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Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division,  
Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship  
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Homeland Security.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife  
and Plants; Enhancement of Survival  
Permit Applications; Greater Sage-  
Grouse Umbrella Candidate  
Conservation Agreement With  
Assurances for Wyoming Ranch  
Management**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request  
for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service (Service), have received  
applications for enhancement of  
survival permits (EOS permits) under  
the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as  
amended (Act), pursuant to the Greater  
Sage-grouse Umbrella Candidate  
Conservation Agreement with  
Assurances for Wyoming Ranch  
Management (Umbrella CCAA). The  
permit applications, if approved, would  
authorize incidental take associated  
with implementation of specified  
individual Candidate Conservation  
Agreements with Assurances  
(individual CCAAs) developed in  
accordance with the Umbrella CCAA.  
We invite the public to comment on the  
EOS permit applications described  
below. The Act requires that we invite  
public comment before issuing these  
permits.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please  
send your written comments by  
November 18, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** *Submitting Comments:*  
Send written comments by one of the  
following methods. Please specify the  
permit(s) you are commenting on by  
relevant number(s) (e.g., Permit No. TE-  
XXXXXX).

• *U.S. mail:* Tyler Abbott, Wyoming  
Ecological Services Field Office (ESFO),  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5353

Yellowstone Road, Suite 308A,  
Cheyenne, WY 82009.

- *Email:* [tyler\\_abbott@fws.gov](mailto:tyler_abbott@fws.gov).
- *Fax:* Tyler Abbott, (307) 772-2358.

*Reviewing Documents:* You may  
review copies of the enhancement of  
survival permit applications during  
regular business hours at the Wyoming  
ESFO (see address above). You may also  
request hard copies by telephone at  
(307) 772-2374, ext. 231, or by letter to  
the Wyoming ESFO. Please specify the  
permit(s) you are interested in by  
relevant number(s) (e.g., Permit No. TE-  
XXXXXX).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Tyler Abbott, U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
Service, (307) 772-2374, ext. 231  
(phone); [tyler\\_abbott@fws.gov](mailto:tyler_abbott@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

A Candidate Conservation Agreement  
with Assurances is an agreement with  
the Service in which private and other  
non-Federal landowners voluntarily  
agree to undertake management  
activities and conservation efforts on  
their properties to enhance, restore, or  
maintain habitat to benefit species that  
are proposed for listing under the Act,  
that are candidates for listing, or that  
may become candidates. The Service  
and several State, Federal, and local  
partners developed the Umbrella CCAA  
(available at [http://www.fws.gov/  
wyominges](http://www.fws.gov/wyominges)) to provide Wyoming  
ranchers with the opportunity to  
voluntarily conserve greater sage-grouse  
and its habitat while carrying out their  
ranching activities. The Umbrella CCAA  
was made available for public review  
and comment on February 7, 2013 (see  
78 FR 9066), and was executed by the  
Service on November 8, 2013.

Pursuant to the Umbrella CCAA,  
ranchers in Wyoming may apply for an  
EOS permit under the Act by agreeing  
to implement certain conservation  
measures for the greater sage-grouse on  
their properties. These conservation  
measures are specified in individual  
CCAAs for their properties, which are  
developed in accordance with the  
Umbrella CCAA and are subject to the  
terms and conditions stated in that  
agreement. Landowners consult with  
the Service and other participating  
agencies to develop an individual CCAA  
for their property, and submit it to the  
Service for approval with their EOS  
permit application. If we approve the  
individual CCAA and EOS permit  
application, we will issue an EOS  
permit, under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the  
Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), that  
authorizes incidental take of greater  
sage-grouse that results from activities

covered by the individual CCAA,  
should the species become listed.  
Through the Umbrella CCAA and the  
individual CCAA and EOS permit, we  
also provide assurances to participating  
landowners that, if the greater sage-  
grouse is listed, and so long as they are  
properly implementing their individual  
CCAA, we will not require any  
conservation measures with respect to  
greater sage-grouse in addition to those  
provided in the individual CCAA or  
impose additional land, water, or  
financial commitments or restrictions  
on land, water, or resource use in  
connection with the species. The EOS  
permit would become effective on the  
effective date of listing of the greater  
sage-grouse as endangered or  
threatened, and would continue through  
the end of the individual CCAA's 20-  
year term. Regulatory requirements and  
issuance criteria for EOS permits  
through a CCAA are found in 50 CFR  
17.22(d) and 17.32(d), as well as 50 CFR  
part 13.

**Applications Available for Review and  
Comment**

We invite local, State, and Federal  
agencies and the public to comment on  
the following EOS permit applications.  
The Umbrella CCAA, as well as the  
individual CCAAs submitted with the  
permit applications, are also available  
for review, subject to the requirements  
of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and  
Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C.  
552). The following applicants request  
approval of EOS permits for the greater  
sage-grouse, pursuant to the Umbrella  
CCAA, for the purpose of enhancing the  
species' survival.

