

31 INCIDENTAL TAKE PERMITS ISSUED

Permittee	Permit No.	Date of issuance
Adams (TX) HT	TE-021226-0	04/10/00
Walters (TX) HT	TE-021659-0	04/27/00
Ehrler (TX) HT	TE-021561-0	04/27/00
Sanchez (TX) HT	TE-021792-0	04/27/00
White/Cornerstone (TX) HT	TE-021793-0	04/27/00
Hughes (TX) HT	TE-021532-0	05/10/00
Cook (TX) HT	TE-023593-0	05/19/00
Hanks/Sims (TX) HT	TE-024872-0	06/09/00
Tilley (TX) HT	TE-023965-0	06/09/00
Schuelke (TX) HT	TE-023822-0	06/14/00
Comanche Canyon (TX) GCW/karst	TE-004683-0	07/17/00
The Crossings (TX) GCW	TE-024619-0	07/27/00
Manferd (TX) HT	TE-025655-0	07/28/00
Pettit (TX) HT	TE-025656-0	07/28/00
White #2 (TX) HT	TE-026687-0	07/28/00
Berger (TX) HT	TE-027260-0	07/28/00
Cooper (TX) HT	TE-027163-0	07/28/00
Hyatt (TX) HT	TE-025653-0	07/28/00
Cantrell (TX) HT	TE-025654-0	07/28/00
Mixon (TX) HT	TE-027746-0	08/17/00
Bush (TX) HT	TE-029608-0	08/31/00
Decker (TX) HT	TE-028087-0	09/18/00
Russo (TX) HT	TE-029605-0	09/18/00
Rush (TX) HT	TE-024949-0	09/18/00
Miles (TX) HT	TE-029947-0	09/18/00
Broussard (TX) HT	TE-029946-0	09/18/00
Arizona Dept of Trans (AZ) SHA	TE-026887-0	09/28/00
Luth/Lake of the Woods (TX) HT	TE-026887-0	09/28/00
46—Subdivisions LOW (TX) HT	TE-025965-0	¹ 08/28/00
46—Subdivisions MEDIUM (TX) HT	TE-025997-0	¹ 08/28/00
Ludwig	TE-025997-0-1	09/15/00
MacLeod	TE-025997-0-9	09/15/00

¹ Approved.

TWO ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT

Permittee	Permit No.	Date of amendment
Lopez/Johnson	TE-024873-0	07/17/00
Baldwin Ranch	TE-003593-0	08/21/00

Nancy M. Kaufman,

Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

[FR Doc. 00-28085 Filed 11-1-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-55-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit****Endangered Species**

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-034780

Applicant: University of Georgia/Institute of Ecology, Athens, GA.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from bali starling (*Leucopsar rothschildi*) born in captivity at Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, Jersey, Channel Islands for the purpose of enhancement of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

PRT-035097

Applicant: Saint Louis Zoo, St. Louis, MO.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild and captive born sportive lemur (*Lepilemur mustelinus*), woolly lemur (*Avahi laniger*), indri (*Indri indri*), diademed sifaka (*Propithecus diadema diadema*), black and white ruffed lemur

(*Varecia variegata variegata*), aye aye (*Daubentonia madagascariensis*), brown mouse lemur (*Microcebus rufus*), white-fronted brown lemur (*Eulemur fulvus albifrons*), lesser bamboo lemur (*Hapalemur griseus griseus*), greater dwarf lemur (*Cheirogealeus major*) from Reserve Naturelle Integrale No.1, Parc Zoologique de Ivoloia, and Parc Botanique et Zoologique de Tsimbazaza in Madagascar for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

PRT-034309

Applicant: Rare Feline Breeding Center, Center Hill, FL.

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import captive-born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United

States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife has information collection approval from OMB through February 28, 2001. OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

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: October 27, 2000.

Charlie Chandler,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

[FR Doc. 00-28086 Filed 11-01-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-55-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Application for a Road Project in the City of Highland, San Bernardino County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of application.

SUMMARY: The City of Highland, California (the Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The Service proposes to issue a 5-year

permit to the Applicant that would authorize take of the endangered San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) incidental to otherwise lawful activities. Such take would occur during the construction of new roadway surfaces, sidewalks, pedestrian walkways, and storm drains. Project construction would be performed by the Metropolitan Water District during construction of their Inland Feeder Project across Boulder Avenue and Base Line Street in the City of Highland. This project would permanently eliminate 0.046 acres of occupied habitat for the San Bernardino kangaroo rat.

We request comments from the public on the permit application and Environmental Assessment, which are available for review. The permit application includes the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan) and an Implementing Agreement (legal contract). The Plan describes the proposed project and the measures that the Applicant would undertake to minimize and mitigate take of the San Bernardino kangaroo rat.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

DATES: We must receive written comments on or before January 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Please address written comments to Mr. Jim Bartel, Assistant Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. You also may send comments by facsimile to (760) 431-5902.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Bartel, Assistant Field Supervisor, at the above address or call (760) 431-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

You may obtain copies of these documents for review by contacting the above office. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address and at the City of Highland Offices, the Highland Branch Library, and the Highland Police Station.

Background

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act and Federal regulation prohibit the "take" of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened,

respectively. Take of listed fish or wildlife is defined under the Act to include kill, harm, or harass. The Service may, under limited circumstances, issue permits to authorize take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are found in 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22, respectively.

The Applicant has proposed roadway and storm drain improvements to Base Line Street and Boulder Avenue in the City of Highland, California. Typical land uses in the area surrounding the project site include several residential developments, commercial centers, and undeveloped alluvial fan sage scrub areas in City Creek.

Biologists surveyed the project sites for special status plants and wildlife in 1994, 1998, and 1999. Based on these surveys and previous knowledge of the area, the Service concluded that the project may result in the take of one federally listed species, the endangered San Bernardino kangaroo rat.

The Applicants propose to implement the following measures to minimize and mitigate take of the San Bernardino kangaroo rat: (1) Exclude animals from the construction area by means of pre-construction trapping, relocation, and construction of a barrier fence; (2) monitor all project activities by a Service-approved biologist during clearing of sage scrub vegetation; (3) restrict contractor movements, prohibit pets on-site, and install temporary fencing to protect the adjacent biological resources during construction; (4) use the previously-permitted Metropolitan Water District construction staging area for staging during this project; (5) reduce the width of the pedestrian parkway on Boulder Avenue adjacent to occupied habitat from 20 to 12 feet in width and eliminate the 6-foot-wide pedestrian walkway on the south side of Base Line Street; (6) recontour and revegetate 0.023 acres of alluvial fan sage scrub habitat and control weeds in the revegetation area for 2 years; (7) shield all lights to direct night-time lighting away from occupied habitat; (8) install signs along sidewalks and trails in the vicinity of occupied habitat that notify the public of endangered species habitat and the necessity to stay on designated trails and sidewalks; and (9) mitigate the loss of 0.046 acres of alluvial fan sage scrub habitat by purchasing 1 acre of San Bernardino kangaroo rat habitat at the CalMat Mitigation Bank in San Bernardino County, California.