

mitigation site along Cache Creek in Yolo County. Additionally, Teichert will achieve a 2:1 mitigation ratio, consistent with Service mitigation guidelines, by designating, maintaining, and monitoring 22 elderberry replacement seedlings with associated native plants. The habitat at the mitigation site is contiguous with a large habitat block along Cache Creek that is known to support the beetle, and is likely to be able to support this species on a long-term basis. Additional information on the mitigation site is included in the Habitat Conservation Plan.

The proposed action addressed in the Environmental Assessment is the issuance of a permit by the Service to allow the incidental take of beetles incidental to the Esparto Mining Project. The Environmental Assessment focuses on the potential impacts on the beetle that may result from issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit and implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan. Impacts on other resources (geology, hydrology, cultural resources, land use and socioeconomics, traffic, air quality, and noise) are discussed in detail in the Environmental Impact Report for the Esparto Mining Project and are summarized in this Environmental Assessment. The mining project would be able to proceed and would have similar environmental impacts to resources other than beetles regardless of whether the incidental take permit is issued. The Proposed Action would result in cumulatively significant impacts to beetles, but these impacts would be fully offset through the mitigation measures described above.

Two alternatives were considered in the Environmental Assessment: the proposed action of issuance of an incidental take permit and a no action alternative. In the no action alternative, no incidental take permit would be issued and the elderberry shrubs would be avoided during mining operations. No off-site alternatives were considered in the Environmental Assessment because Yolo County has already approved the Esparto Mining Project and Phase I mining has already commenced.

All interested agencies, organizations, and individuals are urged to provide comments on the permit application and Environmental Assessment. All comments received by the closing date will be considered in finalizing National Environmental Policy Act compliance and permit issuance or denial. The Service will publish a record on its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 27, 1999.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On July 8, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 130, Page 36890, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by John F. Babler, Mahtomedi, MN for a permit (PRT-014002) to import one polar bear (*Ursu maritimus*) trophy taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on August 16, 1999, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On May 13, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 92, Page 25898, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Joseph R. Zbyski, Englewood, CO, for a permit (PRT-011393) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on August 16, 1999, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: October 1, 1999.

Kristen Nelson,

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

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NN-930-08-1040-00]

Availability of Four Draft Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan Environmental Impact Statements (DEISs) and Possible Resource Management Plan Amendments (RMPAs)

The Four documents are for:

- (1) The Taos Field Office,
- (2) The Farmington Field Office,
- (3) The Rio Puerco Area of the Albuquerque Field Office, and
- (4) The Mimbres Area of the Las Cruces Field Office.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability, public open house and public hearing schedule.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of four Draft Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan Environmental Impact Statements (DEISs) and Possible Resource Management Plan Amendments (RMPAs). The four documents are for Taos Field Office, Farmington Field Office, the Rio Puerco Area of the Albuquerque Field Office and the Mimbres Area of the Las Cruces Field Office. The draft documents analyzed the effects of the three alternatives in each of the four documents. The alternatives analyze different methods for restoring and protecting riparian habitats under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management. We would very much appreciate your review and submission of comments on the Drafts so that we can include your contributions in the preparation of the Finals of these four documents. The alternative selected for implementation following review and analysis of comments received on the Draft EIS will be described as the Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan in each of the respective Final EISs.

If an alternative is selected that requires the amendment of the respective Resource Management Plans these Draft documents would be used to satisfy the RMPA requirement. To that end the public comment period is

scheduled for ninety (90) days, which is the minimum required for an RMPA process. At the end of this process, if an alternative is selected that requires it, the BLM plans to amend the RMPs for which they apply. The ninety (90) day public comment period starts October 15, 1999 and ends on January 12, 2000 for the four draft documents.

Notice is also given that public open houses and public hearings will be held for the four documents. The open houses will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with BLM staff present to discuss and answer questions. The open houses will be held one hour before the start of each of the public hearings. The public hearings will be held beginning at 7:00 pm and will continue until those signed up to speak have had an opportunity to do so. The public hearings are held to seek public comment on the adequacy of the four Draft documents including alternatives and the impacts of those alternatives.

DATES: Open houses and public hearings are scheduled as follows:

November 15, 1999 at the BLM Taos Field Office, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM, Open House 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Public Hearing begin at 7:00 p.m. for the Draft Taos Field Office Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Possible Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA).

November 16, 1999 at Civic Center, 200 West Arrington, Farmington, NM., Open House 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Public Hearing begin at 7:00 pm. for the Draft Farmington Field Office Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Possible Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA).

November 17, 1999 at Cuba High School, 50 County Road 13, Cuba, NM., Open House 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Public Hearing begin at 7:00 pm. for the Draft Albuquerque Field Office Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Possible Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA).

November 18, 1999 at the BLM Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montano NE, Albuquerque, NM., Open House 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Public Hearing begin at 7:00 p.m. for the Draft Albuquerque Field Office Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Possible Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA).

November 22, 1999 at the Lordsburg Civic Center, 313 East 4th Street, Lordsburg, NM, Open House 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Public Hearing begin at 7:00 p.m. for the Draft Las Cruces Field Office Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Possible Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA).

November 23, 1999 at Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, NM, Open House 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Public Hearing begin at 7:00 p.m. for the Draft Las Cruces Field Office Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Possible Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA).

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the Draft documents should be sent as follows:

Comment on the Draft Taos Field Office Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan and Possible RMP Amendment should be sent to: Taos Field Office, Taos HMP/EIS/RMPA Team Leader, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM 87571-5983.

Comment on the Draft Farmington Field Office Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan and Possible RMP Amendment should be sent to: Farmington Field Office, Farmington HMP/EIS/RMPA Team Leader, 1235 La Plata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401-1808.

Comment on the Draft Albuquerque Field Office Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan and Possible RMP Amendment should be sent to: Albuquerque Field Office, Rio Puerco HMP/EIS/RMPA Team Leader, 435 Montano Road, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107-4935.

Comment on the Draft Las Cruces Field Office Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan and Possible RMP Amendment should be sent to: Las Cruces Field Office, Mimbres HMP/EIS/RMPA Team Leader, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005-3371.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (8:00 am to 4:30 pm) Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS and possible RMPA. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comments.

Such request will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

(1) Taos Field Office—Pam Herrera—505-751-4705.

(2) Farmington Field Office—Bob Moore—505-599-6311.

(3) Albuquerque Field Office—Jim Silva—505-761-8901.

(4) Las Cruces Field Office—Bill Merhege—505-525-4369.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The four Draft Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statements and Possible RMP Amendments are being prepared to provide comprehensive riparian and aquatic management guidance for restoring and protecting riparian habitat under BLM jurisdiction.

Dated: September 30, 1999.

Carsten F. Goff,

Acting State Director.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-269-270 (Review) and 731-TA-311-317 and 379-380 (Review)]

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AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Revised schedule for the subject five-year reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 28, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jonathan Seiger (202-205-3183), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective July 12, 1999, the Commission