

Permit No. PRT-834021

Applicant: Timothy Reeves, Farmington, New Mexico

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT-834782

Applicant: James A. Tress, Jr., Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), and Mexican spotted owls (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) within New Mexico and Arizona.

Permit No. PRT-835139

Applicant: Gail Garber Place, Hawks Aloft, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT-835118

Applicant: Dr. Robert J. Frye, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to collect soil samples along riparian channels possibly containing endangered plant species of Huachuca water umbel (*Lilaeopsis schaffneriana ssp. recurva*) for lab monitoring and to collect live plants in the field.

Permit No. PRT-835414

Applicant: Joseph P. Shannon, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to survey for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), bonytail chub (*Gila elegans*), humpback chub (*Gila cypha*), Colorado squawfish (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), and razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*) and collect salvage material of these endangered species as part of a monitoring and research program for analysis during the first year to determine if enough taxa are collected to construct a food web.

Permit No. PRT-835678

Applicant: Michael J. Boyles, NPS/Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Boulder City, Nevada.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for Mexican spotted owls (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

Permit No. PRT-836196

Applicant: Jeff Williamson, The Phoenix Zoo, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant request authorization to obtain for educational display razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*), bonytail chub (*Gila elegans*), Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*), and desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*).

Permit No. PRT-821577

Applicant: Duane Shroufe, Arizona Department of Game and Fish, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct activities for scientific research and recovery purposes for the jaguar (*Panthera onca*) in Arizona.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before December 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents. 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, to the address above.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Operation and Maintenance Rate Adjustment: Walker River Irrigation Project, Nevada

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Irrigation Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Rate Adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs proposes to change the assessment rates for operating and maintaining the

Walker River Irrigation Project for 1998 and subsequent years. The following table illustrates the impact of the rate adjustment:

WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION PROJECT, IRRIGATION RATE PER ASSESSABLE ACRE

[N/A—Not Applicable]

Year	Present 1997	Proposed 1988
Non-Indian	\$15.29	N/A
Indian	7.32	N/A
Rate (all)	N/A	\$15.29

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Phoenix Area Office, One North First St., Phoenix, Arizona 85001, telephone number (602) 379-6600.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments on the proposed rate adjustment. Comments must be submitted on or before December 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning the proposed rate change must be in writing and addressed to: Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities, Attn: Irrigation and Power, MS-4513-MIB, Code 210, 1849 "C" Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240, Telephone (202) 208-5480.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority to issue this document is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 14, 1914 (38 Stat. 583, 25 U.S.C. 385). The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs pursuant to Part 209 Departmental Manual, Chapter 8.1A, and memorandum dated January 25, 1994, from Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries, and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

This notice is given in accordance with Section 171.1(e) of part 171, Subchapter H, Chapter 1, of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which provides for the fixing and announcing the rates for annual operation and maintenance assessments and related information of the Walker River Irrigation Project for Calendar Year 1998 and subsequent years.

The assessment rates are based on a prepared estimate of the cost of normal operation and maintenance of the irrigation project. Normal operation and maintenance mean the expenses we incur to provide direct support or benefit to the project's activities for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. We must include at least:

(a) Personnel salary and benefits for the project engineer/manager and our employees under his management/control;

(b) Materials and supplies;

(c) Major and minor vehicle and equipment repairs;

(d) Equipment, including transportation, fuel, oil, grease, lease and replacement;

(e) Capitalization expenses;

(f) Acquisition expenses, and

(g) Other expenses we determine necessary to properly perform the activities and functions characteristic of an irrigation project.

Payments

The irrigation operation and maintenance assessments become due based on locally established payment requirements. No water will be delivered to any of these lands until all irrigation charges have been paid.

Interest and Penalty Fees

Interest, penalty, and administrative fees will be assessed, where required by law, on all delinquent operation and maintenance assessment charges as prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 4, part 102, Federal Claims Collection Standards; and 42 BIAM Supplement 3, part 3.8, Debt Collection Procedures. Beginning 30 days after the due date, interest will be assessed at the rate of the current value of funds to the U.S. Treasury. An administrative fee of \$12.50 will be assessed each time an effort is made to collect a delinquent debt, and a penalty charge of six percent per year will be charged on delinquent debts more than 90 days old and will accrue from the date the debt became delinquent. No water will be delivered to any farm unit until all irrigation charges have been paid. After 180 days, a delinquent debt will be forwarded to the United States Treasury for further action in accordance with Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-134).

Dated: October 28, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[MT-960-1150-00]

District Advisory Council Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Dakotas District Resource Advisory Council will be held January 12 & 13, 1998, at the C & L Cafe, 21 North Main Street, Bowman, North Dakota. The session will convene at noon on January 12th and resume at 8:00 a.m. on the 13th. Agenda items include updates on the South Dakota Land Exchange, Noxious Weed Control Projects, and the transfer of Inspection & Enforcement responsibilities to the states. Election of a Chairperson for 1998 will also be on the agenda.

The meeting is open to the public and a public comment period is set for 8:00 a.m. on January 13th. The public may make oral statements before the Council or file written statements for the Council to consider. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make an oral statement, a per-person time limit may be established. Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and copying.

The 12-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 the Dakotas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas Burger, District Manager, Dakotas District Office, 2933 3rd Avenue West, Dickinson, ND 58601. Telephone (701) 225-9148.

Dated: November 10, 1997.

Douglas J. Burger,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-01; NVN-61315]

Partial Cancellation of Proposed Withdrawal; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, has filed a request to delete 10 acres from their withdrawal application (N-61315) for flood control facilities in Clark County, Nevada. The original Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published in the **Federal Register**, 61 FR 63858, December 2, 1996, and segregated the lands described therein from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights. The Corps of Engineers has determined the 10 acres is not

needed and can be made available for other uses.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 20, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, 702-785-6532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army, Los Angeles District, Corps Engineers, has determined that their withdrawal application (**Federal Register**, 61 FR 63858, December 2, 1996) can be canceled insofar as it affects the following described land:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 21 S., R. 60 E.,

Sec. 29, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 10 acres in Clark County.

The land described above is hereby made available to the Clark County School District under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). The land will remain closed to mining due to an overlapping segregation.

Dated: November 14, 1997.

William K. Stowers,

Lands Team Lead.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-403]

Certain Acesulfame Potassium and Blends and Products Containing Same Notice of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1337.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on October 16, 1997, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, on behalf of Nutrinova Nutrition Specialties and Food Ingredients GmbH, D-65 926, Frankfurt am Main, Federal Republic of Germany, and Nutrinova Inc., 25 Worlds Fair Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873. Supplements to the complaint were filed on October 30 and November 10, 1997. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of