

The applicant request a permit to import the sport hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

#### Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete application or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

*Applicant:* U.S. Geological Survey, Western Ecological Research Center, San Simeon, CA, PRT-672624.

The applicant request a permit to increase the number of animals out of 500 takes for drugging, vestigial tooth extraction and blood taking; for surgical implant of radio transmitters; and for TDR implants for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant until October 5, 2007.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Dated: August 8, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Proposed Pittsburg and Midway Coal Mining Company Coal Exchange

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior. Cooperating Agencies—Forest

Service, Agriculture; Office of Surface Mining, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the proposed Pittsburg and Midway Coal Mining Company Coal Exchange; Lincoln, Carbon, and Sheridan Counties, Wyoming.

**SUMMARY:** Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and associated regulations, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of a FEIS that evaluates, analyzes, and discloses to the public direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of a proposed land-for-coal exchange between the Pittsburg and Midway (P&M) Coal Mining Company, the USDA Forest Service Bridger-Teton National Forest, and the Wyoming BLM, (Serial Number WYW148816).

The FEIS analyzes a proposal made by P&M to exchange approximately 5,859 acres of privately owned surface and coal resources for an amount of Federal coal of approximately equal value underlying privately owned lands. For all, or some portion, of an estimated 107 million tons of Federal coal in Sheridan County, Wyoming, P&M would exchange to the United States private land and mineral resources in Lincoln, Carbon, and Sheridan Counties, Wyoming. The USDA Forest Service and the Office of Surface Mining are cooperating agencies.

**DATES:** Comments on the FEIS will be accepted for 30 days following the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes their notice of availability of the FEIS in the **Federal Register**. The BLM asks that those submitting comments on the FEIS make them as specific as possible with reference to page numbers and chapters of the document. Comments that contain only opinions, or preferences, will not receive a formal response, however, they will be considered, and included, as part of the BLM decision-making process. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the Final EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** Please address questions, comments, or requests for copies of the FEIS to the Casper Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Nancy

Doelger, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604; or you may mail them electronically to the attention of Nancy Doelger at [casper\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:casper_wymail@blm.gov); or fax them to (307) 261-7587. A copy of the FEIS has been sent to affected Federal, State, local government agencies, and to those persons who responded to the BLM indicating that they wished to receive a copy of the FEIS. Copies of the FEIS are available for public inspection at the following BLM and USDA Forest Service office locations:

- Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009
- Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604-2968
- Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 E. Mill Street, Pinedale, WY 82941
- Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins Field Office, 1300 N. Third Street, Rawlins, WY 82301
- USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401
- USDA Bridger-Teton National Forest, Kemmerer Ranger District, 308 Highway 189 North, Kemmerer, WY 83101
- Bureau of Land Management, Buffalo Field Office, 1425 Fort Street, Buffalo, WY 82834

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Doelger or Mike Karbs at the above Casper Field Office address, or telephone: (307) 261-7600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS analyzes a proposal by P&M to exchange privately owned land and some mineral resources for Federal coal. The proposed exchange includes the surface and mineral estate on the parcels that would become Federal estate administered by the USDA Forest Service, Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF), (2,447.88 acres); and on 638.37 acres to be administered by BLM and adjacent to the BTNF. BLM would acquire 2,772.25 acres of surface to be administered in the Rawlins and Buffalo Field Offices and 807.69 acres of coal to be administered by the Buffalo Field Office. A description of the lands and resources offered to the United States Government by P&M and the tract of Federal coal selected by P&M follows.

#### Bridger Lands, Lincoln County, Wyoming

Of the parcels north of Kemmerer, Wyoming, known as "the Bridger Lands," approximately 2,447 acres are inholdings within in the administrative