

species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-787645-0

Applicant: Thomas Olsen Associates, Hemet, California.

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with presence and absence surveys throughout the species' range in Arizona for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-807073-0

Applicant: Shiela Conant, Honolulu, Hawaii.

The applicant requests a permit to: take (capture, band, measure, draw blood, remove feathers, and release) the Layson finch (*Telespyza cantans*); take (capture, band, measure, draw blood, and release) the Nihoa millerbird (*Acrocephalus familiaris kingi*); and take (capture, band, measure, and release) the Nihoa finch (*Telespyza ultima*) in conjunction with scientific studies throughout each species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival. Some of these activities were previously authorized under subpermit CONAS-10.

Permit No. TE-012136-0

Applicant: Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Portland, Oregon.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, electroshock) the Oregon chub (*Oregonichthys crameri*) in conjunction with monitoring programs throughout the species range in Oregon for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-012632-0

Applicant: Gwynne Corrigan, University of California, Santa Cruz, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, collect tissue samples) the blunt-nosed leopard lizard (*Gambelia silus*) in conjunction with genetic research in the San Joaquin Valley, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before August 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief—Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. 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:

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 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: June 28, 1999.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Recovery Plan for the Giant Garter Snake for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces the availability for public review of the Draft Recovery Plan for the Giant Garter Snake. This recovery plan includes the threatened giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*). Additional species of concern that will benefit from recovery actions taken for the giant garter snake are also discussed in the draft recovery plan. The draft plan includes recovery criteria and measures for the giant garter snake.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before August 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following location: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 130, Sacramento, California (telephone (916) 979-2710). Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding this plan should be addressed to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services, at the above Sacramento address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Miller, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Sacramento address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting listed species, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act as amended in 1988 requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during the public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. Substantive technical comments will result in changes to the plan. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plan, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions. Individualized responses to comments will not be provided.

The giant garter snake is an endemic species of wetlands in the Central Valley of California. Historically, giant garter snakes were found in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys from the vicinity of Butte County southward to Buena Vista Lake, near Bakersfield in Kern County. Today, populations of the giant garter snake are found in the Sacramento Valley and isolated portions of the San Joaquin Valley. They historically inhabited natural wetlands and now occupy a variety of agricultural, managed, and natural wetlands including their waterways and adjacent uplands. This species is threatened by historic wetland habitat loss and resulting habitat fragmentation, and by continuing urban expansion.

The objective of this recovery plan is to delist the giant garter snake through implementation of a variety of recovery measures including (1) habitat protection; (2) public participation,

outreach and education; (3) habitat management and restoration; (4) surveying and monitoring; and (5) research.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of this plan.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: June 28, 1999.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

*California/Nevada Operations Manager,
Sacramento, California.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-050-99-5440-A167-00; AZA 30933]

Arizona: Notice of Realty Action, Recreation and Public Purpose Act; Leases/Conveyances; La Paz County, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The La Paz County, Arizona, Department of Community Development has filed an application pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869, *et seq.*) for the lease/conveyance of public land for a justice court system facility at the following location:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 4 N., R. 19 W.,
Sec. 22, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 10 acres.

The land described above is a part of public lands that are classified as suitable for lease/conveyance under the R&PP Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The County proposes to locate a new Justice Court facility to serve Justice of the Peace District #4. The new facility is needed to meet security concerns not adequately addressed in the layout of the present facility. In addition, the present facility makes compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act problematic. The new facility will be designed to address this problem. Leases and conveyances, when issued, will contain the following terms,

conditions and reservations to the United States:

1. The provisions of the R&PP Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. Rights-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations to be established by the Secretary of the Interior.

4. Those rights for a water production facility granted to the Town of Quartzsite (AZA 27765) under the Act of October 26, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

5. Those rights for a public road granted to the Town of Quartzsite AZA 27066) under the Act of October 26, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

6. Those rights for a public road granted to the Town of Quartzsite (AZA 27776) under the Act of October 26, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

APPLICATION COMMENTS: For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance of the lands to the Field Manager, Yuma Field Office, 2555 East Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona 85365. Comments should address the specific uses proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the Bureau of Land Management followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for justice court facilities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Fusilier, Realty Specialist, at (520) 317-3296.

Dated: June 22, 1999.

Gail Acheson,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-01; N-63025]

Realty Action: Modified-Competitive Sale of Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Modified-Competitive Sale of Public Lands in White Pine County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The below listed public land in Snake Valley, near Baker, White Pine

County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for sale utilizing modified-competitive procedures, at not less than the fair market value. In accordance with Section 7 of the Act of June 28, 1934, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 315f and EO 6910, the described lands are hereby classified as suitable for disposal under the authority of Section 203 and Section 209 of the Act of October 21, 1976; 43 U.S.C. 1761.

DATES: On or before August 16, 1999, interested parties may submit comments to the Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Gene L. Drais, Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, HC 33, Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Linnell, Realty Specialist, at the above address or telephone (775) 289-1808.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described parcel of land, situated in White Pine County is being offered as a modified-competitive sale of public lands located;

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 14 N., R. 71 E.,

Section 30, Lots 9, 10, 12; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
Containing 27.29 acres more or less.

This land is not required for any federal purposes. The sale is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest.

In the event of a sale, conveyance of the available mineral interests will occur simultaneously with the sale of the land. The mineral interests being offered for conveyance have no known mineral value. Acceptance of a sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those mineral interests. The applicant will be required to pay a \$50.00 nonreturnable filing fee for the conveyance of the available mineral interests. Unless otherwise provided by separate agreement with surface owner, permittee, licensees and lessees of the United States shall reclaim disturbed areas to the extent prescribed by regulations issued by the Secretary of the Interior. All cause of action brought to enforce the rights of the surface owner under the regulations above referred to shall be instituted against permittee, licensees and lessees of the United States; and the United States shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of its permittee, licensees and lessees.

The land will be offered for sale by sealed bid to be submitted at the BLM