

Summary of Activity to be Authorized: The applicant has requested a permit to take for the purpose of public display a polar bear cub that was recovered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as an orphaned animal. Because of its young age at the time it was removed from the wild, the Service has determined that this animal cannot develop the life skills needed to survive in the wild and considers this animal non-releasable. The Zoo is applying for a permit to permanently hold this animal for the purpose of public display.

Source of Marine Mammals: Orphaned cub as described above.

Period of Activity: 5 years from date of issuance of permit, if issued. Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Office of Management Authority is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

PRT-006116

Applicant: Ina L. Johnson, Immokalee, FL.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994, by Ernest L. Johnson from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use and bequeathed to the applicant.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. 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.

Documents and other information submitted with the application 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 the above address within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: January 19, 1999.

MaryEllen Amtower,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Notice of Availability and Opening of Comment Period for an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the Delmarva Fox Squirrel in Association With Home Port on Winchester Creek Development Project, Queen Anne's County, Maryland

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of application; correction.

In the notice document 98-34673, beginning on page 72321, in the issue of Thursday, December 31, 1998, make the following correction:

On page 72322, the first full paragraph in the third column, under the heading, Background, should be replaced with the paragraph:

The EA considers the environmental consequences of four alternatives, including the proposed action, a no-action alternative, a conservation acquisition alternative, and a reduced impact alternative. The proposed action alternative is the issuance of a permit under Section 10(a) of the Act that would authorize incidental take of the DFS that may occur in the habitats of Home on Winchester Creek Development, and implementation of the HCP and IA as submitted by the Applicant. The proposed action would require the Applicant to implement their HCP. The HCP provides mitigation measures for the proposed incidental taking including habitat enhancement, permanent protection of an off-site parcel, and contribution to a trust fund. The HCP provides a funding mechanism for these mitigation measures. Under the no-action alternative, the Applicant would not develop the proposed development site in Queen Anne's County and thus avoid the take of DFS. No ITP would be deemed necessary or issued. Under the conservation acquisition alternative, the site would be acquired by a government or private conservation entity or land trust organization and would be retained in its natural state. No ITP would be deemed necessary or issued. Under the reduced impact alternative, the Service requested a number of modifications to the applicant's design plan including a shift in the location of the right-of-way entrance road away from the DFS forested edge habitat, a reduction in the

number of housing units, and relocation of some of the housing lots outside of the 150 foot conservation easement. These modifications would reduce the likelihood of take of DFS by unavoidable human disturbances as well as reducing the number of DFS killed by vehicles.

Dated: January 13, 1999.

Ronald E. Lambertson,

Regional Director, Region 5.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Application Notice Announcing the Opening Date for Transmittal of Applications Under the FGDC National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Cooperative Agreements Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program awards for Fiscal Year 1999, with performance to begin in August, 1999.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the FGDC National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Cooperative Agreements Program is to facilitate and foster partnerships and alliances within and among various public and private entities to assist in building the NSDI. The initiative to build the NSDI was launched in 1994 by Executive Order 12906 to advance the nation's capacity to develop, use, share and disseminate geospatial data. The NSDI is the term used to describe the linking together of the array of technologies, spatial data, public policies, people and institutions needed to put current and accurate geographic data into the hands of citizens and decision-makers.

The Cooperative Agreements Program funds projects focused on promoting metadata collection and creating clearinghouses of geographic data linked to the Internet, and advancing the NSDI through education.

Applications may be submitted by Federal agencies, State and local government agencies, educational institutions, private firms, private foundations, non-profit organizations, and Federally acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups. Authority for this program is contained in the Organic Act of March

3, 1879, 43 U.S.C. 31 and Executive Order 12906.

DATES: The Program Announcement and application forms for this program are expected to be available on or about February 1, 1999. Applications must be received on or before March 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of Program Announcement No. 99HQPA0005 for the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program may be obtained through the Internet at <www.usgs.gov/contracts/index.html>. Copies of the Program Announcement may also be obtained by writing to: Ms. Karen Staubs, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Federal Assistance, Mail Stop 205B, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-7372, FAX (703) 648-7901. Requests for paper copy must be in writing. Telephonic requests will not be honored.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program contact Ms. Kathleen Craig, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Federal Assistance, Mail Stop 205B, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; (703) 648-7357, fax (703) 648-7901.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program proposals are to be directed towards either of two types of effort. The first is the creation of descriptions (metadata) of 'framework' digital geospatial data sets and serving those descriptions for search and retrieval through the distributed, electronically connected network of public internet-based clearinghouses—the National Spatial Data Infrastructure National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse. The second type of effort is providing clearinghouse/metadata technical assistance to organizations to enable the documentation and serving of metadata for 'framework' data. The geographic data themes known as 'framework' data are transportation, hydrography, elevation, digital orthoimagery, government boundaries, geodetic control, and cadastral information.

Dated: January 12, 1999.

Richard E. Witmer,

Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-020-1220-00]

Sonoma-Gerlach and Paradise-Denio Management Framework Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of comment period extension.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102 (2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, notice is given that the Winnemucca Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the management of the West Arm of the Black Rock Desert, located in Humboldt, Pershing and Washoe Counties, Nevada.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: A 30 day extension to the comment period has been granted. Written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement must be postmarked by February 15, 1999.

A copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office, ATTN: Gerald Moritz, Project Manager, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available for inspection at the following additional locations: Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nevada; Humboldt County Library, Winnemucca, Nevada; Pershing County Public Library, Lovelock, Nevada; Washoe County Public Library, Reno, Nevada; Washoe County Branch Library, Gerlach, Nevada; Susanville Library District, Susanville, California; University of Nevada Library in Reno, Nevada; and the Sacramento City College Library, Sacramento. In addition, the entire document is available on the World Web at the following address: www.nv.blm.gov/Winnemucca/BlackrockEIS.htm

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerald Moritz, Project Manager at the above Winnemucca Field Office Address or telephone (702) 623-1500.

Dated: January 13, 1999.

Les W. Boni,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service

[MT-920-08-1220-00, 1617P]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for an Off-Highway Vehicle Amendment to Resource Management Plans and Forest Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior and Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service (FS), Region 1, propose to amend their respective resource management plans and forest plans in Montana, North Dakota, and portions of South Dakota. This action is necessary so managing agencies can responsibly manage the land and meet people needs. With an increase of off-highway vehicle (OHV) traffic; i.e., motorcycles, four-wheel drive vehicles, all terrain vehicles, etc., the BLM and the FS have observed the spread of noxious weeds, user conflicts, soil erosion, damage to cultural sites, and disruption of wildlife and wildlife habitat. The BLM and FS propose changing the areas currently open seasonally or yearlong to cross-country OHV use to a designation that allows for travel only on roads and trails. However, this amendment would not change most of the current limited or closed designations, or designated intensive off-road vehicle use areas. Exceptions for off-road travel will be considered in the analysis for game retrieval, camping, or disabled access. Access allowed under the terms and conditions of a federal lease or permit would not be affected by the proposal.

In the future, areas could be identified for intensive use and/or trail development. As joint lead agencies, the BLM and FS will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze the impacts of this proposal and any alternatives. Travel planning currently under consideration at individual FS and BLM offices will continue and those analyses with recent decisions will remain in place under this proposal.

DATES: Comments and recommendations on this notice should be received in writing no later than March 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to OHV Plan