

alternative would result in increased effects to listed species, by effectively bringing people in direct contact with listed species habitat.

Under the No Action Alternative, the Service would not issue a permit and the project area would continue to remain in its present condition. As illegal trespass would likely continue within Eagle Canyon Creek, effects to California red-legged frogs and tidewater gobies would be likely.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Act and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). The Service will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act regulations and section 10(a) of the Act. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued to the Applicants for the incidental take of the California red-legged frog and tidewater goby. The final permit decision will be made no sooner than 60 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: July 25, 2001.

John Engbring,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Denial of Permit for Marine Mammals

On April 26, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 66, No. 81, Page 21007, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Baltimore Zoo, Baltimore, Maryland, for a permit (PRT-040039) to import a live captive held polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from Jardin de Quebec Zoologique, Quebec, Canada, for public display purposes. Notice is hereby given that on June 11, 2001, 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 denied the requested permit.

Documents and other information submitted for this application is available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm 700, Arlington,

Virginia 22203, phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: June 18, 2001.

Monica Farris,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Acquire Additional Habitat for Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge in St. Lucie and Martin Counties, FL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to acquire additional habitat for Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, has prepared a Decision Report that proposes to acquire approximately 149 acres of additional wildlife habitat for Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge in St. Lucie and Martin Counties, along the southeastern Atlantic coast in Florida. The purpose of the project is to protect and manage additional beachfront and upland sand pine-scrub habitats for the benefit of many species of wildlife, including federally listed threatened species such as the wood stork, Florida scrub jay, piping plover, loggerhead sea turtle, eastern indigo snake, and four-petal pawpaw, as well as federally listed endangered species including the leatherback and green sea turtles and Lakela's mint. Other species of wildlife native to the south Florida area would also benefit from the proposed refuge additions.

A Decision Report was prepared for this project because it is categorically excluded from the requirement of preparing an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This categorical exclusion is based on the small size of the proposed refuge additions (149 acres), the general public support of the project, and the willingness of the affected landowners to sell or transfer their lands to the Service for inclusion as part of Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge.

DATES: The Decision Report was approved by the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service on July 4, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The Decision Report is available for public inspection at the

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Regional Office, Land Acquisition Planning Branch, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. Written requests for copies of the Decision Report should be sent to Mr. Charles Danner, Team Leader, at the same address. Mr. Danner can also be contacted by telephone at 1-800-419-9582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposal refuge additions are located in St. Lucie and Martin Counties, Florida, and consist of four separate areas near the refuge. Area 1 (4 acres) and Area 2 (65 acres) are adjacent to the refuge. Area 3 (70 acres) is located on Hutchinson Island about 20 miles north of the refuge. Area 4 (10 acres) is located about 45 miles north of the refuge near Vero Beach. These four areas total approximately 149 acres. The Service is proposing to acquire these lands through a combination of fee title purchases from willing sellers and leases, conservation easements, or cooperative agreements from willing landowners.

The primary objective of acquiring the project lands is to protect and maintain some of the most productive nesting habitats of the endangered leatherback and green sea turtles and threatened loggerhead sea turtle, as well as habitat for a number of other endangered and threatened species including the wood stork, Florida scrub jay, piping plover, eastern indigo snake, four-petal pawpaw, and Lakela's mint.

Dated: July 4, 2001.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Reinstatement of Approved Information Collection, OMB Approval Number 1004-0068

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requests the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate an existing approval to collect information that authorizes and documents the cooperative construction of range

improvement projects on public lands. BLM will use form 4120-67 (Cooperative Range Improvement Agreement) under the authority of Sections 2, 4, and 9 of the Taylor Grazing Act, Section 5 of the Public Rangelands Improvement Act and implementing regulations found at 43 CFR 4110.2-3(a)(2), 4120, and 4140.1(b)(8).

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before October 1, 2001. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments after the above date.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, Mailstop 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

You may send comments via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0068" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Ken Visser on (202) 452-7743 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Visser.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

BLM administers the livestock grazing program consistent with land-use plans, multiple-use objectives, sustained yield,

environmental values, economic considerations, and other factors. To do so, BLM may enter into a cooperative range improvement agreement with a person, organization, or other government entity to install, use, maintain and/or modify permanent range improvements or rangeland developments to achieve management or resource condition objectives.

BLM will use Form 4120-6 to document cooperative project development agreements between BLM and grazing permittees/lessees for projects intended to enhance the livestock management infrastructure on public lands. Also, BLM will use Form 4120-6 to document agreements between BLM and others such as State wildlife agencies, conservation organizations or entities wishing to contribute resources to cooperatively develop and/or maintain a project on public lands intended to further other land-use plan goals. Form 4120-6 requests the information to identify the cooperator(s), the range improvement project, and the expenditures by the cooperator(s) and the BLM to construct the proposed project.

Based upon BLM experience and recent tabulations of activity, we process approximately 588 Cooperative Range Improvement Agreements each year. The public reporting information collection burden takes 20 minutes. Depending on the size and complexity of the range project, some responses may take up to 60 minutes to complete. The estimated number of responses per year is 588. The estimated total annual burden is 196 hours.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 20, 2001.

Michael H. Schwartz,
BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-220-1020-PB-24 1A]

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Approval Number 1004-0041

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from grazing operators who request changes to their BLM approved grazing permits or leases. BLM uses Form 4130-3a (Automated Grazing Application, formerly Grazing Preference Statement) to show the grazing operator the terms and conditions of the grazing use schedules their permit or lease authorizes and to provide the operator an opportunity to apply for changes for the upcoming grazing season.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before October 1, 2001. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, Mailstop 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

You may send comments via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0041" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

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