

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

*B. May I review comments submitted by others?*

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

## II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

## III. Permit Applications

### Endangered Species

Applicant: Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project, Inc., Baltimore, MD; PRT-73578B

The applicant requests a permit to re-export biological samples from wild mountain gorilla (*Gorilla beringei*) to the United Kingdom for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx, NY; PRT-77252B

The applicant requests a permit to re-export biological samples from wild Amur tigers (*Panthera tigris altaica*) to the United Kingdom for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Veterinary Initiative for Endangered Wildlife, Bozeman, MT; PRT-75654B

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from Bengal tigers (*Panthera tigris tigris*) and Indian rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) from National Trust for Nature Conservation, Sauraha, Nepal, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Creation Kingdom Zoo Inc., Gate City, VA; PRT-84452B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*), black and white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata*), red ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*), white-fronted lemur (*Eulemur albifrons*), cotton-headed tamarin (*Saguinus oedipus*), mandrill (*Mandrillus sphinx*), Lar gibbon (*Hylobates lar*), and leopard (*Panthera pardus*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Clara Geissler, San Diego, CA; PRT-74736B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) and Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Evan Rosenoff, Cary, NC; PRT-51920A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: University of California, Davis, CA; PRT-84562B

The applicant requests a permit to import egg samples from wild leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) from St. Kitts and Nevis, for the purpose of scientific research. This

notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

## Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Arthur Webber, Glenside, PA; PRT-88754B

Applicant: Douglas Wyatt, Amarillo, TX; PRT-88758B

Applicant: Armour Mellon, Ligonier, PA; PRT-88822B

Applicant: Matthew Saulsbury, Odessa, TX; PRT-88755B

Applicant: Roger Turner, Midland, TX; PRT-88670B

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge, Canyon, Payette, Owyhee, and Washington Counties, ID, and Malheur County, OR; Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Record of Decision for Final Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and record of decision (ROD) for the final environmental impact statement (EIS). The CCP describes the Refuge’s management direction for the next 15 years, and includes the ROD, which explains our selection of Alternative 2 as the Refuge’s management direction. **DATES:** The Regional Director, Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, signed the ROD on April 3, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The libraries providing public viewing of the CCP/ROD are listed under **SUPPLEMENTARY**

**INFORMATION.** You may view or download a copy of the CCP/ROD at the Refuge's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/deerflat/refugeplanning.html>, or request a CD-ROM copy of the CCP/ROD by one of the following methods:

*Email:* [deerflat@fws.gov](mailto:deerflat@fws.gov). Include "Deer Flat Refuge draft CCP/EIS" in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* Attn: Refuge Manager, 208-467-1019.

*U.S. Mail:* Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge, 13751 Upper Embankment Road, Nampa, ID 83686.

*In-Person Viewing or Pickup:* Call 208-467-9278 to make an appointment during regular business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Refuge Manager, 208-467-9278 (phone).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Introduction**

With this notice, we finalize the CCP process for Deer Flat Refuge. We started this process by publishing a notice of intent in the **Federal Register** on July 15, 2010 (75 FR 41232). We requested public comments on the draft CCP/EIS in a notice of availability published in the **Federal Register** on March 15, 2013 (78 FR 16526). For more information about the history and purposes of the Refuge, see that notice.

We completed a thorough analysis of impacts on the human environment and responded to public comments in the final CCP/EIS released to the public through a **Federal Register** notice published on February 20, 2015 (80 FR 9279).

We announce our decision and the availability of the CCP and ROD in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1506.6(b)) requirements. Alternative 2, as we described it in the final CCP/EIS, was selected for implementation at the Refuge. The CCP will guide Refuge management for 15 years.

**Background**

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, 16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee (Refuge Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to complete a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation,

legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Refuge Administration Act.

**CCP/ROD**

Based on our comprehensive review and analysis of Deer Flat Refuge's resources and issues, the Service selected Alternative 2, our preferred alternative, for implementation, as it is described in the final CCP/EIS, with two modifications described below. In reaching our decision to implement Alternative 2, we identified and analyzed its impacts to the Refuge environment in the Draft and Final CCPs/EISs. Issues, comments, concerns, and opportunities identified by all stakeholders throughout the planning process were considered and addressed. A summary of public comments and our responses is available in the CCP, in Appendix H.

*Changes Made to the Selected Alternative*

The following changes were made to wildlife-dependent public uses in the Lake Lowell Unit in Alternative 2 after the final CCP/EIS was released:

- Noncompetitive jogging, bicycling, and horseback riding groups of 10 or fewer people are allowed without a special use permit (SUP). An SUP is still required for groups larger than 10, and competitive events are still prohibited.

- Boats using wake-generating devices (wake-boats) are compatible with stipulations, including requiring wake-boats to use ballast filtering systems to prevent invasive species introductions. Wakes that impact grebe nests are a concern; however, the new no-wake zones will provide some additional protection, and we will continue to evaluate effects on wildlife to ensure the use remains compatible.

*Other CCP Actions*

We will protect Lake Lowell's shoreline feeding and nesting sites for wintering and migratory birds by closing the lake October 1–April 14, establishing a 200-yard no-wake zone on the south side and in the Narrows, and expanding the southeast no-wake zone to Gotts Point.

Fishing and wildlife interpretation will be emphasized, and with increased

law enforcement, Gotts Point will open to vehicles. We will increase wildlife inventory and monitoring, invasive species control, and restoration on the Snake River Islands Unit, and we will adjust closures to protect nesting and wading birds. Wildlife observation and hunting for deer, upland species, and waterfowl will be allowed on the unit, and most islands will be open for shoreline fishing and free-boat activities June 15–January 31; and heron- and gull-nesting islands will be open July 1–January 31. For additional details, the CCP/ROD is available on the Refuge's Web site: [www.fws.gov/deerflat/refugeplanning.html](http://www.fws.gov/deerflat/refugeplanning.html). Implementing some of the CCP actions will be subject to the availability of funding and any additional compliance requirements.

**Public Availability of Documents**

Review the CCP/ROD at the following libraries and sources under **ADDRESSES**.

- Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell, ID 83605.
- Homedale Public Library, 125 W Owyhee Ave., Homedale, ID 83628.
- Lizard Butte District Library, 111 3rd Ave. W, Marsing, ID 83639.
- Nampa Public Library, 101 11th Ave. S, Nampa, ID 83651.
- Payette Public Library, 24 S 10th St., Payette, ID 83661.
- Ada County District Library, 10664 W Victory Rd., Boise, ID 83709.

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**Information Collection Request Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; Annual Certification of Hunting and Sport Fishing Licenses Issued**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. We summarize the ICR below and describe the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This information collection is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2016.