

The proposed duration of the proposed Agreement is 7 years.

The proposed permit would allow the Ranch to return to existing baseline conditions of zero nene; however, we anticipate that any nene taken would not be injured or harmed, but would be relocated to other suitable lands. We expect this proposed Agreement to result in a net conservation benefit by establishing a self-sustaining population of nene on Molokai.

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the proposed Agreement and permit application are eligible for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. We explain the basis for this determination in an Environmental Action Statement, which also is available for public review.

We request comments from the public on the permit application, proposed Agreement, and an Environmental Action Statement. All comments we receive, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Mr. Paul Henson, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850, facsimile (808) 541-3470.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul Henson at the above address or telephone 808-541-3470.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Document Availability

You may obtain copies of the documents for review by contacting the office named above. You also may make an appointment to view the documents at the above address during normal business hours.

Background

Under a Safe Harbor Agreement, participating property owners voluntarily undertake management activities on their property to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat benefitting species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Safe Harbor Agreements encourage private and other non-Federal property owners to implement conservation efforts for listed species by assuring property owners they will not be subjected to increased property use restrictions if their efforts attract listed species to their property or increase the numbers or distribution of listed species already on their property. Application requirements and issuance criteria for enhancement of survival permits

through Safe Harbor Agreements are found in 50 CFR 17.22(c).

We have worked with Puu O Hoku Ranch and the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop the proposed Agreement for the reintroduction and management of the endangered Hawaiian goose or nene onto Cape Halawa at Puu O Hoku Ranch, Molokai. Prime habitat conditions for nene currently exist on more than 700 acres of Puu O Hoku Ranch. Under the proposed Agreement, the Ranch will: (1) Maintain or improve significant amounts of nene habitat by continuing cattle ranching operations that are compatible with maintenance of open, short grass habitat; (2) assist the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish and maintain release sites; (3) assist the Department to control predators at breeding and release sites; and (4) prohibit hunting in nene breeding areas.

We anticipate that this proposed Agreement will result in the following benefits: (1) Establishment of a new population of nene in a remote area of Molokai, within their historic range, where they do not currently exist; (2) reduced risk of catastrophic loss of nene due to their increased range in the wild; (3) increased genetic diversity of nene; (4) increased number of nene in the wild (anticipated 75 individuals on the ranch and 200 individuals island-wide); (5) greater understanding of the effectiveness of management techniques for nene; (6) and additional sources of nene for future management activities.

Consistent with Safe Harbor policy, we propose to issue a permit to Puu O Hoku Ranch authorizing incidental take of all nene introduced to the enrolled lands, and their progeny, as a result of lawful activities at the Ranch. These activities include unintentional incidental take of nene from: (1) Cattle ranching; (2) eco-tourism; (3) recreational hunting of game birds on the ranch outside of Cape Halawa; and (4) cultivation of agricultural crops. We expect that the maximum level of incidental take authorized under the proposed Agreement will never be realized. The Ranch has no plans to change land uses. Further, we anticipate that any nene taken when the proposed Agreement expires will not be injured or harmed, but will be relocated, with permission from landowners, to other suitable lands. We fully expect that the release of nene on Puu O Hoku Ranch will result in the establishment of a self-sustaining, permanent population of nene on Molokai. Therefore, the cumulative impact of the proposed Agreement and the activities it covers, which are facilitated by the allowable

incidental take, will provide a net conservation benefit to the nene.

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act and pursuant to implementing regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1506.6). We will evaluate the permit application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will sign the proposed Agreement and issue an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act to Puu O Hoku Ranch for take of nene incidental to otherwise lawful activities in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. We will not make our final decision until after the end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

Dated: April 19, 2000.

Richard A. Coleman,

Deputy Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On, January 6, 2000 a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 4, Page 787, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Toledo Zoological Gardens, Toledo, OH, for a permit (PRT-014704) to import one captive born polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) for the purpose of public display.

Notice is hereby given that on March 16, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Dated: April 20, 2000.

Kristen Nelson,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-060-00-1220-XQ-003E]

Central Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown Field Office.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's Central Montana Resource Advisory Council will meet May 17 and 18, 2000, in Malta, Montana.

The May 17 meeting will begin at 1 p.m. with a 30-minute public comment period. Then the council will move into house keeping duties; introductions; election of officers for the coming year; a discussion of the Secretary's response to the council's recommendations for future management in the Missouri River Breaks; an update on the Missouri River subgroup; and discussions about the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the drought policy, and the Zortman/Landusky project. The meeting will adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

The May 18 meeting will begin at 7:45 a.m. The council will discuss the five year budget requests for the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River; the withdrawal of Bureau of Reclamation lands; hear an update for the off-highway vehicle project; discuss direction for the Missouri River subgroup; and discuss topics at large. The council will break for lunch at 11:30 a.m.; take care of administrative duties after lunch; and will adjourn at 2 p.m.

DATES: May 17 and 18, 2000.

LOCATION: The meetings will be held in the basement meeting room of the GN Motel in Malta, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lewistown Field Manager, Lewistown Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1160, Airport Road, Lewistown, MT 59457.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public and there will be a public comment period as detailed above.

Dated: April 13, 2000.

David L. Mari,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection For Review; New Collection Grants Management System Online Application.

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB approval has been requested by May 5, 2000. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information Regulation Affairs, (202) 395-7860, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.

During the first 60 days of this same review period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. All comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to H. Lionel Cares Jr., Information Resources Management Division, Office of Justice Programs, 810 7th Street NW, RM #B112, Washington DC 20531, or facsimile at (202) 354-4146.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Grants Management System Online Application.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* None. Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be as or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: State Government. Other: None. The Grants Management System Online Application will be used by respondents from State and Local Government offices to request grants from Offices and Bureaus within the Office of Justice Programs. This information, once collected from grantees, will be used to approve applications for funding, that grantees have requested, for grantee use within State and Local Government offices.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* The time burden of the 3,000 respondents to complete the surveys is 4 hours per application.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total annual hour burden to complete applications for the Grants Management System Online Application is 12,000 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Ms. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy, Clearance Office, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff Justice Management Division, Suite 1220, National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: April 20, 2000.

Brenda E. Dyer,

Department Deputy Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act**

In accordance with Department of Justice policy codified at 28 CFR 50.7