

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 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.

Dated: January 10, 2000.

Kristen Nelson,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Permits Issued

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of incidental take permits issued in 1999.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3, has taken the following action with regard to permit applications duly received in accordance with section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1539, *et seq.*). Each permit listed as issued was granted only after it was determined that it was applied for in good faith, that by granting the permit it will not be to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and that it was consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

TE-006295 Town of Rome, Wisconsin

On January 12, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 64, No. 7, that an application was filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Town of Rome, Wisconsin, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended, endangered Karner blue butterflies (*Lycaeides*

melissa samuelis) pursuant to a Habitat Conservation Plan for road reconstruction activities.

Notice is hereby given that on April 14, 1999, the Service issued a permit (TE-006295), as authorized by the provisions of the Act, to the Town of Rome subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

TE-010064 State of Wisconsin

On April 14, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 64, No. 71, pp. 18440-18442, that an application was filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended, endangered Karner blue butterflies (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) in the State of Wisconsin in accordance with a multi-party Statewide Habitat Conservation Plan. The Department of Natural Resources was one of 26 partners to the HCP. This single-species HCP was developed for multiple land uses and required development of an Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Following public input on the draft Environmental Impact Statement and permit application, the Service made a decision to issue an incidental take permit. The Record of Decision describing the Service's rationale was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 64, No. 191, pp. 53683-53686. The Record of Decision fully describes the Service's decision making process and determination to issue an incidental take permit to the Department of Natural Resources.

Notice is hereby given that on September 27, 1999, as authorized by the provisions of the Act, the Service issued a permit (TE-010064) to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources, and 25 Parties, subject to certain conditions set forth in the permit and Implementing Agreement for the HCP.

TE-016724 Cinergy Corporation, Gibson County, Indiana

On September 2, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 64, No. 170, p. 48189-48190, that an application was filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Cinergy Corporation, Gibson County, Indiana, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended, endangered Interior least terns (*Sterna antillarum*)

pursuant to a Habitat Conservation Plan for operation of Cinergy's Gibson Generating Facility.

Notice is hereby given that on December 21, 1999, the Service issued a permit (TE-016724), as authorized by the provisions of the Act, to Cinergy Corporation subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Each of the above referenced permits was granted only after the Service determined that it was applied for in good faith, that granting the permit would not be to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and that the permit was consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act, as amended.

Additional information on any of these permit actions may be requested by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 612/713-5350, between the hours of 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, weekdays, or by writing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056.

Dated: January 6, 2000.

T.J. Miller,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-78762]

Utah-Notice of Invitation to Participate in Coal Exploration Program; Energy West Mining Co. Rilda Canyon, Right Fork

Energy West Mining Company is inviting all qualified parties to participate in its proposed exploration of certain Federal coal deposits in the following described lands in Emery County, Utah:

T. 16 S., R. 6E., SLM, UT
Sec. 24, SE.

T. 16 S., R. 7E., SLM, UT
Sec. 19, lots 3. 4.

Containing 205.61 acres.

Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice of such election to the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, PO Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155, and to Charles Semborski, Energy West Mining Company, 15 North Main Street, Huntington, Utah 84528. Such written notice must be received within thirty

days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any party wishing to participate in this exploration program must be qualified to hold a lease under the provisions of 43 CFR 3472.1 and must share all cost on a pro rata basis. An exploration plan submitted by Energy West Mining Company, detailing the scope and timing of this exploration program, is available for public review during normal business hours in the public room of the BLM State Office, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, under serial number UTU-78762.

Douglas M. Koza,

Deputy State Director, Natural Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-045-1610-00]

Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan for Zion National Park Incorporating a Land Use Plan Amendment for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) St. George Field Office Resource Management Plan; Correction

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; correction.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), St. George Field Office, Utah published in the December 23, 1999 issue of the **Federal Register**, a Notice of Availability for a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan for Zion National Park incorporating a Land Use Plan Amendment for the BLM St. George Field Office Resource Management Plan. As published, the notice contains the following errors: (1) The notice inadvertently omitted the inclusion of the river segment Shunes Creek; (2) An incorrect starting time for the public meetings; and (3) An incorrect street address for the January 12, 2000 public meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Crisp, BLM St. George Field Office Manager, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790; Phone: (435) 688-3201.

Corrections

In the **Federal Register** issue of December 23, 1999 (Volume 64, Number 246), FR Doc. 99-33287, on page 72098:

(1) Under the "Supplementary Information" caption, correct the third sentence to include the river segment Shunes Creek (T. 42 S., R. 10 W., SLM, Utah);

(2) Under the "Dates" caption, correct the public meeting time to read: "All meetings will run from 6:30-10 p.m."; and

(3) Under the "Dates" caption, correct the street address for the January 12, 2000 public meeting to read "345 E. Riverside Drive".

Sally Wisely,

State Director, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-930-1430-ET; NMNM 102308]

Public Land Order No. 7427; Withdrawal of Public Lands and Federal Minerals for the Carlsbad Cave and Karst Area; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 8,470.59 acres of public lands from surface entry, mining, and mineral leasing and 480 acres of federally reserved mineral interests underlying non-Federal surface estate from mining and mineral leasing, for a period of 20 years, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the Carlsbad Cave and Karst Area. An additional 8,198.72 acres of State lands would become subject to the withdrawal if acquired by the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clarence Hougland, BLM New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502, 505-438-7593.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), and from leasing under the mineral leasing laws (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.* and 30 U.S.C. 351 *et seq.* (1994)), to protect the Carlsbad Cave and Karst Area:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 24 S., R. 23 E.,

Sec. 24;
Sec. 34, E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 35, N $\frac{1}{2}$.
T. 24 S., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 14, N $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 15, N $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 18, lots 3, and 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 24 S., R. 25 E.,
Sec. 11, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 13, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 14, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 22;
Sec. 23, N $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 25, N $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 26, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 24 S., R. 26 E.,
Sec. 17, lot 1, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (lying West of Highway No. 180);
Sec. 18, lots 1, 2, and 4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 19, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ (lying West of Highway No. 180).

The areas described aggregate 8,970.59 acres in Eddy County.

2. Subject to valid existing rights, the federally reserved mineral interests in the following described lands are hereby withdrawn from mining under the United States mining laws, (30 U.S.C. Ch.2 (1994)), and from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.* (1994)), for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the Carlsbad Cave and Karst Area:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 24 S., R. 23 E.,
Sec. 33, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 34, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 480 acres in Eddy County.

3. The following described State lands are located within the Carlsbad Cave and Karst Area. In the event the lands return to Federal ownership, they would become subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal as specified in Paragraph 1:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 24 S., R. 23 E.,
Sec. 22, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Secs. 26 and 27;
Sec. 28, E $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 33, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 24 S., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 12, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Secs. 13 and 16.
T. 24 S., R. 25 E.
Sec. 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 8, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 9, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 10, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 15, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;