

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-009261

*Applicant:* Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

The applicant requests a permit to import DNA samples of mantled howler monkeys (*Alouatta palliata*) from Costa Rica. Samples were collected from animals as part of a study on wild populations authorized by the Government of Costa Rica. This notice covers activities conducted by the applicant for a period of five years.

PRT-843425

*Applicant:* Nashville Zoo, Joelton, TN

The applicant requests a permit to export two captive born White tigers (*Panthera tigris*) to the Cango Wildlife Ranch, Oudtshoorn, South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through conservation education.

PRT-008720

*Applicant:* Steig Johnson, Berkeley, CA

The applicant requests a permit in affiliation with the University of Texas, to import blood and hair samples from Brown lemurs (*Eulemur fulvus*) collected in the wild in Madagascar, for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-009565

*Applicant:* Fort Worth Zoological Gardens, Fort Worth, TX

The applicant requests a permit to import one male and one female captive-born Indochinese tigers (*Panthera tigris corbetti*) from the Singapore Zoological Gardens, Singapore for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation.

PRT-009590

*Applicant:* Indianapolis Zoological Society, Inc., Indianapolis, IN

The applicant requests a permit to import two wild and two captive-bred Grand Cayman ground iguana (*Cyclura nubila lewisi*) from the National Trust for the Cayman Islands, Cayman Islands, British West Indies for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation.

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 700, 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 applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications 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-835367

*Applicant:* Joseph Cavallaro, Frankford, WV

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-009656

*Applicant:* Daniel L. Heyne, Coldwater, OH

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

PRT-009133

*Applicant:* John J. Jackson III, Metairie, LA

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 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: March 26, 1999.

**MaryEllen Amtower,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Study

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of report and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the *Ballast Exchange Study: Consideration of Back-Up Exchange Zones and Environmental Effects of Ballast Exchange and Ballast Release* and requests comments as to its scientific and technical accuracy and completeness. In addition, comments are requested on whether the ballast exchange study on which the report is based can be adopted as fulfilling the requirements of section 1102(a)(1) of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

**DATES:** Comments on the Report and whether the Ballast Exchange Study requirements of the Act have been met are requested by May 3, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Report can be obtained from the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 851, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622. Comments should be sent to the same address..

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert A. Peoples, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703-358-2025 or by e-mail at: robert\_peoples@fws.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1102(a)(1) of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4712(a)(1)) directs the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force established by that statute to conduct a Ballast Exchange Study. The purposes of the Study are to (1) assess the environmental effects of ballast water exchange on the diversity and abundance of native species in U.S. waters and (2) identify areas in U.S. waters and the Exclusive Economic Zone where ballast exchange is not likely to result in new infestations of nonindigenous species nor spread aquatic nuisance species.

In 1993, scientists with extensive experience studying biological invasions, including ballast water, proposed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that those agencies fund a ballast exchange study. Although both agencies are represented on the ANS Task Force and Task Force staff were aware of the proposal, the

ANS Task Force did not commission the study. The principal investigators assembled a team of biological invasion scientists and physical oceanographers to conduct a study and submitted their report to the ANS Task Force and NOAA in November 1998. Both EPA and NOAA have accepted the report and authorized its release.

The ANS Task Force is now considering whether to adopt this volunteered study as fulfilling its responsibilities under section 1102(a)(1) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 4712(a)(1)). A key factor in those deliberations is the scientific and technical accuracy and completeness of the November 1998 report of the volunteered study.

Dated: March 26, 1999.

**Hannibal Bolton,**

*Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Acting Assistant Director—Fisheries.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[OR-125-08-1430-00; GP9.-0148 ; OR 53620]

**Notice of Realty Action: Direct Sale of Public Land in Coos County, Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Correction notice.

**SUMMARY:** In **Federal Register**, Volume 63, Page 70419, Number 244 of Monday, December 21, 1998, Notices, under the **SUMMARY** heading, add the following paragraph: The mineral interest being offered for conveyance have no known mineral values and may be conveyed simultaneously, in accordance with Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. Acceptance of the direct sale offer will qualify the purchaser to make application for conveyance of those mineral interests. Purchasers must submit a non refundable \$50.00 filing fee for the conveyance of the mineral estate upon request by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: March 23, 1999.

**Sue E. Richardson,**

*District Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[OR-030-09-1220-04:GP9-0129]

**Notice of Special Recreation Permit Requirements, Wallowa/Grande Ronde Rivers**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior, Vale District Baker Resource Area.

**ACTION:** Notice of Special Recreation Permit Requirements, Wallowa/Grande Ronde Rivers, Oregon and Washington.

**SUMMARY:** Withdrawn.

**Additional Information**

**Federal Register** Notice #OR-030-09-1220-04:GP9-0996 (64 FR 9347, Feb. 25, 1999), is withdrawn. New regulations regarding the permit system for the Wallowa/Grande Ronde Rivers will be forthcoming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Baker Resource Area, 3165 10th St., Baker City, Oregon 97814, Telephone (541) 523-1256.

**Penelope J. Woods,**

*Baker Resource Area Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[AZ-930-1430-01; AZA-30820]

**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal; Arizona**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; Correction.

**SUMMARY:** In a notice published in the **Federal Register** December 14, 1998, the Secretary of the Interior proposed to withdraw approximately 605,350 acres of Federal lands and minerals to protect the native biodiversity and the ecological richness of the Shivwits Plateau area in northwestern Arizona. The document contained five legal description errors.

In the **Federal Register** issue of December 14, 1998, in FR Doc. 98-33046: (1) On page 68789, in the ninth line, add (Private Surface). (2) On page 68789, in the thirteenth line, change the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  to read: Sec. 10, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 600.00 acres. (3) On page 68790, in the forty second line, change S $\frac{1}{4}$  to S $\frac{1}{2}$  to read: Sec. 5, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ; (Non-Federal Subsurface) 633.84 acres. (4) On page 68792, in the fifteenth

line from the bottom, add E $\frac{1}{2}$  to read: Sec. 29, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ; (Non-Federal Surface and Federal Subsurface) 180.10 acres. (5) On page 68794, in the third line from the bottom, add NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  to read: Sec. 2, lot 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; (State Surface and Subsurface) 237.42 acres.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Roger G. Taylor, Field Manager, Arizona Strip Field Office, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790, (435) 688-3200.

Dated: February 16, 1999.

**Roger G. Taylor,**

*Arizona Strip Field Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Minerals Management Service**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, MMS invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposal to extend the currently approved collection of information discussed below. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by May 3, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments and suggestions directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB Control Number 1010-0118), 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Send a copy of your comments to the Minerals Management Service, Attention: Anne Ewell, Mail Stop 4024, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions concerning the electronic spreadsheets, please contact Larry Barker, Division of Verification, telephone (303) 231-3157, FAX (303)