

foraging habitat management areas. Under the enhanced conservation alternative, the objective is to provide nesting, roosting, and foraging habitat on 60 percent of Applicant-managed lands within such areas. Both action alternatives also include areas managed for owl dispersal habitat.

For owls on the Olympic Experimental State Forest, the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan takes an "unzoned approach." The goals for each of 11 landscape-management units include 20 percent of the area as nesting, roosting, and foraging habitat and another 20 percent which would also provide roosting and foraging opportunities for owls. The alternative "zoned approach" would use a combination of nest groves, core areas, range areas, and temporary special pair areas to emphasize strategically located areas.

The murrelet conservation strategy for the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan includes provisions to conduct a habitat-relationship study to determine the type and range of potential murrelet habitat that is likely to be occupied. After habitat-relationship studies are completed on a planning unit by planning unit basis, a small percentage of marginal murrelet habitat will be released for harvest without surveys. A long-range conservation strategy will be developed in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after habitat-relationship studies are completed and surveys of remaining habitat are concluded. Under the enhanced conservation strategy, all suitable murrelet habitat, including marginal habitat, would be retained until the completion of the long-range conservation strategy. These same alternatives apply to the Olympic Experimental State Forest as well.

The riparian strategies for both action alternatives were developed to protect anadromous fish and riparian-obligate species by establishing riparian management zones, wetland protection areas, and provisions to address steep and unstable slopes, rain-on-snow event areas, and road system management. Under the Habitat Conservation Plan, riparian management zones will be established along all Type 1 through Type 4 Waters. Type 5 Waters will be protected in areas having a high risk of mass wasting. These buffers will contain a no-harvest portion as well as areas where management activity will be allowed. Additional wind buffers will be placed on Type 1 through Type 3 Waters on the windward side of the stream where there is a potential for windthrow. Under the enhanced conservation alternative, riparian

management buffers will be applied to all Type 1 through Type 5 Waters, and wind buffers will be applied to both sides of Type 1 through Type 3 Waters.

For the Olympic Experimental State Forest, the riparian strategy is the same for both action alternatives, which includes interior and exterior core buffers. The interior core buffers are designed to minimize mass-wasting potential, and protect riparian processes and function. The exterior core buffers are designed to protect the integrity of the interior core from damaging winds and will be applied to both sides of Type 1 through Type 4 Waters, as well as Type 5 Waters as appropriate.

The Applicant also seeks to obtain an unlisted species agreement for species that may occur on Washington Department of Natural Resources managed lands on the west side of the Cascade Crest. The proposed unlisted species agreement requests that if species currently using the habitat types in the West Side and Olympic Experimental State Forest planning units become listed as a threatened or endangered species in the future, and no extraordinary circumstances exist, the species would be added to the Incidental Take Permit. Each action alternative contains provisions to protect the habitat types that occur on Washington Department of Natural Resources managed lands. For example, in addition to the conservation provided by the owl, murrelet, and riparian strategies, additional provisions are included to protect special habitat types such as caves, talus fields, and large, structurally unique trees and snags.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement contains minor modifications to the Environmental Impact Statement and also highlights changes made to the Habitat Conservation Plan and Implementation Agreement in response to public comments. Additional information regarding these changes may be obtained from the Services at the above addresses.

Author: William O. Vogel, Pacific Northwest Habitat Conservation Plan Program.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1361-1407, 1531-1544, and 4201-4245.

Dated: October 23, 1996.

Thomas J. Dwyer,
Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.
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Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

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-821354

Applicant: Oklahoma City Zoological Park, Oklahoma City, OK.

The applicant requests a permit to import a pair of captive-held jaguar (*Panthera onca*) from Asociacion Rescate y Conservacion de Vida Silvestre, Santa Elena, Guatemala for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive-breeding.

PRT-821381

Applicant: Michael Lowe, Jasper, GA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-821375

Applicant: Ryker Lowe, Jasper, GA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-821442

Applicant: Henry Doorly Zoo, Center for Conservation and Research, Omaha, NE.

