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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2281 (fax); [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Comment Procedures**

*A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?*

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

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 street 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, email 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, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

**III. Endangered Species Permit Applications**

*Applicant: Marvin Turner, Henderson, TX; PRT-71826A*

The applicant requests renewal of their permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant: Adeen Brooks, Tucson, AZ; PRT-57488B*

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the Galapagos giant tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), bolson tortoise (*Gopherus flavomarginatus*), aquatic box turtle (*Terrapene coahuila*), and spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. 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: Kenneth Dalton, Mansfield, TX; PRT-61948B;

Applicant: Joseph Cutillo, The Woodlands, TX; PRT-59502B;

Applicant: Mark Robinson, Leesburg, VA; PRT-59527B.

**Brenda Tapia,**

*Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS-R4-ES-2014-N066; 40120-1112-0000-F2]**

**Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given below by *May 11, 2015*.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with the 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, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Karen Marlowe, Permit Coordinator).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Marlowe, 10(a)(1)(A) Permit Coordinator, telephone 205-726-2667; facsimile 205-726-2479.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and

our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) or send them via electronic mail (email) to [permitsR4ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR4ES@fws.gov). Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service office listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### Permit Applications

*Permit Application Number: TE 59645B-0*

*Applicant:* Stephen Brock, Brandon, Mississippi

The applicant requests authorization to take (install artificial cavities and restrictors) red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) for population management to enhance the propagation and survival of the species in Mississippi.

*Permit Application Number: TE 59798B-0*

*Applicant:* Braven Beaty, Daguna Consulting LLC, Bristol, Virginia

This applicant requests authorization to take (capture, identify, mark with plastic shell tags, PIT-tag, and release) 31 species of mussels for purposes of conducting presence/absence surveys and population monitoring studies in the Tennessee and Cumberland River Basins in Tennessee.

*Permit Application Number: TE 206777-2*

*Applicant:* Ralph Costa, Mountain Rest, South Carolina

This applicant requests renewal of his current permit to take (capture, band, release, install artificial cavities and

restrictors, monitor nest cavities, and translocate) red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) for population management to enhance the propagation and survival of the species throughout the species' range and as directed by the red-cockaded woodpecker recovery coordinator.

*Permit Application Number: TE 60238B-0*

*Applicant:* Byron Freeman, Georgia Museum of Natural History, Athens, Georgia

This applicant requests authorization to take (enter hibernacula, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, collect hair samples, band, radio-tag, light-tag, wing-punch, and selectively euthanize for white-nose syndrome) Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*), and northern long-eared bats (*Myotis septentrionalis*) for the purposes of conducting presence/absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, and population monitoring throughout the species' respective ranges.

*Permit Application Number: TE 237544-1*

*Applicant:* Stephen Golladay, Newton, Georgia

This applicant requests renewal of his current permit to take (capture, identify, and release) fat threeridge (*Amblema neislerii*), purple bankclimber (*Elliptioideus sloatianus*), shiny-rayed pocketbook (*Lampsilis subangulata*), gulf moccasinshell (*Medionidus penicillatus*), and oval pigtoe (*Pleurobema pyriforme*) while conducting presence/absence surveys in Georgia.

*Permit Application Number: TE 61981B-0*

*Applicant:* Jacques Jenny, the Peregrine Fund Inc., Boise, Idaho

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture; band; radio-tag; collect blood samples, feathers, egg shells, and infertile eggs; and salvage carcasses) Puerto Rican sharp-shinned hawk (*Accipiter striatus venator*) for scientific research to promote conservation of the species in Puerto Rico.

Dated: April 3, 2015.

**Leopoldo Miranda,**

*Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services, Southeast Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Public Meetings: Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Nevada

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will hold three meetings in Nevada in fiscal year 2015. The meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** Dates And Times: May 21, Hilton Garden Inn, 3650 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada; Aug. 13-14, BLM Battle Mountain District Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada; and Oct. 22, BLM Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada. Meeting times will be published in local and regional media sources at least 14 days before each meeting. All meetings will include a public comment period.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Rose, BLM Nevada RAC Coordinator, Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502, telephone: (775) 861-6480, email: [crose@blm.gov](mailto:crose@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:** The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Nevada. Topics for discussion at each meeting will include, but are not limited to:

- May 21 (Elko)—Nevada and Northeastern California Sub-regional Greater Sage-Grouse Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement, and Wild Horse Population Control Pilot Project.

- August 13-14 (Battle Mountain)—Drought, Greater Sage-Grouse, and