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Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicant has 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-811679

Applicant: Arthur H. Clarke, Ecosearch, Inc.,
Portland, Texas.

The applicant requests a permit to
take (capture, handle and release)
Higgins' eye pearly mussel (*Lampsilis
higginsi*) in the East Branch of the
Mississippi River at Prairie du Chien,
Crawford County, Wisconsin, for
enhancement of the species in the wild
through scientific study of impacts to
populations.

Written data or comments should be
submitted to the Regional Director, U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of
Endangered Species, 1 Federal Drive,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056,
and must be received within 30 days of
the date of this publication.

Documents and other information
submitted with this application are
available for review 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, Division of Endangered
Species, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling,
Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone:
(612/725-3536 x250); FAX: (612/725-
3526).

Dated: February 29, 1996.

John A. Blankenship,

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological
Services, Region 3, Fish and Wildlife Service,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota.*

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed El Rancho Electric Substation, Santa Fe County, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of DEIS
and public comment dates.

SUMMARY: The Draft Environmental
Impact Statement (DEIS) is for the
proposed approval by the Bureau of
Indian Affairs (BIA) of a one acre
easement on Indian trust land of the
Pueblo of San Ildefonso for the Jemez
Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc.
(Cooperative). The parcel is located in
the community of El Rancho, Santa Fe
County, New Mexico. The Cooperative
intends to construct, operate and
maintain a 69/kV electric distribution
substation and related facilities on the
land.

In a related action, the Rural Utilities
Service (RUS, Department of
Agriculture, is considering the approval
of the advance of loan funds for
construction of the facilities. The BIA is
serving as the lead agency. The RUS is
participating as a cooperating agency.

This notice is published pursuant to
Sec. 1503.1 of the Council on
Environmental Quality Regulations (40
CFR, Parts 1500 through 1508)
implementing the procedural
requirements of the National
Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as
amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the
Department of Interior Manual (516 DM
1-6), and the environmental policies
and procedures of the RUS; and is in the
exercise of authority delegated to the
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by
209 DM 8.

DATES: Written comments must arrive
by May 7, 1996, at the address given
below. We will consider all comments
received during this period in preparing
the Final EIS.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to
Mr. Charles Tippeconnic, Bureau of
Indian Affairs, Albuquerque Area
Office, Branch of Natural Resources,
P.O. Box 26567, Albuquerque, New
Mexico 87125-6567.

If you would like a copy of this DEIS,
please write Mr. Tippeconnic at the
above address, or call (505) 766-3374.
We have sent copies of the DEIS to all
agencies and individuals who
previously asked for them.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr.
Charles Tippeconnic at the above
address, or at (505) 766-3374.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Proposed Action would permit the

Cooperative to construct a new 69/12.47
kV electric distribution substation and
related facilities on 1.0 acre of land.
Equipment within the substation would
include terminal and switching
equipment for the 69 kV transmission
line, a 69-12.47 kV, 10,000 kVA power
transformer, one regulator bank, four
electronic vacuum reclosers, a control
house and supports for the bus work
and low voltage terminations. The
proposed project would also include the
construction of a 69 kV transmission
line and four underground distribution
tie lines.

The action is needed in order to meet
the increasing demand for electrical
power in the El Rancho service area.
Service is now being supplied by a
temporary substation, located
approximately one and one half miles
from the proposed project site. That
substation is constantly operating at
100% of its 1500 kVA capacity, which
is no longer sufficient to deliver reliable
electric power. Moreover, a higher
capacity substation is needed in the El
Rancho area to serve as a backup source
of power for a wider region.

The No Action alternative would
deny approval of the easement. This
would not necessarily prohibit the
Cooperative from upgrading its service,
but would certainly result in higher
consumer costs. The proposed
substation site is optimal for the
distribution of power within its load
area. The operating costs increase with
distance from this central point. Other
alternatives to the proposed action
include upgrading the existing
substation, or constructing a new
substation at one of five alternate
locations.

The significant issues identified and
analyzed in the DEIS include cultural
resources, aesthetic qualities, and
existing and future land use.

