

Conservation Commission (Mitigation Commission) announced the availability for public review and comment of the Draft DEIS for the Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Project (68 FR 65943). This project has been planned in conjunction with the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Agency and is intended to fulfill long-standing commitments to mitigate for impacts to Ute Indian tribal and non-tribal wetland-wildlife habitats arising from construction and operation of the Bonneville Unit, and to provide additional wetland/wildlife benefits to the Ute Indian Tribe. The Proposed Action and alternatives improve existing, and restore prior existing, wetlands to replace wetland resources, especially Ute Indian Tribal resources, lost or adversely impacted by the Bonneville Unit, Central Utah Project. Three public meetings were announced and the public was invited to submit comments on the adequacy of the DEIS and the assessment of environmental impacts until January 16, 2004. Based on comments received, the Department and Mitigation Commission have decided to extend the public comment period until February 17, 2004. Comments already received will remain on file and need not be resubmitted.

DATES: The public is invited to submit written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Project until February 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the DEIS should be addressed to: Mr. Ron Groves, Director, Wissiups Wetlands Project, Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 190, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the Draft EIS and the resource technical reports can be obtained by contacting Mr. Ron Groves, Director, Wissiups Wetlands Project, Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 190, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026, Telephone: (435) 722-5867, E-mail address: wetlands@ubtanet.com.

Copies of the DEIS are also available for inspection at:

Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, 102 West 500 South, Suite 315, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

Department of the Interior, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606.

Department of the Interior, Natural Resource Library, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

Duchesne County Library, 70 East Lagoon, Roosevelt, Utah 84066.

Headquarters, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Agency, 988 South 7500 East, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026.

Information on other matters related to this notice may be obtained by calling or writing Mr. Ralph G. Swanson, Program Coordinator, CUP Completion Act Office, Department of the Interior, 302 East 1860 South, Provo UT 84606-6154, Telephone (801) 379-1254, E-mail address: rswanson@uc.usbr.gov.

Dated: January 16, 2004.

Ronald Johnston,

CUP Program Director, Department of the Interior.

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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 March 8, 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).

Applicant: University of Georgia, Infectious Disease Laboratory, Athens, Georgia, PRT-009445.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to import samples from wild or captive-held birds (class Aves) for the purpose of scientific research/study of infectious diseases. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*) and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and/or 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 appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: Albert A. Cheramie, Golden Meadow, LA, PRT-082026.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Western Hudson Bay, polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Edward L. Keller, Mt. Clemens, MI, PRT-081346.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Davis Strait polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal use.

Applicant: S. Mark Rayburg, Lower Burrell, PA, PRT-082017.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Gulf of Boothia polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal use.

Applicant: Ronald K. Montgomery, Tulsa, OK, PRT-082018.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Gulf of Boothia polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal use.

Applicant: Robert M. Stuck, Clover, SC, PRT-082019.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*)

sport hunted from the Foxe Basin polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal use.

Applicant: Anthony B. Bouneff, Gaston, OR, PRT-082265.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort population polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Troy J. Link, Huron, SD, PRT-081743.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Baffin Bay polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal use.

Applicant: Jerry L. Gillingham, Henderson, NV, PRT-081748.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Baffin Bay polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal use.

Dated: January 23, 2004.
Monica Farris,
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.
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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 endangered species and/or 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 Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit(s) subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Endangered Species

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
077487	Steve Martin's Working Wildlife	68 FR 65466, November 20, 2003	January 6, 2004.
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Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
079001	Ralph F. Duceour	68 FR 65466, November 20, 2003	January 16, 2004.
079622	Christopher M. Bieniek	68 FR 66851, November 28, 2003	January 21, 2004.

Dated: January 23, 2004.
Monica Farris,
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.
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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 March 8, 2004.

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Applicant: Isaac E. James, Denair, CA, PRT-081538.

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