6. There is no default under the Public Entity Agreement (as defined in the Opinion Letter) nor have events occurred which with the passage of time will result in a default under the Regulatory Agreement.

Note: All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Opinion Letter.

In Witness Whereof, the Owner has executed this Certification of Owner effective as of the date set forth above. OWNER:

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### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Office of the Assistant Secretary; Water and Science Central Utah **Project Completion Act; Uintah Unit** Replacement Project

**AGENCIES:** The Department of the Interior (Department) and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (District).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement: DES 97-7.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Department, and the District have issued a joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) on the Uintah Unit Replacement Project (Uintah Unit). The Draft EIS consists of a proposed action and alternatives to construct a combination of features that will develop water supplies for the Uintah Unit of the Central Utah Project in the Uinta Basin of northeastern Utah. The Draft EIS evaluates the environmental impacts of water storage reservoirs, improved diversion and distribution of water, water conservation, stabilization of high mountain lakes, instream flows, fish and wildlife mitigation and enhancement, recreation developments and land

There is a need to manage the water supply within the Uintah Unit to develop resources of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, provide early and late season irrigation water, and provide water and facilities for environmental and recreation purposes. The proposed action and alternatives seek to meet

these needs by providing storage, improved distribution of water, water conservation, instream flows, fish and wildlife enhancements, and recreation developments.

Public participation has occurred throughout the EIS process. A Notice of Intent was filed in the Federal Register on December 31, 1992. Since that time, open houses, public meetings, and mailouts have been conducted to solicit comments and ideas. Any comments received throughout the process have been considered.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Draft EIS must be submitted or postmarked no later than April 29, 1997. Comments on the Draft EIS may also be presented verbally or submitted in writing at the public hearings to be held at the following times and locations:

- Tuesday, April 1, 1997, 1:00 p.m., Ute Tribal Auditorium, Tribal Headquarters, Fort Duchesne, Utah.
- Tuesday, April 1, 1997, 6:00 p.m., Union High School Auditorium, 135 North Union, Roosevelt, Utah.
- Wednesday April 2, 1997, 6:00 p.m., Salt Lake County Commission Chambers, Room N1101, 2001 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The public hearings are being held to address the Draft EIS for the proposed Uintah Unit Replacement Project. In order to be included as part of the hearing record, written testimony must be submitted at the time of the hearing. Verbal testimony will be limited to 5 minutes. Those wishing to give testimony at a hearing should submit a registration form, included at the end of the Draft EIS, to the address listed below by, March 25, 1997.

**ADDRESS:** Comments on the Draft EIS should be addressed to: Terry Holzworth, Project Manager, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, 355 West 1300 South, Orem, Utah 84058.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Additional copies of the Draft EIS, copies of the resources technical reports, Draft Feasibility Study, or information on matters related to this notice can be obtained on request from: Ms. Nancy Hardman, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, 355 West 1300 South, Orem, Utah 84058, Telephone: (801) 226-7187, Fax: (801) 226-7150. Copies are also available for

inspection at:

Central Utah Water Conservancy District, 355 West 1300 South, Orem, Utah 84058

Department of the Interior, Natural Resource Library, Serials Branch, 18th and C Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240

Department of the Interior, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606 Bureau of Indian Affairs, Uintah and Ouray Agency, 988 South 7500 East, Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026.

Dated: February 21, 1997.

Ronald Johnston

CUPCA Program Director, Department of the Interior.

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#### Fish and Wildlife Service

## Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

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-824747.

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import one female captive born Pink pigeon (Columba mayeri) from Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust for the purpose of enhancement of the species through propagation.

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Ecological Services, Pierre, SD.

The applicant requests a permit to export 5 pairs Black-footed ferret (Mustela nigripies) carcasses to National Museums of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research.

PRT-825316.

Applicant: Wildlife Waystation, San Fernando, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import one female captive-born tiger (Panthera tigris) from the Irish Seal Sanctuary, Garristown, Ireland, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through conservation education.

PRT-678845.

