

The following applicants have applied for permits 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.*).

PRT-813258

Applicant: Dr. Kirk J. Larsen, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) American burying beetles (*Nicrophorus americanus*) in northeastern Iowa, counties of Howard, Winneshiek, Allamakee, Clayton, and Fayette. Activities are proposed for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species through scientific research.

PRT-813259

Applicant: Thomas C. Erdman, Richter Museum of Natural History, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, band, and release) Peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus*) at the Little Suamico Ornithological Station, Oconto County, Wisconsin. Banding of these endangered birds is proposed for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species through scientific research.

PRT-813261

Applicant: Jan E. Riffe, National Biological Service, Upper Mississippi Science Center, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and relocate) Higgins' Eye Pearly Mussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*) in the St. Croix River, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Activities are proposed for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species in the wild through scientific research.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Ecological Service Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/725-3536 x250); (612/725-3526).

Dated: April 4, 1996.

John A. Blankenship,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

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PRT-814105

Applicant: Dr. Nicola Anthony, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect) Karner blue butterflies (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) at various locations in Wisconsin. Proposed collection activities are for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species through scientific research.

PRT-814107

Applicant: Mark C. Hove, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Higgins' eye (*Lampsilis higginsii*) and winged mapleleaf (*Quadrula fragosa*) in the St. Croix River, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Proposed activities are for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species through scientific research.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Ecological Service Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/725-3536 x250); Fax: (612/725-3526).

Dated: April 24, 1996.

John A. Blankenship,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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BILLING CODE 4310-55-M

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied 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.*):

PRT-813745

Applicant: Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Syracuse, New York

The applicant requests a permit to take (habitat management activities/emergency right-of-way maintenance procedures) Karner blue butterflies (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species as prescribed by Service recovery documents.

DATES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and must be received by the Regional Director on or before May 30, 1996.

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 the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Hadley, Massachusetts 01035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debbie Mignogno, Assistant Endangered Species Coordinator, Phone: (413) 253-8627; Fax: (413) 253-8482.

Dated: April 17, 1996.

Susan Essig,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services.

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Bureau of Land Management**[UT-930-00-1320-00; (UTU-67939)]****Notice of Coal Lease Offering By Sealed Bid****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in lands hereinafter described in Carbon County, Utah, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid of \$100.00 per acre or more to the qualified bidder submitting the highest bonus bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (41 Stat. 437). *However, no bid will be accepted for less than fair market value as determined by the authorized officer.* A company or individual is limited to *one sealed bid*. If a company or individual submits two or more sealed bids for this tract, all of the company's or individual's bids will be rejected.

DATES: The lease sale will be held in *the Bureau of Land Management Conference Room, 324 South State Street, Suite 302, Salt Lake City, Utah, at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 1996.* At that time, the sealed bids will be opened and read. *No bids received after 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 30, 1996,* will be considered.

COAL OFFERED: The coal resources to be offered consist of all recoverable reserves available in the following described lands located in Carbon County, Utah, approximately 3 miles west of Scofield, Utah, within the Manti-LaSal National Forest and are described as follows:

- T. 12 S., R. 6E., SLM, UT
 Sec. 26, S2SE, SESW;
 Sec. 34, lots 1-4, S2NE, SENW, E2SWNW, N2S2;
 Sec. 35, all.
 T. 13 S., R. 6 E., SLM, UT
 Sec. 2, all;
 Sec. 3, all;
 Sec. 10, lots 1, 2, NE, E2NW;
 Sec. 11, N2, N2S2.
 Containing 3,291.00 Acres

Two economically recoverable coal beds, the Lower O'Conner and Upper O'Conner, are found in this tract. The Lower O'Conner seam averages 9.1 feet in thickness and the Upper O'Conner seam averages 6.3 feet in thickness. This tract contains an estimated 24.1 million tons of recoverable high volatile C bituminous coal. The estimated coal quality using weighted average of samples on an as-received basis is:

	Lower O'Conner	Upper O'Conner
BTU/lb	12,756	12,627
Percent moisture ...	5.95	7.5
Percent sulphur44	.53
Percent ash	4.63	4.02
Percent fixed carbon	44.69	45.81
Percent volatile matter	44.73	42.68

RENTAL AND ROYALTY: A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rate of \$3.00 per acre and a royalty payable to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods, and 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods. The value of coal shall be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 203.200.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: Bidding instructions are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. A copy of the detailed statement and the proposed coal lease are available by mail at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, Suite 301, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111-2303 or in the Public Room (Room 400). All case file documents and written comments submitted by the public on Fair Market Value or royalty rates, except those portions identified as proprietary by the commentator and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, are available for public inspection in the Public Room (Room 400) of the Bureau of Land Management.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The unleased coal in this tract is included in the Utah Schools and Lands Improvement Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-93) as a Federal interest which the State of Utah may select to satisfy the value of the exchange of State for Federal lands authorized in the Act. In accordance with the Act, the Federal interest, i.e., the unleased coal, in this tract was offered to the State or Utah on October 20, 1993. Consummation of the exchange under the Act may, in the future, allow for the State of Utah to succeed to some or all of the United States interest in this tract.

Douglas M. Koza,

Acting State Director.

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BILLING CODE 4310-DQ-M**[OR-912-0777-52; GP6-0133]****Call for Nominations for Native American Tribal Representative to the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for a Native American tribal representative for the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council, established and authorized in 1995 by the Secretary of the Interior to provide advice and recommendations to the BLM and Forest Service on management of public lands. This is an additional vacant position to those identified in a Federal Register Notice published April 15, 1996. Public nominations will be received through May 30, 1996.

The Council, which was established in August, 1995, is made up of 15 members. The Native American tribal representative has resigned from the Council, and we are seeking nominees to replace this position for the balance of its term through August of 1997.

The Council, which covers eastern Washington, has to date identified two issues that they would like to work on with the BLM and the Forest Service: Standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management, and the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.

This council is authorized under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), which directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, Resource Advisory Council membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of public lands. These include three categories:

Category One: holders of federal grazing permits, representatives of energy and mining development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-road vehicle use and developed recreation.

Category Two: representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations, dispersed recreation, archeological and historic interests, and wild horse and burro groups.