The applicant requests a permit to import tissue samples from wild, captive-held and museum specimens of lowland and mountain anoa (*Bubulus depressicornis* and *B. quarlesi*) for the purpose of scientific research which will benefit the species in the wild.

PRT-724540

Applicant: Archie Carr Center for Sea Turtle Research, Gainesville, FL.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to import blood and tissue samples from green (*Chelonia mydas*), black (*Chelonia mydas agassizi*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempi*) and leatherback sea turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) from locations worldwide for the purpose of scientific research that will benefit the species in the wild. This notice covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

PRT-690286

Applicant: Eddie and Cheryl Schmitt, Bradenton, FL.

The applicant requests a permit to reexport and reimport leopards (*Panthera pardus*), Bengal 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.

PRT-820732

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import 3 male and 3 female captive born giant sable antelope (*Hippotragus niger variani*) from Sable Ranch, Republic of South Africa, to enhance the survival of the species through captive propagation.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: October 28, 1996.

Mary Ellen Amtower,

Acting Chief Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Closure of Public Land to Off-Highway Vehicle Use, Douglas County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain public lands in the vicinity of Stephanie Way and Fuller Avenue in the Johnson Lane area are closed to off-highway motorized vehicle use. This closure is necessary to prevent further

impact to vegetative and soil resources and to eliminate noise and dust from intensive vehicle play occurring in close proximity to a school, park and residential area.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This closure goes into effect on November 15, 1996 and will remain in effect until the Walker Resource Management Plan is updated or the Authorized Officer determines the closure is no longer needed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Abbett, Outdoor Recreation Planner, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, Nevada 89706. Telephone (702) 885-6125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This closure applies to all motorized vehicle traffic except for law enforcement or emergency personnel during the conduct of their official duties. This closure does not apply to County public roads. The public lands affected by this closure are described as follows:

Mt. Diablo Meridian

T. 14 N., R. 20 E.,

Sec 27, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8341.2(a). Any person who fails to comply with this closure is subject to arrest and fine of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

A map of the closed area is available at the Carson City District Office.

Dated this 16th day of October, 1996.

Daniel L. Jacquet,

Acting ADM, Non-Renewable Resources.

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Emergency Closure of public lands; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Lakeview District, Interior.

ACTION: Emergency Road Closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective immediately the road from the bottom gate to the top of Cougar Mountain, as legally described below, is closed to all vehicle access and travel.

In Lake County, Oregon: T.25S., R.15E., W.M., Oregon, Section 14: SESE.

The purpose of this closure is to protect the area's cultural resource values, reduce erosion, and reduce harassment of California bighorn sheep. The only exception would be for special authorized administrative use and emergency needs. The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8341.2. This closure will remain in effect until an ORV designation plan is completed for this area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vern Stoffleth, Lakeview Resource Area, BLM, PO Box 151, Lakeview, OR 97639 (ph: 541-947-2177).

Dated: October 16, 1996.

Scott R. Florence,

Manager, Lakeview Resource Area.

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Notice of Availability for the Denton-Rawhide Mine Expansion Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Comment Period and Public Open-House

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

ACTION: Notice of availability for the Denton-Rawhide mine expansion Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Mineral County, Nevada; and notice of comment period and public open-house.

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 Draft EIS on the proposed Denton-Rawhide Mine Expansion Project, and has made copies available for public and agency review.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EIS must be submitted or postmarked to the BLM no later than January 3, 1997. Oral and/or written comments may also be presented at a public open-house, to be held: November 20, 1996, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Carson City District BLM Office.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the Draft EIS should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District Office, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, Nevada 89706, Attn.: Terri Knutson, Denton-Rawhide EIS Project Manager. A limited number of copies of the Draft EIS and supporting documentation may be obtained at the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Knutson, Denton-Rawhide EIS Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, Nevada 89706, (702) 885-6156.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Kennecott Rawhide Mining Company of Fallon, Nevada has submitted an amended Plan of Operations for the expansion of the existing Denton-Rawhide Mine located approximately 55 miles southeast of Fallon, Nevada. The proposed operation would include: development and