

the three public meetings to be held in August 2003. Public meetings are scheduled Monday, August 11, 2003, in Baggs, Wyoming; Tuesday, August 12, 2003, in Steamboat Springs, Colorado; and Wednesday, August 13, 2003, in Craig, Colorado. All meetings are scheduled from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Public meetings will be held at the Little Snake River Valley Library, 105 2nd Street, Baggs, Wyoming; Centennial Hall, 124 10th Street, Steamboat Springs, Colorado; and Shadow Mountain Clubhouse, 1055 County Road 7, Craig, Colorado.

Copies of the draft Environmental Assessment and Management Plan are available online at <http://www.r6.fws.gov/crrip/yampa.htm> or at the following Yampa Valley locations—Bud Werner Memorial Library, 1289 Lincoln Avenue, Steamboat Springs, Colorado; Hayden Town Hall, 178 W. Jefferson Avenue, Hayden, Colorado; Moffat County Public Library, 570 Green Street, Craig, Colorado; Little Snake River Valley Library, 105 2nd Street, Baggs, Wyoming.

Copies of the draft Environmental Assessment and Management Plan, either printed and bound or on CD-ROM, also are available by request. Requests for copies and written comments may be sent to Dr. Robert Muth, Director, by postal mail at Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, DFC, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0486; by fax at (303) 969-7327; or by e-mail at ColoradoRiverRecovery@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert Muth, Director, at telephone (303) 969-7322 (extension 268); Mr. Gerry Roehm, Instream Flow Coordinator (extension 272); Ms. Debra Felker, Information and Education Coordinator (extension 227); or at the postal and e-mail addresses above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program (Program) was established in 1988 by a cooperative agreement among the governors of Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah, Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration for the purpose of recovering four endangered fish species endemic to the Colorado River Basin—the humpback chub (*Gila cypha*), bonytail (*Gila elegans*), Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), and razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*). In August 2002, the Service completed recovery goals for these species, which identify five threat factors that led to their decline. These factors, which include—(1) Destruction, modification, or curtailment of the species' habitat or range; (2) overutilization; (3) disease and predation; (4) inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; and (5) other natural or manmade factors, must be removed or abated to ensure the species' recovery. The recovery goals specify that certain recovery actions be taken to achieve the demographic criteria necessary for the species' downlisting and eventual delisting. Flow modification, obstructions to fish passage, and the presence of competitive and predatory nonnative fishes are considered to present the most significant threats to recovery. Consistent with the recovery goals, Program participants developed a Management Plan for Endangered Fishes in the Yampa River Basin to facilitate recovery of listed fishes as water continues to be depleted from the river to serve the needs of the people of the Yampa Basin now and into the foreseeable future. This management plan identifies a package of recovery actions to be implemented in the Yampa River Basin, including instream flow augmentation, fish passage, and management of nonnative fish

populations. The Service proposes to enter into a cooperative agreement to implement the plan. This Federal action requires that the Service fulfill the requirements of the NEPA, for which an Environmental Assessment has been prepared.

Dated: March 27, 2003.

Elliott N. Sutta,
Acting Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

MARINE MAMMALS

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
070056	John M. Gebbia	68 FR 20402, April 25, 2003	June 27, 2003.
070534	Walter P. Mays	68 FR 22409, April 28, 2003	June 27, 2003.

Dated: July 18, 2003.

Monica Farris,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-350-1430-EU-24 1A]

OMB Approval Number 1004-0004; Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has sent a request to extend the current approved information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On July 11, 2002, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 45984) requesting comment on this information collection. The comment period ended on September 9, 2002. BLM received no comments. You may obtain copies of the collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

The OMB must respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be directed within 30 days to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0004), at OMB-OIRA via facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or e-mail to Ruth_Solomon@omb.eop.gov. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Collection Clearance Office (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

Nature of Comments: We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
2. The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;
3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information we collect; and

4. Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Desert-Land Entry (43 CFR 2520).

OMB Approval Number: 1004-0004.

Bureau Form Number: 2520-1.

Abstract: We use the information to determine if an individual is eligible to make a desert-land entry to reclaim, irrigate, and cultivate arid and semiarid public lands administered by the BLM in the Western States. The provisions of the Desert Land Act of March 3, 1877 as amended (43 U.S.C. 231, 321 *et seq.*), and the regulations in 43 CFR 2520 establish guidelines and procedures for the orderly and timely processing of applications for desert-land entries.

Frequency: Once.

Description of Respondents: Individuals, small businesses, and large corporations.

Estimated Completion Time: 2 hours.

Annual Response: 3.

Application Fee Per Response: \$15.00.

Annual Burden Hours: 6.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Michael Schwartz, (202) 452-5033.

Dated: July 11, 2003.

Michael H. Schwartz,

Bureau of Land Management, Information
Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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OMB Approval Number 1004-0012; Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has sent a request to extend the current approved information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On July 11, 2002, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 45986) requesting comment on this information collection. The comment period ended on September 9, 2002. The BLM received no comments. You may obtain copies of the collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

The OMB must respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be directed within 30 days to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0012), at OMB-OIRA via facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or e-mail to Ruth_Solomon@omb.eop.gov. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

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2. The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;
3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information we collect; and
4. Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Recreation and Public Purposes Act (43 CFR 2740).

OMB Approval Number: 1004-0012.

Bureau Form Number: 2740-1.

Abstract: We use the information to determine if States and local governments, and nonprofit corporations and associations are eligible to lease or purchase public lands administered by the BLM for recreational and public purposes under the terms of the Recreation and Purpose Act of June 14, 1926 (R&PP) as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The 43 CFR parts 2740 and 2912 provide guidelines and procedures to sell lease or sell certain public lands under the Act.

Frequency: Once.

Description of Respondents: States and local governments, and nonprofit corporations and associations.

Estimated Completion Time: 40 hours.

Annual Responses: 20.

Application Fee Per Response: \$100.

Annual Burden Hours: 800.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Michael Schwartz, (202) 452-5033.