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The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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Paula N. Hayes,

Acting Committee Management Officer, NIH.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for A. Teichert & Son, Inc.'s, Vernalis Aggregate Project, San Joaquin County, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that A. Teichert & Son, Inc., has applied to the U.S. 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 application has been assigned permit number PRT-820643. The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take of San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*), federally listed as endangered, and the California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*), federally listed as threatened, and/or their habitat during aggregate extraction and the construction and operation of processing facilities and associated road improvements. The proposed permit also would authorize future incidental take of the western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*), a currently unlisted species, should it become listed under the Endangered Species Act in the future. The permit would be in effect for 50 years.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also announces the availability of an

Environmental Assessment for the incidental take permit application, which includes the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan fully describing the proposed project and mitigation, and the accompanying Implementing Agreement. 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, including names and addresses, received will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application, Environmental Assessment and Implementing Agreement should be received on or before November 14, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the application or adequacy of the environmental assessment and Implementing Agreement should be addressed to, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Field Office, 3310 El Camino, Suite 130, Sacramento, California 95821-6340. Please refer to permit number PRT-820643 when submitting comments. Individuals wishing copies of the application, Environmental Assessment or Implementing Agreement for review should immediately contact the above office. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Horton or Ms. Tiki Baron, Sacramento Field Office, 916-979-2725.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act prohibits the "taking" of a species listed as threatened or endangered. However, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take listed species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.32; regulations governing permits for endangered species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.22.

#### Background

A. Teichert & Son, Inc., proposes to extract aggregate from approximately 205 acres, construct and operate aggregate processing facilities on approximately 100 acres, and construct and maintain associated road improvements in San Joaquin County, California. A. Teichert & Son, Inc., seeks coverage for permanent impacts to 58 acres, and temporary impacts to an additional 25 acres, of potential San

Joaquin kit fox habitat. Neither California red-legged frog or western burrowing owl are currently known to occur on the project site. During the course of the project, however, either or both of these species could become established on the site as a result of conditions created by project activities. Therefore, A. Teichert & Son, Inc., also seeks coverage for incidental take of California red-legged frog and western burrowing owl, should either occupy the site in the future.

To compensate for project impacts, A. Teichert & Son, Inc., will acquire, through a permanent conservation easement, a 192-acre mitigation site located 2.6 miles west of the project site. The mitigation site provides suitable habitat for San Joaquin kit fox and western burrowing owl (grazed annual grassland) and potential habitat for California red-legged frogs (two stock ponds). A. Teichert & Son, Inc., will convey the conservation easement to the California Department of Fish and Game and provide funding for long-term management of the mitigation site. Other measures are specified in the Habitat Conservation Plan to minimize the potential for take during excavation, construction, and operation activities.

The Environmental Assessment considers the environmental consequences of three alternatives. Alternative 1, the proposed action, consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., and implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan and its Implementing Agreement. This alternative is preferred because: (1) It satisfies the purpose and needs of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and A. Teichert & Son, Inc.; (2) it is likely to result in a relatively low level of incidental take; and (3) impacts are minimized and mitigated by the acquisition of a conservation easement preserving the 192-acre mitigation site and other measures specified in the Habitat Conservation Plan. Under Alternative 2, the no action alternative, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would not issue an incidental take permit. A. Teichert & Son, Inc., has indicated that they would continue to implement the Vernalis Aggregate project, incorporating precautions as described in the Habitat Conservation Plan to avoid take of listed species, regardless of whether the Habitat Conservation Plan is approved and an incidental take permit issued. If project activities did result in take of listed species, such take would be unauthorized under this alternative and would place A. Teichert & Son, Inc., in violation of state and Federal laws. Under the no action alternative, the 192-

acre mitigation site would not be preserved through a conservation easement. Alternative 3 entails development of aggregate extraction and processing facilities on an alternate site. Development of the alternate site would result in significant impacts to the Swainson's hawk by eliminating 708 acres of suitable foraging habitat. Foraging habitat for western burrowing owls, loggerhead shrikes, and California horned larks would also be lost. In addition, because the aggregate reserves on the alternate site are of lower quality than those at the proposed site, use of the alternate site would likely disturb more acres of habitat to produce the same volume of aggregate.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act regulations and section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the listed species. The final permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: October 7, 1996.  
Don Weathers,  
*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*  
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## Bureau of Indian Affairs

### Indian Gaming

**ACTION:** Notice of Approved Tribal/State Compact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2710, of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-497), the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the Federal Register, notice of approved Tribal/State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Tribal/State Gaming Compact between the Quinault Indian Nation and the State of Washington, which was executed on July 9, 1996.

**DATES:** This action is effective October 15, 1996.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: October 1, 1996.  
Ada E. Deer,  
*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*  
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## Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability for the Talapoosa Project Final Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Talapoosa Mining Incorporated's Talapoosa Project.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 40 CFR 1500-1508 and 43 CFR 3809, notice is given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared, with the assistance of a third-party consultant, a FEIS on Talapoosa Mining Incorporated's Talapoosa Project in Northwestern Nevada, and has made copies of the document available for public review.

**DATES:** Written comments on the FEIS will be accepted until close of business on November 18, 1996. No public meetings are scheduled.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the FEIS can be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District Office, Attn: Ron Moore, Talapoosa EIS Manager, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89706.

The FEIS is available for inspection at the following locations: BLM State Office (Reno), BLM Carson City District Office, Silver Springs public library, and the University of Nevada library in Reno.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information, write to the above address or call Ron Moore at (702) 885-6155.

Dated: October 8, 1996.  
John O. Singlaub,  
*District Manager, Carson City.*  
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### Headwaters Resource Management Plan Amendment; Cascade and Lewis and Clark Counties, Montana

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Headwaters Resource Management Plan (RMP) will be amended by the Great Falls Resource Area, Great Falls, Montana. The Bureau of Land Management is amending the RMP to consider certain public lands available for disposal pursuant to sections 203 and 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The public lands comprise approximately 17,000 acres located in Cascade and Lewis & Clark Counties, Montana.

The Headwaters RMP did not identify all of these lands as suitable for disposal. However, because land exchange opportunities aid in aggregating or repositioning other public lands that lack public access and/or are scattered parcels which are difficult for BLM to manage, the public interest may well be served by disposal of these lands. An environmental assessment will be prepared by the Great Falls Resource Area to analyze the impacts of this proposal and any alternatives.

The public land being considered for disposal, comprising 17,113.36 acres, is described as follows:

Montana Principal Meridian

T. 15 N., R. 1 E., Cascade County, Montana

Sec. 6, Lot 4;  
Sec. 8, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 22, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

T. 16 N., R. 1 E., Cascade County, Montana

Sec. 6, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 18, Lots 1 through 4, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 28, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

T. 15 N., R. 1 W., Cascade County, Montana

Sec. 2, Lots 1 through 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 4, Lots 1 through 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 6, Lots 1 through 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 8, Lots 1 through 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 10, all;

Sec. 12, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 14, N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 20, N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 22, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 30, Lots 1 through 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 32, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

T. 16 N., R. 1 W., Cascade County, Montana

Sec. 2, Lots 1 through 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 14, Lots 2, 3, and 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and

E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 18, Lot 3;

Sec. 19, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 20, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 22, Lots 1 through 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;