

approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You may obtain copies of specific information collection requirements and explanatory material by contacting our Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address or phone number listed below.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before September 14, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the requirement to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222, Arlington, Virginia 22203; (703) 358-2269 (fax); or Hope_Grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information or related forms, contact Hope Grey at (703) 358-2482 or electronically to Hope_Grey@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), require that interested parties and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see CFR 1380.8(d)). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (we, or the Service) plans to submit a request to OMB to renew its approval of a collection of information related to special use permit applications on national wildlife refuges outside of Alaska. The collection is currently approved under OMB control number 1018-0102, which expires November 30, 2004. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for these collection activities.

Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 that amends the National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) requires that we authorize economic privileges on any national wildlife refuge by permit only when the activity will be compatible with and contribute to refuge purposes (50 CFR 29.21). We will provide the permit applications as requested by interested citizens. We will use information provided on the required written forms and/or verbal applications to ensure that the applicant is eligible for the permit. We make provision in our general refuge regulations for public entry for specialized purposes, including economic activities such as the

operation of guiding and other visitor services on refuges by concessionaires or cooperators under the appropriate legal instrument or special use permits (50 CFR 25.41, 25.61, 26.36, 27.71, 27.91, 27.97, 29.1, 29.2, 30.11, 31.2, 31.13, 31.14, and 31.16). These regulations provide the authorities and procedures for allowing permits on refuges outside of Alaska.

We use this permit to authorize such items farming operations (hay and grazing, 50 CFR 29.2), beneficial management tools that we use to provide the best habitat possible on some refuges (50 CFR 30.11, 31.14, 31.16), recreational visitor service operations (50 CFR 25.41 and 25.61), commercial filming (50 CFR 27.71), other commercial activities (50 CFR 29.1), research, and other noncommercial activities (50 CFR 26.36). We will issue permits for a specific period as determined by the type and location of the use or visitor service provided.

Title: Special Use Permit Applications on National Wildlife Refuges Outside Alaska.

OMB Control Number: 1018-0102.

Service Form Number: 3-1383.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: Individuals and households; business and other for-profit organizations; nonprofit institutions; farms; and State, local or tribal governments.

Total Annual Responses: We have 528 national wildlife refuges and 37 wetland management districts outside the State of Alaska. We anticipate that each unit will authorize approximately 25 permits each year. This is a total of 14,125 permits.

Total Annual Burden: We estimate that it takes an hour to complete the application requirements. Therefore the annual burden estimate in hours is 14,125.

Your comments are invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for us to properly perform our functions, including whether this information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimates of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we are proposing to collect; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: July 8, 2004.

Anissa Craghead,

Service Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Mound City, MO

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces that the draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for Squaw Creek NWR, Mound City, Missouri. The CCP was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and using the preferred alternative, goals and objectives, we describe how the Service intends to manage these refuges over the next 15 years.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft CCP and EA are available on compact diskette or hard copy, you may obtain a copy by writing to: Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 158, Mound City, Missouri 64470 or you may access and download a copy at this Web site: <http://midwest.fws.gov/planning/squawcreek/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Bell, Refuge Manager, Squaw Creek NWR at (660) 442-3187.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comprehensive conservation plans guide management decisions over the course of 15 years.

The planning process for Squaw Creek NWR began in 1999. Five management alternatives were considered. Alternative D, Optimizing Wildlife Habitat and Fish and Wildlife Populations With Enhanced Levels of Wildlife-dependent Recreation is the preferred alternative. This alternative seeks to maximize wildlife habitat and population management practices and opportunities without adversely impacting current levels of wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities. There will be no expansion of existing authorized boundaries.

The CCP will identify and increase wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public including: Initiating a managed spring snow goose hunt; investigating the potential for a fishing access area and a white-tailed deer hunt for physically challenged visitors; and enhancing trails for wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

Dated: February 20, 2004.

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Charles M. Wooley,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by August 16, 2004.

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 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; fax 703/358-2281.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications 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 above).

PRT-088191

Applicant: Michael H. Keith,
Woodinville, WA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-089717

Applicant: John A. Kemhadjian, Encino, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-078965

Applicant: Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo,
Omaha, NE.

The applicant requests a permit to import one pair of captive-bred Manchurian cranes (*Grus japonensis*) from the Shizuoka Municipal Nihondaira Zoo for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation and conservation education.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were 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 part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appreciate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

PRT-090176

Applicant: Leland M. Stahelin, West Chicago, IL.,

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.

PRT-090177

Applicant: Michael McMaster, Glen Ellyn, IL.

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.

PRT-090321

Applicant: Michael K. McKenzie,
Sulphur Springs, TX.

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.

Dated: July 2, 2004.

Monica Farris,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of deemed approved Slots Only Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes a deemed approved Slots Only Compact between the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California and the State of Nevada. Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, the Secretary of the Interior is required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands.

DATES: Effective July 16, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Slots Only Compact between the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California and the State of Nevada is deemed approved. By the terms of IGRA, the Compact is considered approved, but only to the