

threatened species previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

*Applicant: Timothy L. Nolan, Marion, WI, PRT-107719.*

The applicant requests 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: Robert B. Fay, Jr., Allison Park, PA, PRT-107181*

The applicant requests 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.

#### Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were 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 applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications 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: Clarence M. Bielat, Hillsdale, MI, PRT-107189.*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

*Applicant: Michael L. Gill, Bakersfield, CA, PRT-109700.*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Viscount Melville Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

*Applicant: William M. Lauer, Alden, NY, PRT-106839.*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

Dated: September 2, 2005.

**Michael L. Carpenter,**

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Geological Survey

##### Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Geological Survey.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Public Act 106-503, the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) will hold its eleventh meeting. The meeting location is the Courtyard Seattle Downtown /Lake Union, 925 Westlake Avenue North, Seattle, Washington 98109. The Committee is comprised of members from academia, industry, and State government. The Committee shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

The Committee will review the overall direction of the U.S. Geological Survey's Earthquake Hazards Program in the current and next fiscal years with particular focus on the Program's activities in the Pacific Northwest.

Meetings of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee are open to the public.

**DATES:** September 27, 2005, commencing at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 12 p.m. on September 29, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. David Applegate, U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648 6714.

Dated: September 12, 2005.

**Linda Gundersen,**

*Acting Associate Director for Geology.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Bureau of Land Management

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##### Notice of Closure of Public Lands to Motorized Vehicle Use

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of closure of certain public lands located in Fremont County, Wyoming, to all types of motor vehicle use.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Subpart 8341.2(a), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the closure of certain BLM-administered public lands to all types of motor vehicle use to protect the National Historic Trails (NHT), which includes the Oregon, Mormon Pioneer, California, and Pony Express Trails.

This closure affects public lands located within Fremont County on the NHTs in the area known as Rocky Ridge. The closure area extends for approximately 2 miles from near the Lower Monument over Rocky Ridge to the western edge of the BLM-administered public land in Section 28, T29N, R97W.

**DATES:** This closure will be effective June 20, 2005, in accordance with the Environmental Assessment and Decision Record (March 28, 2005).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ray Hanson, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Bureau of Land Management, 1335 Main Street, P.O. Box 589, Lander, Wyoming 82520. Mr. Hanson may also be contacted by telephone: 307-332-8420.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM Lander Field Office is responsible for management of public lands within Fremont, Natrona, Carbon, Sweetwater, and Hot Springs Counties. The management of these lands is addressed in the Lander Resource Management Plan (RMP) Record of Decision (ROD), which was signed in June 1987. In the Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record, based upon Environmental Assessment, WY050-EA4-047, for the Proposed Special Recreation Permit to Conduct Handcart Treks on Bureau of Land Management Administered Public Lands Between Sixth Crossing and Rock Creek Hollow (March 28, 2005), a decision to issue an Off-Highway Vehicle closure was included to mitigate the impacts caused by motorized vehicle use to the cultural, historic, and natural resources on approximately 2 miles of the NHTs on Rocky Ridge.