Date Awarded 03/07/01.

The Urban Institute, Suzanne Forehand, 2100 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037, Grant # H-21352CA, "Neighborhood Effects of the LIHTC Program", Total Amount \$21,086, Date Awarded 09/27/01.

University Consortium for Geographic Information Science, Susan M. Jampoler, 43351 Spinks Ferry Road, Leesburg, VA 20176-5631, Grant # H-21260CA, "Global Urban Quality: An Indicator of Urban Indicators Using Geographic Information Science (GIS)", Total Amount \$100,000, Date Awarded 1/16/01.

W.H. Porter, Inc., William H. Porter, 4240 N. 136th Avenue, Holland, MI 49424, Grant # H-21312CA, "Supersip Panel for Residential Construction", Total Amount \$254,990, Date Awarded 07/19/01.

Dated: January 2, 2002.

Lawrence L. Thompson,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address below) and must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

Applicant: International Center for Gibbon Studies, Santa Clarita, CA, PRT-050284.

The applicant requests a permit to export one live Siamang gibbon (*Hylobates syndactylus*) and four live dark-handed gibbons (*Hylobates agilis*) to Parque Las Aguilas, Spain for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego @ San Diego Wild Animal Park, Escondido, CA, PRT-049052.

The applicant requests a permit to export four Andean condors (*Vultur gryphus*) to the Calidad Ambiental de la CAR Cundinamarca, Santefe de Bogota, Colombia, for reintroduction into the wild to enhance the survival of the species.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address below) and must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: Ken Morrill, Escalon, CA, PRT-051613.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound

polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281.

Dated: January 4, 2002.

Anna Barry,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Environmental Documents To Amend a Habitat Conservation Plan for Federally Protected Native Fish Species on Plum Creek Timber Company Lands in Washington, Idaho, and Montana

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act this notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Amendment to the Plum Creek Native Fish Habitat Conservation Plan and request for issuance of an incidental take permit to take endangered and threatened species in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The Permit applicant is Plum Creek Timber Company. The proposed amendment would add the grizzly bear to the existing permit and extend coverage of the Native Fish Habitat Conservation Plan (NFHCP) to

additional Plum Creek lands. This document would supplement the September 2000 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and NFHCP for federally protected native fish species on Plum Creek Timber Company lands.

A public meeting will be held from 3–7 p.m. MST on February 6, 2002, at the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Headquarters, 490 N. Meridian Road, Kalispell, Montana 59901. Comments and participation in the process are solicited.

DATES: The public meeting will be held from 3–7 p.m. MST on February 6, 2002, at the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Headquarters, 490 N. Meridian Road, Kalispell, Montana. Written comments from all interested parties must be received on or before February 21, 2002 to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments, materials, and requests for information should be sent to Tim Bodurtha, Plum Creek Scoping Comments, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 780 Creston Hatchery Road, Kalispell, Montana 59901, telephone (406) 758–6882, facsimile (406) 758–6877.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Bodurtha, Kalispell Sub-office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (see **ADDRESSES** above).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits the “taking” of any threatened or endangered species. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take threatened and endangered wildlife species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are outlined in 50 CFR 17.22.

Background

On October 24, 2000, the Fish and Wildlife Service issued an incidental take permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act to Plum Creek Timber Company. The permit authorizes the incidental take of 17 native fish species, as identified in the FEIS (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2000), from certain Plum Creek activities on Plum Creek timberlands covering approximately 1.6 million acres in Washington, Idaho, and Montana. Plum Creek is proposing to amend this current NFHCP by adding the grizzly bear to the permit and by extending coverage of the NFHCP to additional Plum Creek lands in

Montana. The NFHCP Project Area lands addressed in the proposed amendment encompass 70,826 acres of timberlands owned and managed by Plum Creek within the range of the grizzly bear. Approximately 38,148 acres are in the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem and 32,678 acres in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem. In addition, the amendment would extend coverage of the NFHCP to an additional 14,892 acres which was evaluated in the original FEIS (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2000). However, coverage was postponed until an amendment to the NFHCP for the addition of grizzly bear was completed.

Of the total acres of Plum Creek lands covered under the NFHCP in Montana (1.4 million acres), the proposed amendment applies to 70,826 acres, or 5.0 percent and portions of the following counties in western Montana—Lincoln, Sanders, Flathead, Lake, Missoula, Powell, and Lewis and Clark. The proposed amendment requests incidental take authorization for take that occurs as a result of the following activities as described in the FEIS (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2000)—(1) Commercial forestry and associated activities—Silvicultural activities such as tree planting, site preparation, timber harvest in riparian and upland areas, stand maintenance, prescribed burning, and forest nurseries and seed orchards; Logging road construction and maintenance; Gravel quarrying primarily for logging road construction; (2) Forest fire suppression; (3) Open range cattle grazing; (4) Miscellaneous forest and land product sales; Gravel and landscaping stones; (5) Conservation activities—Habitat enhancement and restoration; Scientific surveys and studies; (6) Special forest use permits—Commercial outfitting; Special recreation permits, such as club activities; Electronic facility sites; (7) Manufacturing of forest products, such as milling activities, lumber mills, plywood mills, and remanufacturing plants.

The proposed amendment to the Plum Creek NFHCP provides for conservation of the threatened grizzly on Plum Creek lands in Montana. It further would extend conservation commitments for the threatened bull trout and four unlisted native salmonids; the redband and westslope cutthroat trout, mountain whitefish, and pygmy whitefish. The proposal to amend the NFHCP would not affect the 30-year term of the permit.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as

amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

Dated: January 4, 2002.

Elliott Sutta,

Regional Director, Region 6, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO–220–01–1020–JA–VEIS]

Changes to the Schedule and Scope of Public Scoping Meetings for the Environmental Impact Statement for Vegetation Treatments, Watersheds and Wildlife Habitats on Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the Western United States, Including Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Supplemental Notice to Change to Dates for Public Scoping Meetings and change the scope of the EIS.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the BLM will prepare a national, programmatic EIS and conduct public scoping meetings on BLM’s use of prescribed burning, biological control, cultural practices, mechanical, and chemical treatment of vegetation, including noxious weeds and other invasive species in public lands management. These methods will continue to be integrated into BLM’s efforts to conserve and restore native vegetation, watersheds and wildlife habitats to protect people, sustain natural resources and provide for long-term multiple uses. The EIS addresses public lands administered by BLM in 16 western states, including Alaska. The public may submit comments during the initial scoping period through March 29, 2002.

DATES: You may submit written comments through March 29, 2002. The BLM will hold public scoping meetings to focus on human and environmental concerns, identify possible alternatives, and identify significant issues related to the proposed action.

New dates for the postponed Salt Lake City, Utah; Rock Springs, Wyoming; Socorro, New Mexico; and Phoenix, Arizona meetings are as listed in the following schedule: