at Poinciana Road, Lots 1652, 1653, and 1654, of South Venice unit 5, property identification number 0459–05–0033. These lots are within scrub-jay occupied habitat. The lots encompass about 0.275 acres (0.11 ha), and the footprint of the home, infrastructure, and landscaping precludes retention of scrub-jay habitat on these lots. Details of the habitat conservation plan are available (see ADDRESSES).

Residential construction for the David Boxer HCP will take place within Section 24, Township 40, Range 21, Port Charlotte, Charlotte County, Florida, at 3300 Liberty Street, property identification number 402124336005. This lot is within scrub-jay occupied habitat. The lot encompasses about 0.23 acres (0.09 ha), and the footprint of the home, infrastructure, and landscaping precludes retention of scrub-jay habitat on this lot. Details of the habitat conservation plan are available (see ADDRESSES).

The Service has made preliminary determinations that renewal of the permits is neither a major Federal action that will significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), nor will they individually or cumulatively have more than a negligible effect on the species covered in the HCPs. Therefore, the permit renewals qualify as categorical exclusions under NEPA as provided by the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 8.5).

Authority: We provide this notice pursuant to Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: December 2, 2008.

#### Paul Souza,

Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Field Office.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

#### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### **Denial of Permits for Marine Mammals**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of denial of permits for marine mammals.

**SUMMARY:** The following permits were denied.

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 212, 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 denied the requested permits.

#### MARINE MAMMALS

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Denial date
189429 189430 189431 189432 189434	Keith C. Halstead	73 FR 61162, October 15, 2008	February 2, 2009. February 2, 2009. February 2, 2009. February 2, 2009. February 2, 2009.

Dated: February 13, 2009.

## Lisa J. Lierheimer,

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2009-N044; 96300-1671-0000-P5]

#### **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.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by March 26, 2009.

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 212, 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 (ADDRESSES above).

Applicant: Richard A. Hyce, Wasilla, AK, PRT-191870

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.

Applicant: Milton T. Hummer, Anchorage, AK, PRT-205664

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.

Applicant: Vulgens M. Schoen, Phillipsburg, NJ, PRT–204668

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.

Applicant: Ted A. Trout, Houston, TX, PRT–202724

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.

Applicant: Raymond J. Paolucci, Rockwall, TX, PRT–206196

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.

Dated: February 13, 2009.

#### Lisa J. Lierheimer,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority. [FR Doc. E9–3835 Filed 2–23–09; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310–55–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## **Geological Survey**

# Agency Information Collection: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** United States Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of a new collection.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we will submit to OMB a new information collection (IC) described below for review and approval. As a part of our continuing effort to reduce paper work and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of this collection.

DATES: You must submit comments on

or before April 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments regarding this IC to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collections Clearance Officer, at U.S. Geological Survey, 2150–C Center Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); (970) 226–9230 (fax); or pponds@usgs.gov (e-mail). Please reference Information Collection 1028–NEW, GAPSURVEY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Joan Ratz by mail at U.S. Geological Survey, 2150–C Center Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80526, or by telephone at (970) 226–9315.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will design and conduct a survey that will be used to evaluate the performance of its Gap Analysis Program (GAP). The information collected will provide information for the Program's annual performance plan as required by the Government Performance and Results ACT (GPRA). Scientists and staff in the Policy Analysis and Science Assistance Branch of the USGS will conduct the survey on-line. The only option for all respondents will be to complete the survey on-line.

Information from this survey will provide the GAP Program managers with scientifically sound data that can be used to: (1) Prepare strategic planning and performance documents, (2) measure user satisfaction, and (3) understand user needs. Additionally, this survey can target performance issues that relate to education and outreach, technology and data quality. Due to the nature of this collection, all identified respondents will have: (1) an active e-mail address and (2) skills in GIS and computer operations.

## II. Data

*OMB Control Number:* None. This is a new collection.

Title: Gap Analysis Program (GAP)
Evaluation: A Survey of National Users.
Type of Request: New.

Frequency of Collection: This is a one-time survey.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary. Estimated Annual Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 820 non-federal current and past users of the USGS Gap Analysis Program (GAP).

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 574 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 22 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 197 hours. Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: We estimate the public reporting burden will average 22 minutes per response. This includes the time for reviewing instructions and completing the on-line survey.

## **III. Request for Comments**

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost": We have not identified any "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comments: We invite comments concerning this IC on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) how to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done. To comply with the public process, we publish this Federal **Register** notice announcing that we will submit this IC to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60 day public comment period.

USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Phadrea Ponds, USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer.

Dated: February 16, 2009.

## Sue Hasletine,

Associate Director for Biology. [FR Doc. E9–3824 Filed 2–23–09; 8:45 am]

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