Dated: February 21, 1996.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Bureau of Land Management

[NV-010-1990-01]

Notice of Availability for the Bootstrap Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Comment Period and Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

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 has prepared, with the assistance of a third-party consultant, a Draft EIS on Newmont's proposed Bootstrap Project in northeastern Nevada, and has made copies of the document available for public review.

The Draft EIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts that could result from the opening of a new open-pit mine and the reopening of an existing open-pit mine on the northern end of the Carlin Trend in northeastern Nevada.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted until close of business on April 29, 1996. A public meeting for oral and written comments is scheduled to be held: March 26, 1996 in Elko, Nevada, at the Bureau of Land Management Office, 3900 E. Idaho St.; 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the Draft EIS should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Elko District Office, Attn: Deb McFarlane, EIS Coordinator, 3900 E. Idaho St., Elko, NV 89801.

The Draft EIS is available for inspection at the following locations: Bureau of Land Management State Office (Reno), Bureau of Land Management Elko District Office, Carson City and Elko County libraries, the University of Nevada libraries in Reno and Las Vegas, and the Great Basin College library in Elko.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, write to the above address or call Deb McFarlane at (702) 753-0200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Newmont proposes to reopen the Bootstrap open-pit mine and to open the Tara open-pit mine. The two mines and associated facilities would disturb approximately 1,271 acres of land, including 886 acres of public land. Both proposed pits are close enough to existing dewatering operations that no dewatering is required for the project.

A copy of the Draft EIS has been sent to all individuals, agencies, and groups who have expressed interest in the project or as mandated by regulation or policy. A limited number of copies are available upon request from the Bureau of Land Management at the address listed above. Public participation has occurred during the EIS process. A Notice of Intent was filed in the Federal Register in December 1994 and an open scoping period was held for 30 days. Two public scoping meetings to solicit

comments and ideas were held in December 1994. All comments presented to the Bureau of Land Management throughout the EIS process have been considered.

Dated: February 28, 1996.

Helen Hankins,

District Manager.

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[MT-960-1990-00]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana

AGENCY: Butte District Office, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Butte District Resource Advisory Council meeting, Butte, Montana.

SUMMARY: The Council will convene at 9:00 AM on March 28, 1996, to work on those Grazing Standards and Guidelines which were not completed at the February 29 meeting and any new business the Council may want to discuss. The meeting will be held at the Butte Copper King Inn, 4655 Harrison Avenue, in the Anselmo and Badger rooms. The meeting is of an urgent nature to meet the time frames established to complete the Standards and Guidelines.

The meeting is open to the public and written comments may be given to the Council. Oral comments may be presented to the Council at 3 PM. The time allotted for oral comment may be limited, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard.

Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting; or need special assistance, such as sign language or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Butte District, 106 North Parkmont (P.O. Box 3388), Butte, Montana 59702-3388; telephone 406-494-5059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Orval Hadley at the above address or telephone number.

Dated: March 1, 1996.

Michele D. Good,

Acting District Manager.

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National Park Service

Notice of the Intention to Extend an Existing Concession Contract—Lake Mead National Recreation Area

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Act of October 9, 1965, (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20 et seq.), notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to extend a concession contract at Lake Mead National Recreation Area for a period of three years. This extension is necessary to allow the continuation of public services during the completion period of the planning documents for the Overton Beach site in the park. The current concessioner has performed its obligation to the satisfaction of the Secretary and retains its right of preference under this administrative action of extending the existing contract.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The concession contract at Lake Mead National Recreation Area will expire on December 31, 1996, unless extended. The National Park Service will not renew this contract for an extended period until planning can be conducted to determine the future direction for concession services at Overton Beach site within Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The necessary planning process is expected to begin and will affect the future concession activities. The planning process is expected to take two to three years to complete. Until that planning process is completed, it will not be in the best interest of Lake Mead National Recreation Area to enter into a long term concession contract. For these reasons, it is the intention of the National Park Service to extend the current contract for a period of three years beginning January 1, 1997.

Information regarding this notice can be sought from: Chief, Division of Concession Management, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, 601 Nevada Highway, Boulder City, Nevada 89005, or call: (702) 293-8902, Attention: Ms. Kyra Thibodeau.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

Stephen G. Crabtree,

Acting Field Director, Pacific West Area.

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Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, that a meeting of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Council will be held