

*cylindrellus*), purple bean (*Villosa perpurpurea*), and Cumberland bean (pearlymussel) (*Villosa trabalis*). Take would occur while conducting presence/absence surveys and research studies. The proposed activities would occur in Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, and Missouri.

**Applicant:** Thane R. Wibbels, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama, TE108537-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (collect and receive blood and tissue samples, place data loggers in nest, capture, identify, release) the Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles while conducting sex ratio and genetic analysis. The proposed activities would occur in Alabama and the Virgin Islands.

**Applicant:** Jess W. Jones, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Services, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, TE108813-0.

The applicant requests authorization to harass (collect, temporarily hold, translocate, release) oyster mussels (*Epioblasma capsaeformis*) while conducting restoration activities. The proposed activities would occur from the Tennessee section of the Clinch River upstream into the Virginia section of the river.

**Applicant:** Warren G. Montague, Ouachita National Forest, Waldon, Arkansas, TE108839-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (collect non-viable eggs of) red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*) while studying developmental analysis to determine fertility, while conducting genetic studies, and while conducting other applicable studies. The proposed activities would occur throughout the species' southern range.

**Applicant:** Ronald W. Rohrbaugh, Jr., Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, New York, TE108852-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, identify, translocate,

release, harass, inspect cavities of) Ivory-billed woodpeckers (*Campephilus principalis*) while conducting presence/absence studies and translocation activities and working to clearly document their existence and assess their ecology and behavior specific to the Mississippi delta region of eastern Arkansas. Presence/absence surveys would take place in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, and Illinois.

**Applicant:** Richard Frederick Lance, U.S. Army Research & Development Center, Vicksburg, Mississippi, TE108962-0.

The applicant requests authorization to harass (capture, collect tissue samples, release) a maximum of 1,000 gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) while conducting non-lethal tissue sampling, primarily wing punches, and some experimental sampling of genetic source material through the collection of scat and buccal (mouth) swabs while conducting genetic studies. The proposed activities would take place at the following locations: Jesse James Cave, Edmonson County, Kentucky; Fern Cave, Jackson County, Alabama; Cave Mountain Cave, Newton County, Arkansas; Pearson Cave, Hawkins County, Tennessee; Tobbacoport Saltpeter Cave, Steward County, Tennessee; Hubbards Cave, Warren County, Tennessee; Coffin Cave, Laclede County, Missouri; and Chimney Cave, Shannon County, Missouri. The proposed activities for smaller maternity and hibernating colonies would occur in Pulaski, Laclede, Wright, Reynolds, Shannon, Oregon, Dallas, Hickory, Camden, and Miller Counties, Missouri.

**Applicant:** Ronald E. Spears, Asheville, North Carolina, TE108990-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, identify, examine, measure, photograph, release) the gray (*Myotis grisescens*) and the Indiana (*Myotis sodalis*) bats while conducting presence/absence surveys throughout the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

Dated: August 10, 2005.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Issuance of Permits

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species and/or marine mammals.

**SUMMARY:** The following permits were issued.

**ADDRESSES:** 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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax (703) 358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone (703) 358-2104.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit(s) subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

#### Endangered Species

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit number issuance date
797485 .....	International Wildlife Veterinary Services .....	70 FR 34791; June 15, 2005 .....	July 21, 2005.

#### Marine Mammals

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit issuance date
098679 .....	Brian J. Hansen .....	70 FR 7295; February 11, 2005 .....	May 17, 2005.
102654 .....	James J. Weyand .....	70 FR 29362; May 20, 2005 .....	July 20, 2005.
102694 .....	John J. Keslar .....	70 FR 29362, May 20, 2005 .....	July 22, 2005.

Dated: August 5, 2005.

**Michael L. Carpenter,**

*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,  
Division of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### National Park Service

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#### Notice of Availability of the Proposed Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve

**AGENCIES:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and National Park Service (NPS).

**ACTION:** Reissuance of a Notice of Availability of a Final EIS for a Proposed Resource Management Plan / General Management Plan (hereinafter, Proposed Plan/Final EIS), for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve. The Monument is located in Blaine, Butte, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Power Counties, in Idaho. (This Notice of Availability was prematurely released on August 12, 2005 and retracted.)

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the National Park and Recreation Act of 1978, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service have jointly prepared a Proposed Plan/Final EIS for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve. The Final EIS discusses public and agency comments received on the draft EIS. It describes and analyzes four alternative management strategies, each presenting a different approach to resolving issues identified through public scoping. Alternative A is the "no action" or continuation of present management alternative. Alternative B would promote more travel and access within the Monument. Alternative C would emphasize retention and enhancement of the Monument's primitive character. The Proposed Plan is Alternative D, the agency preferred alternative from the draft Plan/EIS, refined by public

comment. Alternative D, which emphasizes protection and restoration of physical and biological resources, is also considered to be the environmentally preferred alternative.

**DATES:** No decision on the proposed plan will be made for at least 30 days after the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice of availability of this final EIS in the **Federal Register**. BLM regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2) state that any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest that may be adversely affected may protest those proposed decisions that would be implemented on BLM-administered lands. The protest must be filed within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice of availability.

The National Park Service regulations do not provide a formal protest process. However, persons wishing to communicate with the Regional Director of the NPS during the 30 days after the Environmental Protection Agency's notice is published may do so by sending correspondence to Jonathan B. Jarvis, Regional Director, National Park Service, 1111 Jackson Street, Oakland CA 94607.

Instructions for filing protests with the BLM are included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** The Proposed Plan/FEIS is posted on Web sites at <http://www.id.blm.gov/planning/craters/index.htm> or <http://www.nps.gov/crmo> and has been mailed to those who have indicated that they want to receive it in hard copy or on a compact disk.

Additional copies in both paper and digital format are available in limited numbers. To receive a copy, write or call one of the individuals identified in the next paragraph.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Richard VanderVoet, Monument Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, ID 83352-1522, phone (208) 732-7200 or John Apel Acting Superintendent, National Park Service, P.O. Box 29, Arco, ID 83213, phone (208) 527-3257.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Established in 1924, the Craters of the Moon National Monument was

expanded by Presidential Proclamation 7373 on November 9, 2000, for the purpose of protecting the entire Great Rift volcanic zone and associated lava features, all objects of scientific interest. On August 21, 2002, Public Law 107-213 re-designated the National Park Service portion of the expanded Monument as a National Preserve. The Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service are managing the National Monument and Preserve cooperatively and are preparing one management plan to be implemented by both agencies.

The key components of the Proposed Plan are as follows:

- Promotes use of partnerships at off-site facilities such as visitor centers and state parks to provide Monument information and interpretation.
- Emphasizes protection of vegetation resources in North Laidlaw Park.
- Maintains a road network suitable for aggressive fire suppression and restoration activities within the Monument.
- Encourages outfitter and guide services in the expanded portion of the Monument, instead of new agency-provided services and facilities.
- Promotes a proactive Integrated Weed Management Program.
- Proactively protects and restores sagebrush steppe communities.
- Continues to focus visitor experience within the Monument on the existing lands and facilities located at the north end of the Monument.
- Continues management of the wilderness area within the original National Monument boundary and the wilderness study areas that are awaiting Congressional action. Proposes a joint NPS/BLM wilderness/WSA management plan.

Protests regarding proposed decisions affecting BLM-administered lands must be in writing and filed with the BLM Director. Protests may raise only those issues that were submitted for the record during the planning process. E-mail and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions the BLM will consider the e-mail or faxed protest as an advance copy, and it will receive full