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Mountain Home, TX; PRT-67459A*

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Petty Group, LLP, San Antonio, TX; PRT-65763A

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Applicant: Petty Group, LLP, San Antonio, TX; PRT-65764A

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*Applicant: Columbus Zoo & Aquarium,
Powell, OH; PRT-56216A*

The applicant requests a permit to purchase in interstate commerce one male Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*) born in captivity from Riddle's Elephant and Wildlife Sanctuary, Greenbriar, AR for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: James McNicol, Chandler, AR; PRT-66555A

The applicant requests a permit to import a 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.

Brenda Tapia,

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of teleconference.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a public teleconference of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council (Council).

DATES: *Teleconference:* Tuesday April 3, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern daylight time). For deadlines and directions on registering to listen to the teleconference, submitting written material, and giving an oral presentation, please see "Public Input" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joshua Winchell, Council Coordinator, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mailstop 3103-AEA, Arlington, VA 22203; telephone (703) 358-2639; fax (703) 358-2548; or email joshua_winchell@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., we announce that Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council will hold a teleconference.

Background

Formed in February 2010, the Council provides advice about wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that:

1. Benefit recreational hunting;
2. Benefit wildlife resources; and
3. Encourage partnership among the public, the sporting conservation community, the shooting and hunting sports industry, wildlife conservation organizations, the States, Native American tribes, and the Federal Government.

The Council advises the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, reporting through the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in consultation with the

Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM); Director, National Park Service (NPS); Chief, Forest Service (USFS); Chief, Natural Resources Service (NRCS); and Administrator, Farm Services Agency (FSA). The Council's duties are strictly advisory and consist of, but are not limited to, providing recommendations for:

1. Implementing the Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Resource Conservation Plan—A Ten-Year Plan for Implementation;

2. Increasing public awareness of and support for the Sport Wildlife Trust Fund;

3. Fostering wildlife and habitat conservation and ethics in hunting and shooting sports recreation;

4. Stimulating sportsmen and women's participation in conservation and management of wildlife and habitat resources through outreach and education;

5. Fostering communication and coordination among State, Tribal, and Federal Government; industry; hunting and shooting sportsmen and women; wildlife and habitat conservation and management organizations; and the public;

6. Providing appropriate access to Federal lands for recreational shooting and hunting;

7. Providing recommendation to improve implementation of Federal conservation programs that benefit wildlife, hunting, and outdoor recreation on private lands; and

8. When requested by the agencies' designated ex officio members or the Designated Federal Officer in consultation with the Council Chairman, performing a variety of assessments or reviews of policies, programs, and efforts through the Council's designated subcommittees or workgroups.

Background information on the Council is available at <http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>.

Meeting Agenda

The Council will hold a teleconference to consider:

1. Clean Water Act implementation: impacts to habitat and wildlife management

2. Pending legislation affecting public hunting access and opportunities

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>.

Public Input

If you wish to	You must contact the Council Coordinator (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) no later than
Listen to the teleconference.	March 26, 2012.
Submit written information or questions before the teleconference for the council to consider during the teleconference.	March 26, 2012.
Give an oral presentation during the teleconference.	March 26, 2012.

Submitting Written Information or Questions

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions for the Council to consider during the teleconference. Written statements must be received by the date listed in "Public Input" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to this teleconference. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in one of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

Giving an Oral Presentation

Individuals or groups requesting to make an oral presentation at the teleconference will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the Council Coordinator, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public speaker list for this teleconference. To ensure an opportunity to speak during the public comment period of the teleconference, members of the public must register with the Council Coordinator. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements to the Council Coordinator up to 30 days subsequent to the teleconference.

Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the teleconference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) and will

be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting and will be posted on the Council's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>.

Rowan W. Gould,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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WYW180710]

Notice of Invitation To Participate; Coal Exploration License Application WYW180710, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Antelope Coal LLC, on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States in Campbell County and Converse County, Wyoming.

DATES: This notice of invitation will be published in the *Gillette News-Record* once each week for 2 consecutive weeks beginning the week of March 12, 2012, and in the **Federal Register**. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Antelope Coal LLC, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than 30 days after publication of this invitation in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (case file number WYW180710): BLM, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003; and, BLM, High Plains District Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Antelope Coal LLC, c/o Cloud Peak Energy, Attn: Mark Arambel, Caller Box 3009, Gillette, Wyoming 82717, and BLM, Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Mavis Love, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, at 307-775-6258. Persons who use a

telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Antelope Coal LLC, has applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license on public land adjacent to its Antelope Coal Mine. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain structural and quality information about the coal. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR part 3410 require the publication of an invitation to participate in the coal exploration in the **Federal Register**. The Federal coal resources included in the exploration license application are located in the following described lands in Wyoming:

6th Principal Meridian

- T. 40 N., R. 71 W.,
Sec. 7, lots 5 through 7 inclusive and lots 10 through 12 inclusive;
Sec. 8, lots 12 and 13;
Sec. 17, lots 1 through 3 inclusive, lots 6 through 11 inclusive, and lots 14 through 16 inclusive;
Sec. 21, lot 1, lots 7 through 10 inclusive and lot 16;
T. 41 N., R. 71 W.,
Sec. 4, lots 5, 12, and lots 13 through 20 inclusive;
Sec. 5, lots 17 and 18;
Sec. 8, lots 1 through 14 inclusive, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 9, lots 1 through 8 inclusive;
Sec. 10, lots 4 and 5;
Sec. 17, lots 1 through 16 inclusive;
Sec. 18, lots 13 through 20 inclusive;
Sec. 19, lots 4 through 19 inclusive;
Sec. 20, lots 1 through 13 inclusive;
Sec. 29, lots 4, 5, 12, and 13;
Sec. 30, lots 5 through 16 inclusive;
Sec. 31, lots 5 through 20 inclusive;
Sec. 32; lots 4 and 13;
T. 42 N., R. 71 W.,
Sec. 33; lots 8, 9, 16;
T. 41 N., R. 72 W.,
Sec. 13; lots 9 and 10;
Sec. 24; lots 9, 16; and
Sec. 25; lots 1, 8, 9, 16.

Containing 6,571.620 acres, more or less, in Campbell County and Converse County.

The proposed exploration program is fully described in, and will be conducted pursuant to, an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM.

Authority: 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1)0.

Mary E. Trautner,

Acting State Director.

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