

species in Utah and began development of a Conservation Agreement, working cooperatively with other agencies, in an effort to reduce the threats affecting the spotted frog. The Draft Conservation Agreement focuses on identifying, reducing and eliminating significant threats to the species that warrant its listing as a threatened species, and on restoring and maintaining a minimum of nine populations throughout Utah. This will be accomplished through implementation of the following conservation actions: (1) Determining baseline spotted frog distribution and available habitat; (2) determining baseline spotted frog population, life history and habitat needs; (3) determining and maintaining genetic composition and integrity; (4) augmenting or expanding spotted frog populations and distribution through introduction or reintroduction; (5) enhancing and maintaining habitat; (6) selectively controlling nonnative species; (7) protecting and providing habitat for spotted frog; (8) monitoring populations and habitat; (9) developing mitigation protocols for proposed development projects and future habitat alteration; and (10) protecting spotted frog populations through the use of regulatory mechanisms.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service will use information received in its determination on whether it should be a signatory party to the agreement. Comments or suggestions from the public, other concerned government agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested party concerning this draft document are hereby solicited. All comments and materials received will be considered prior to the approval of any final document.

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Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, the Fish and Wildlife Service Coordination Act of 1964, and the National Memorandum of Understanding (94 (SMU-058)).

Dated: November 21, 1997.

Ralph O. Morgenweek,

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On September 5, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 172, Page 47040, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Charles Ball, Watertown, NY for a permit (PRT-833846) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Parry Channel population (now known as Lancaster Sound), Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 1997, 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.

On September 5, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 172, Page 47040, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Gary Dietrich, Bismarck, ND for a permit (PRT-833835) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Northern Beaufort Sea population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 1997, 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.

On September 11, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 176, Page 47825, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Shannon Kollmeyer, Chelan, WA for a permit (PRT-833972) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Parry Channel population (now known as Lancaster Sound), Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 1997, 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.

On September 11, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 176, Page 47825, that an application had been filed with the Fish

and Wildlife Service by Lynn Herbert, Myrtle Creek, OR for a permit (PRT-833971) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 1997, 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.

On June 13, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 114, Page 32364, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Helmuth Pfennig, Beulah, ND for a permit (PRT-827717) to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from Canada for the purpose of public display.

Notice is hereby given that on November 7, 1997, 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.

On July 31, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 147, Page 41072, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Lisbon Aquarium, c/o IDEA Co., Cambridge, MA for a permit (PRT-834423) to collect up to four Alaskan sea otters (*Enhydra lutris*) for export to the Lisbon Aquarium, Portugal for the purpose of public display.

Notice is hereby given that on September 15, 1997, 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.

On August 7, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 152, Page 42588, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Le Grand Aquarium, c/o IDEA Co., Cambridge, MA for a permit (PRT-832098) to collect up to two Alaskan sea otters (*Enhydra lutris*) for export to the Le Grand Aquarium, France for the purpose of public display.

Notice is hereby given that on September 15, 1997, 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.

On September 11, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 176, Page 47825, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Office of Marine Mammals Management, USFWS, Anchorage, AK for a permit (PRT-834120) to import specimen samples or carcasses of sea otters (*Enhydra lutris*) from the Russia Federation for the purpose of scientific research.

Notice is hereby given that on October 30, 1997, 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.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Date: November 20, 1997.

Mary Ellen Amtower,

Acting Chief Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313.

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the

bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Quality of life in southwestern Colorado and northwestern New Mexico.

OMB Approval Number: New Collection.

Abstract: This study is one part of an integrated study of public knowledge of, preferences for, and responses to tourism and recreation development on the Colorado Plateau. The correlated information is designed to assist Federal, state, and local land and resource managers in their management decisions by providing information about the knowledge, needs, and desires of the affected publics surrounding public lands. Natural resource land managers and county government officials in seven counties, working as partners in this research, can adjust management practices in response to citizens' knowledge and perceived values. The intended effect is to better inform managers and assist land managers in developing citizen involvement programs. This study is being conducted in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and as part of the Colorado Plateau Ecosystem Partnership Program (CPEPP). This study is part of a peer-reviewed research study plan of the Midcontinent Ecological Science Center in Fort Collins, Colorado and is part of the study plan of the CPEPP.

To build a picture of quality of life on the Colorado Plateau, we will measure the perceptions and preferences for the environment held by diverse residents at several locations in the region. Our objectives are to describe what resident populations perceive as the most salient elements of the region's natural landscapes, ecosystems, and human communities; what would have to be maintained, protected, or restored to attain conditions of community and ecosystem quality that residents desire. The first iteration of this research approach has been conducted by Utah State University for the Utah State Travel Council in partnership with the Canyon Country Partnership and U.S. Geological Survey. The goal of that

study was to help achieve the Travel Council's specific directive to relate tourism planning to local residents' quality of life. For this second iteration, surveys will be administered to a stratified random sample of citizens living in six counties in Colorado (Archuleta, La Plata, Montezuma, Dolores, San Miguel, and San Juan) and in San Juan County, New Mexico. The sampling design is being developed in partnership with the combined U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management office in Durango, Colorado and Fort Lewis College.

Respondents will be given 12 exposure, one-time use, 35mm cameras and will be asked to photograph areas of their community that either add to or detract from their quality of life. Respondents will receive complete sets of their own photography, accompanied by a short mail-out survey instrument for the purposes of collecting demographic data and cross-check the quality of life factors reflected in the photographs.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency: One time.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated completion time: 25 minutes per respondent.

Number of respondents: 300 (400 cameras and mail-surveys).

Burden hours: 125 hours. (The burden hour estimate is based on a 70% return rate, with 15 minutes to take photographs and fill out the photo log and 10 minutes to complete the follow-up questionnaire.)

Dated: November 17, 1997.

Dennis B. Fern,

Chief Biologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Comments on Environmental Assessment, Maximum Economic Recovery Report, and Fair Market Value; Application for Competitive Coal Lease COC 60941; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, Lakewood, Colorado, hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held to receive