Applicant: Mesa Garden, Belen, NM.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to export and sell in interstate and foreign commerce artificially propagated seeds and whole plants of tobusch fishhook cactus (Anicistocactus tobuschi syn. Sclerocactus brevihamatus), Nellie's cory cactus (Coryphania (=Escobaria) minima), Sneed pincushion cactus (Corypantha (=Escobaria) sneedii var. Sneedii),

Kuenzler hedgehog cactus (Echinocereus fendleri var. Kuenzleri), Lloyd's hedgehog cactus (Echinocereus lloydii), black lace cactus (Echinocereus reichenbachii var. Albertii), Arizona hedgehog cactus (Echinocereus triglochidiatus var. arizonicus), Davis green pitaya (Echinocereus viridiflorus var. Davisii), Brady's pincushion cactus (Pediocactus bradyi), Knowlton's cactus (Pediocactus knowltonii), Peebles navajo (Pediocactus Peeblesianus var. Peeblesianus), Wright's fishhook cactus (Sclerocactus wrightiae), San Rafael cactus (Pediocactus dispainii), for the purpose of enhancement of propagation. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this

publication.

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) was/were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

PRT-824699.

Applicant: Luther College, Decorah, IA.

Type of Permit: Import for public

Name and Number of Animals: Polar Bear (*Ursus maritimus*), 1.

Summary of Activity to be Authorized: The applicant has requested a permit to import for the purpose of public display one polar bear skull found and salvaged by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in 1985, and now surplus to their needs.

Source of Marine Mammals for Research/Public Display: Canada. Period of Activity: Up to five years from issuance of a 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.

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 430, 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 hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

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 at the above address.

Dated: February 21, 1997. Caroline Anderson, Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of

Management Authority.

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# **Bureau of Land Management** [NV-930-1430-00; Nev-016070]

## Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Classification; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice terminates R&PP Classification Nev-016070. The termination of this classification is for record-clearing purposes. The subject lands will remain segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for the overlapping classification for a non-competitive FLPMA sale to the City of Henderson. The patent, when issued, will convey the surface and federal mineral interest except for oil and gas.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Termination of the classification is effective upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon DiPinto, BLM Las Vegas District Office, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108, 702-647-5062

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 15, 1965, R&PP Lease Nev-016070 was issued to the City of Henderson for landfill purposes. The site is no longer being used for landfill purposes and is in the process of being permanently closed. Sale of the land to the City of Henderson is in direct relation to the costs to be incurred for the remediation and closure of the site. Pursuant to the R&PP Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et

seq.), the regulation contained in 43 CFR 2091.7-1, and the authority delegated by Appendix 1 of the Bureau of Land Management Manual 1203, R&PP Classification Nev-016070 is hereby terminated in its entirety for the following described land:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 21 S., R. 63 E.,

Sec. 28, S1/2NW1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4,

Sec. 29, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

Containing 140 acres.

Dated: February 19, 1997.

Michael F. Dwyer,

District Manager, Las Vegas, NV.

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### [OR-095-07-6310-04: G7-0093]

## **Emergency Closure of Public Lands;** Lane County, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Emergency closure of public lands and access roads in Lane County, Oregon.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that certain public lands and access roads in Lane County, Oregon are temporarily closed to motor vehicle operation and shooting, from February 7, 1997 through September 30, 1997. This closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. The public lands affected by this emergency closure are specifically identified as follows:

Willamette Meridian, Oregon T. 19 S., R. 5 W.,

Sec. 5: N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

All roads on the public lands listed above are closed as specified above, including specifically BLM Roads Nos. 18-5-31, 19-5-5, 19-5-5.1, 19-5-5.2 and 19-5-5.3.

The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this closure order: Bureau employees; state, local and federal law enforcement and fire protection personnel; the holders of BLM road use permits that include roads within the closure area; the purchaser of BLM timber within the closure area and its employees and subcontractors. Access by additional parties may be allowed, but must be approved in advance in writing by the Authorized Officer.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, which include a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months,