

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received by April 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Division of Recovery, Planning and Permits, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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-009303

Applicant: Keith Brewer, Stateline, NV

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-009306

Applicant: Marc Cheramie, Golden Meadow, LA

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus*

dorcas) 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.

PRT-009421

Applicant: Steven J. Ennis, Tullahoma, TN

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-009420

Applicant: Jordan E. Ennis, Tullahoma, TN

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-007657

Applicant: Clint Heiber, Red Bluff, CA

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy on one male straight-horned markhor (*Capra falconeri jerdoni*) from the Torghar Hills, Baluchistan Province, Pakistan for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-005736

Applicant: The Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo/Wildlife Conservation Park, Bronx, New York

The applicant requests a permit to import four male and six female proboscis monkeys (*Nasalis larvatus*) from the Surabaya Zoo, Surabaya, Java, Indonesia. These animals were captive born at the zoo or rescued from a recent forest fire. The import is for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through the development of a cooperative breeding program.

PRT-006843

Applicant: Richard Ayres, Anaheim Hills, CA

The applicant requests a permit to conduct the interstate commerce of two male and three female radiated tortoises (*Geochelone radiata*) from Wayne Hill, Winterhaven, FL for the purpose of cooperative breeding for enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-008967

Applicant: Brian Reichart, Frankton, IN

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-008968

Applicant: Walter A. Oleniowski, Silver Spring, MD

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-008969

Applicant: John R. Garland, Round Lake, IL

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-008961

Applicant: Tom E. Smith, Salisbury, NC

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-008875

Applicant: Bradley W. Nicholson, Pearisburg, VA

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-008656

Applicant: Robert W. Landis, Fountain City, IN

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-008747

Applicant: John L. Estes, Dallas, TX

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

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 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, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: March 22, 1999.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-020-034-1010-00]

Closure of Public Land to Camping in Yavapai County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure of public lands to camping.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following described lands are temporarily closed until further notice for camping for the protection of public health and safety under the provisions of 43 CFR 8364.1. The closure will remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the Phoenix Field Manager.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 12 N., R. 1 E.,

Sec. 23, Lot 3, MS 3991, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This order is effective March 16, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public lands involved (approximately 94 acres) are adjacent to areas of expanding urban development. Unregulated and extended overnight camping use is not consistent with the orderly growth of the communities and presents health and safety problems.

ORDER: Notice is hereby given that effective the date of signature by the authorized officer of this notice the above disposal lands are closed to camping until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael A. Taylor, Field Manager, Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027, (602) 580-5500.

Dated: March 16, 1999.

Michael A. Taylor,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-952-1010-00-EAA1]

Order—Vehicle Route Closure in Lawrence County, SD

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of vehicle route closures.

SUMMARY: A portion of contiguous vehicle routes on Federal public lands in the vicinity of the Belle Eldridge Mine, east of Deadwood, South Dakota, are being closed to all motorized and mechanized (bicycles, etc.) vehicular traffic, and foot access, except as noted below, under the provisions of 43 CFR 8364.1. These closures are being initiated to protect the public from heavy metals contamination as well as physical hazards at the mine site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The closures are within a portion of:

Legal Description

Black Hills Principal Meridian

T. 5 N., R. 3 E.,
Sec. 25, NW $\frac{1}{4}$,

Lawrence County, South Dakota.

and include the following routes within this legal description:

(1) The route in Spruce Gulch beginning 1.0 miles upstream from the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Sampson Street within the city of Deadwood, South Dakota, to the intersection of the Spruce Gulch road and the East Spruce Gulch road, for 0.2 miles, then continuing up Spruce Gulch to the point where the Spruce Gulch road crosses the Spruce Gulch stream, for 0.05 miles, and also from the intersection of the Spruce Gulch road and the East Spruce Gulch road, continuing up East Spruce Gulch road, for a distance of 0.2 miles.

These routes are being closed to all motorized and mechanized vehicles with the following exceptions:

1. Law enforcement and other emergency personnel while engaged in emergency operations and official duties.

2. BLM employees while engaged in approved official duties.

3. Contractors, cooperating entities, and regulators involved in approved reclamation actions designed to restore the Belle Eldridge Mine site.

4. Individuals or other entities, and their agents, having ownership of lands necessitating passage through the closed road, who apply for an exception and whose need for access is found to be legitimate.

Failure to comply with this closure may result in a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, or both, in accordance with 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

These closures are being initiated to protect the public from heavy metals contamination as well as physical hazards at the mine site.

A Removal Site Evaluation (RSE) and Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis Report (EECA) for the Belle Eldridge Mine, addressing the closure and other activities, is available for inspection at the address listed below.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The closures will be effective upon posting and closure of the route(s) by the Authorized Officer. The closure will be in effect until completion of the rehabilitation of the Belle Eldridge Mine site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles A. Berdan, South Dakota Field Office, Acting Field Manager, or Russell Pigors, Natural Resource Specialist, 310 Roundup Street, Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717, telephone (605) 892-2526.

Dated: March 10, 1999.

Charles A. Berdan,

Acting South Dakota Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-932-1410-00; AA-6649 and AA-6689]

Public Land Order No. 7380; Withdrawal of Public Lands for Atka Village Selection and Pauloff Harbor Village Selection; Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws approximately 26,579.51 acres of public lands located within the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge or the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining and mineral leasing laws, pursuant to section 22(j)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. This action reserves 13,968.61 acres of the lands for selection by the Atxam Corporation, the village corporation for