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**Permit Application Number:
TE-94704A**

Applicant: Dorothy Brown, Candler, North Carolina

Applicant requests authorization to take (capture, mark, apply transmitters, track, survey, and collect tissues) Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*M. grisescens*), Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*), Carolina northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus coloratus*), and bog turtle (*Clemmys muhlenbergii*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys and assisting in species recovery efforts. These activities may be conducted throughout the States of Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Arkansas, Missouri, and Illinois.

**Permit Application Number:
TE-97394A**

Applicant: Zachary Couch, Pleasureville, Kentucky

Applicant requests authorization to take (capture, mark, apply transmitters, track, survey, and collect tissues) Indiana bat (*M. sodalis*), gray bat (*M. grisescens*), and Virginia big-eared bat (*C. t. virginianus*), for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys and assisting in species recovery efforts. These activities may be conducted throughout Kentucky.

**Permit Application Number:
TE-97999A**

Applicant: National Park Service, Buck Island Reef National Monument, Christiansted, Virgin Islands

Applicant requests authorization to take (capture, handle, mark, track, and survey) the St. Croix ground lizard (*Ameiva polops*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys and assisting in species recovery efforts. These activities will be conducted in Buck Island Reef National Monument, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Permit Application Number:
TE-96635A**

Applicant: David Thomas, Austin, Texas

Applicant requests authorization to take (capture, handle, and survey) pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), Gulf sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*), Alabama shad (*Alosa alabamae*), pearl darter (*Percina aurora*), fat pocketbook (*Potamilus capax*), inflated heelsplitter (*Potamilus inflatus*), Louisiana pearlshell (*Margaritifera hembeli*), pink mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*), and rabbitsfoot (*Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys and assisting in species recovery efforts. These activities will be conducted in Louisiana.

**Permit Application Number:
TE-94669A**

Applicant: Toledo Zoological Gardens, Toledo, Ohio

The applicant requests authorization to take the Virgin Islands boa (*Epicrates monensis granti*) for the purpose of developing a conservation breeding program and reintroduction to the wild. This activity will occur in Puerto Rico.

**Permit Application Number:
TE-105626**

Applicant: Rex Roberg, Cabot, Arkansas

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, handle, release) American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys and assisting in species recovery efforts. These activities will be conducted in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

**Permit Application Number:
TE-97308A**

Applicant: John Harris, Scott, Arkansas

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, handle, tissue sampling, release) 18 species of freshwater mussels for the purpose of

conducting presence/absence/population surveys and assisting in species recovery efforts. These activities will be conducted throughout the range of each species: Ouachita rock pocketbook (*Arkansia wheeleri*), spectaclecase (*Cumberlandia monodonta*), fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria*), Curtis pearlymussel (*Epioblasma florentina curtisii*), snuffbox (*E. triquetra*), turgid blossom (*E. turgidula*), pink mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*), Arkansas fatmucket (*Lampsilis powellii*), Neosho mucket (*L. rafinesqueana*), speckled pocketbook (*L. streckeri*), scaleshell (*Leptodea leptodon*), Louisiana pearlshell (*Margaritifera hembeli*), ring pink (*Obovaria retusa*), sheepnose (*Plethobasus cyphus*), rough pigtoe (*Pleurobema plenum*), fat pocketbook (*Potamilus capax*), rabbitsfoot (*Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica*), and winged mapleleaf (*Q. fragosa*).

Dated: March 21, 2013.

Kenneth A. Garrahan,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Approved Land Use Plan Amendments/Record of Decision for Allocation of Oil Shale and Tar Sands Resources on Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Approved Land Use Plan Amendments/Record of Decision (ROD) for Allocation of Oil Shale and Tar Sands Resources on Lands Administered by the BLM in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. The BLM Principal Deputy Director signed the ROD on March 22, 2013, which constitutes the final decision of the BLM and makes the Approved Plan Amendments effective immediately.

ADDRESSES: The ROD/Approved Plan Amendments document is available now electronically on the following Web site: <http://ostseis.anl.gov>. Copies of the ROD/Approved Plan Amendments will be available after April 1, 2013, upon request from the BLM Office locations listed below. Copies of the ROD will be available after April 1, 2013, for public inspection at the same BLM Office locations:

Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215.
Northwest District Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506.
White River Field Office, 220 East Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641.
Colorado River Valley Field Office, 2300 River Frontage Road, Silt, CO 81652.
Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.
Green River District Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, UT 84078.
Price Field Office, 125 South 600 West, Price, UT 84501.
Color Country District Office, 176 East D.L. Sargent Drive, Cedar City, UT 84721.
Richfield Field Office, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701.
Canyon Country District Office, 82 East Dogwood, Moab, UT 84532.
Monticello Field Office, 365 North Main, Monticello, UT 84535.
Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009.
High Desert District Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY 82901.
Kemmerer Field Office, 312 Highway 189 North, Kemmerer, WY 83101.
Rawlins Field Office, 1300 North Third, Rawlins, WY 82301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherri Thompson, BLM Project Manager, at 303-239-3758, (sthompson@blm.gov), Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215 or Mitchell Leverette, BLM Division Chief, Solid Minerals, at 202-912-7113, (mleveret@blm.gov), Bureau of Land Management, 20 M Street SE., Washington, DC 20003. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individuals during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The decision in the ROD selects a modified version of Alternative 2(b), the proposed

plan in the Final Oil Shale and Tar Sands Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as the Approved Land Use Plan Amendments, which would amend 10 land use plans in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming to make approximately 679,000 acres of lands containing oil shale resources open for application for future leasing and development and approximately 132,000 acres open for application for future leasing and development of tar sands.

The Environmental Protection Agency published a Notice of Availability for the Final Programmatic EIS in the **Federal Register** on November 9, 2012 (77 FR 67362), initiating the BLM's 30-day protest period on the Proposed Plan Amendments for oil shale and tar sands allocation. The protest period closed on December 10, 2012. Eighteen protests were received; protests came from local governments, the State of Utah, industry, industry interest groups, environmental groups, and an individual. The BLM has resolved all valid protest issues.

The BLM has made minor modifications and editorial clarifications to the Approved Plan Amendments. These modifications provided further clarification of some of the decisions.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Invitation to Participate; Coal Exploration License Application UTU-89454, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested qualified parties are hereby invited to participate with Ark Land Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Sevier County, Utah.

DATES: The notice of invitation to participate in this coal exploration license was published, once each week for 2 consecutive weeks in the *Richfield Reaper* (beginning the last week of December 2012), and by virtue of this announcement in the **Federal Register**. Any person seeking to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to the BLM and Ark Land Company, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than May 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the exploration plan are available for review from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays, (serialized under the number of UTU-89454) in the public room of the BLM Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.

The written notice to participate in the exploration program should be sent to the following addresses: Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, Division of Lands and Minerals, Attn: Stan Perkes, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 and Ark Land Company, c/o Sufco Mine, Attn: Mark Bunnell, 597 South SR 24, Salina, UT 84654.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stan Perkes, Mining Engineer, at 801-539-4036 or by email: sperkes@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the exploration program is to gain additional geologic knowledge of the coal underlying the exploration area for the purpose of assessing the coal resources. The exploration program is fully described and is being conducted pursuant to an exploration license and plan approved by the BLM. The exploration plan may be modified to accommodate the legitimate exploration needs of persons seeking to participate. The area to be explored includes the following-described lands in Sevier County, Utah:

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T. 21 S., R. 4 E., SLM, Utah
Sec. 14, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 15, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
Containing 520.00 acres.

The Federal coal within the above-described lands is currently not leased