*Permit Application Number*  
TE73336B-0

*Applicant:* Heward's 7E Ranch LLC,  
Carbon and Albany Counties,  
Wyoming.

*Permit Application Number*  
TE73339B-0

*Applicant:* Spring Gulch Cattle Co., Hot  
Springs County, Wyoming.

*Permit Application Number*  
TE73341B-0

*Applicant:* Garrett Ranch Co., Natrona  
County, Wyoming.

*Permit Application Number*  
TE73342B-0

*Applicant:* Madeleine S. Murdock,  
Sublette County, Wyoming.

*Permit Application Number*  
TE73343B-0

*Applicant:* William Matthew Harber,  
Sublette County, Wyoming.

Permit Application Number  
TE40463B-1

Applicant: HIP Investments LLC,  
Johnson County, Wyoming.

Permit Application Number  
TE73344B-0

Applicant: Huish Outdoors, Sublette  
County, Wyoming.

Permit Application Number  
TE73357B-0

Applicant: M and D Land Company,  
Natrona County, Wyoming.

Permit Application Number  
TE73359B-0

Applicant: Merle Jay Clark, Crook  
County, Wyoming.

Permit Application Number  
TE73361B-0

Applicant: Charles R. Firnekas, Natrona,  
Johnson, and Washakie Counties,  
Wyoming.

Permit Application Number  
TE74947B-0

Applicant: Flitner Ranch Limited  
Partnership, Big Horn County,  
Wyoming.

#### Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to these requests will become part of the public record, and will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1539(c)).

Dated: September 16, 2015.

**Michael G. Thabault,**

Assistant Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie  
Region.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### U.S. Geological Survey

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#### Opening of Nomination Period for Members of the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of opening of nomination period.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior is inviting nominations for membership on the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science. This **Federal Register** Notice opens the nomination period from the date of publication until January 15, 2016

**DATES:** Written nominations must be received by January 15, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Send nominations to: Robin O'Malley, National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 516, Reston, VA 20192, [nccwsc@usgs.gov](mailto:nccwsc@usgs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robin O'Malley, Designated Federal Officer for ACCCNRS, Policy and Partnership Coordinator, National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 516, Reston, VA 20192, [romalley@usgs.gov](mailto:romalley@usgs.gov), (703) 648-4086.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (ACCCNRS) was chartered in 2013. Twenty-five members were appointed to the committee to provide advice on matters and actions relating to the operations of the U.S. Geological Survey National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center and the Department of the Interior (DOI) Climate Science Centers. The ACCCNRS Charter can be found at: <https://nccwsc.usgs.gov/acccnrs>.

In May 2016, membership terms for several committee members will expire, creating approximately 12 membership openings. The Department of the Interior is inviting nominations for individuals to be considered for these membership openings. Only nominations in response to this notice will be considered. Existing ACCCNRS members, whose terms are expiring, must be re-nominated during this open nomination period to be considered. Self-nominations will be accepted. Nominations should include a resume

that describes the nominee's qualifications in enough detail to enable us to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Committee and to contact a potential member. Additional information will be requested from those selected for final review before appointment. Members selected for appointment may identify an alternate who can participate in their stead; names of proposed alternates need not be submitted at this time.

The Department of the Interior is soliciting members for ACCCNRS to represent the following interests: (1) State and local governments, including state membership entities; (2) Nongovernmental organizations, including those whose primary mission is professional and scientific and those whose primary mission is conservation and related scientific and advocacy activities; (3) American Indian tribes and other Native American entities; (4) Academia; (5) Landowners, businesses, and organizations representing landowners or businesses.

In 2016 and later, the Committee will meet approximately 2 times annually, and at such times as designated by the DFO. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint members to the Committee. Members appointed as special Government employees are required to file on an annual basis a confidential financial disclosure report. No individual who is currently registered as a Federal lobbyist is eligible to serve as a member of the Committee.

#### Privacy Statement

This activity is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (Public Law 92-463 Sec. 1, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770.)

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 2000E-16.

**Principal Purpose:** Information is collected for the purpose of vetting nominees and evaluating qualifications for appointments to the Federal Advisory on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (ACCCNRS.)

**Routine Use:** Personally identifiable information will be collected by secure fax, phone, or U.S. mail, will be kept in a secure location, and purged from files at the conclusion of the vetting process. Selection of committee members is made based on the FACA's requirements and the potential member's background and qualifications. Final selection is made by the president or heads of departments or agencies.

**Disclosure Is Voluntary:** If the individual does not furnish the