

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

*B. May I review comments submitted by others?*

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

## II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), require that we invite public comment before final action on these permit applications.

## III. Permit Applications

### A. Endangered Species

Applicant: University of New Mexico, Museum of SW Biology, Albuquerque, NM; PRT-49775A

The applicant requests a permit to import salvage biological materials from Asian wild ass (*Equus hemionus hemionus*) from the wild in Mongolia for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: World Center for Exotic Birds, Las Vegas, NV; PRT-38734A

The applicant requests a permit to purchase in interstate commerce one male captive-bred Andean condor (*Vultur gryphus*), for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education and captive propagation.

Applicant: William Bowerman, University of Maryland, College Park, MD; PRT-48572A

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from jackass penguins (*Spheniscus demersus*) collected in the wild in the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Richard Schurr, Philadelphia, PA; PRT-45128A

The applicant requests a permit to purchase through interstate commerce DNA samples from captive-bred non-human primates from the following species: lowland gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*), white-cheeked gibbon (*Hylobates leucogenys*), Siamang (*Hylobates syndactylus*), ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*), bonobo (*Pan paniscus*), chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*), and Sumatran orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus abelii*) from Coriell Cell Repository, Camden, New Jersey, for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, New Haven, CT; PRT-120045

The applicant requests a permit to export and reimport non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

### Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) 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.

Applicant: James Lindsay, Kosciusko, MS; PRT-50364A

Applicant: Jefferey Spivery, Kernersville, NC; PRT-46259A

Applicant: Rulon Anderson, Mesa, AZ; PRT-48778A

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee; Announcement of Public Meeting and Webcast

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and Webcast.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), will host a Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee (Committee) meeting in-person and via webcast. The meeting and webcast are open to the public. The meeting agenda will include a presentation and discussion of the Service's revised Draft Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines. The revised Draft incorporates changes based on public comment and recommendations from the Committee.

**DATES:** The meeting and webcast will take place on September 20 and 21, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you are a member of the public wishing to attend in person or participate via webcast, you must register online no later than September 13, 2011 (see "Meeting Participation Information" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.)

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting Location:* Savoy Suites Hotel, 2505 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20007. (See "Meeting Location Information" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.) Instructions for webcast participants will be given via e-mail upon online registration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rachel London, Division of Habitat and Resource Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, (703) 358-2161.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On March 13, 2007, the Department of the Interior published a notice of establishment of the Committee in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 11373). The Committee's purpose is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) on developing effective measures to avoid or minimize impacts to wildlife and their habitats related to land-based wind energy facilities. All Committee members serve without compensation. In accordance with the Federal

Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), a copy of the Committee's charter is filed with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration; Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate; Committee on Natural Resources, U.S. House of Representatives; and the Library of Congress. The Secretary appointed 22 individuals to the Committee on October 24, 2007, representing the varied interests associated with wind energy development and its potential impacts to wildlife species and their habitats. The Committee provided its recommendations to the Secretary on March 4, 2010.

### **Draft Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines**

The Draft Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines were made available for public comment on February 18, 2011, with a comment-period ending date of May 19, 2011 (76 FR 9590). The purpose of the Guidelines, once finalized, will be to provide recommendations on measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for effects to fish, wildlife, and their habitats.

### **Meeting Location Information**

Please note that the meeting location is accessible to wheelchair users. If you require additional accommodations, please notify us at least 1 week in advance of the meeting.

### **Meeting Participation Information**

All Committee meetings are open to the public. The public has an opportunity to comment at all Committee meetings.

We require that all persons planning to attend in person or participate via webcast register at <http://www.fws.gov/windenergy> no later than September 13, 2011. We will give preference to registrants based on date and time of registration. Limited standing room at the meeting may be available if all seats are filled.

Dated: August 29, 2011.

**Rachel London,**

*Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

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### **Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Shoshone Basin Grazing Permit Renewal**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burley Field Office, Burley, Idaho intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS. Comments should be submitted within 30 days of the date of this posting to be included in the analysis. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media and the BLM Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/id>. In order to be included in the draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments and issues related to the Shoshone Basin Grazing EIS by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/burley.html>.
- *E-mail:* [ld\\_burley\\_fo@blm.gov](mailto:ld_burley_fo@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* 208-677-6699.
- *Mail:* 15 East 200 South, Burley, Idaho 83318.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Burley Field Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Scott Sayer, Natural Resource Specialist, telephone (208) 677-6630, e-mail [ssayer@blm.gov](mailto:ssayer@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides notice that the BLM Burley Field Office, Burley, Idaho, intends to prepare an EIS for grazing permit renewals in the Shoshone Basin area, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues. The planning area is located in Twin Falls County, Idaho, and encompasses approximately 125,800 acres of public land. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives. Preliminary issues for the planning area have been identified by BLM personnel; Federal, State, and local agencies; and other stakeholders. The primary issue is the cumulative effects to a highly mobile sage-grouse population. These effects come from a variety of sources, including the proposed China Mountain Wind Project, Jack Ranch Wind Project (private), Gollaher Mountain Wind Project (private), Southwest Intertie (500 kV) transmission line, Gateway West (500kV) transmission line, numerous wildfires, and grazing.

The Burley Field Office will consult with the Shoshone-Paiute and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes on this action during regular consultation proceedings and briefings. The BLM will also brief county commissioners, Congressional delegations and grazing permittees during the EIS process.

An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared for the Horse Creek, Magic Common, South Big Creek, Kerr Lost Creek, and Baker Lost Creek allotments in the Shoshone Basin. An EA was also prepared for grazing permit renewal for the Western Stock Growers, Hub Butte, and Squaw Joe allotments. In those EAs, the BLM concluded that direct and indirect impacts from livestock grazing alone were not significant. However, large energy projects proposed in the area could, if constructed result in significant cumulative effects on Greater sage-grouse. The EIS will explore potential impacts from proposed grazing against the backdrop of wildfire and the development of energy projects that are reasonably foreseeable in the Browns Bench/Shoshone Basin area.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the close of the 30-day scoping period. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal