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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone (703) 358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361, *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the

application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
095573	Edward W. Johnson	69 FR 68968; November 26, 2004	December 27, 2004.
096039	Hugh Cropper III	69 FR 68968; November 26, 2004	December 27, 2004.
095425	James A. Toth	69 FR 68968; November 26, 2004	December 27, 2004.

ENDANGERED MARINE MAMMALS AND MARINE MAMMALS

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
080580	Nova Southeastern University	69 FR 5569; February 5, 2004	January 12, 2005.
095238	Edward A. Bell	69 FR 68968; November 26, 2004	January 10, 2005.
095768	Sidney R. Wilhite	69 FR 68968; November 26, 2004	January 12, 2005.

Dated: January 14, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Meeting of the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG). The TAMWG affords stakeholders the opportunity to give policy, management, and technical input concerning Trinity River restoration efforts to the Trinity Management Council. Primary objectives of the meeting will include: Introduce new members; historical overview; program orientation; how to make TAMWG more effective; TAMWG organization, operations, and effectiveness; and election of officers. The agenda items are approximate and are dependent on the amount of time each item takes. The meeting could end

early if the agenda has been completed. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 101 Memorial Lane, Weaverville, CA 96001. Telephone: (530) 623-3975.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Long of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, California 95521, (707) 822-7201. Mike Long is the committee's Designated Federal Official.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For background information and questions regarding the Trinity River Restoration Program, please contact Douglas Schleusner, Executive Director, Trinity River Restoration Program, P.O. Box 1300, 1313 South Main Street, Weaverville, California 96093, (530) 623-1800.

Dated: January 20, 2005.

Paul Hanson,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, CA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Natural Gas Pipeline 30 Year Right-of-Way Permit Application Crossing Land Owned by the Fish and Wildlife Service at Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, Sacramento County, California, for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior

ACTION: Notice for public comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that Longbow, LLC has applied for the installation of one natural gas pipeline for a 30 year right-of-way permit across the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) easement tract (37P) located at Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, Sacramento County, California. The pipeline would be underground and would transport natural gas produced from a well located approximately 800 feet east of the Refuge boundary, to a gas sales point two miles to the southwest, located off the Refuge boundary. The applicant proposes to perpendicular bore the pipeline 15-20 feet under the ground. The portion of the Refuge the pipeline would pass under is the right-of-way for the abandoned Southern Pacific Railroad and associated borrow channel. The pipeline would be bored

and installed from private agricultural land 800 feet east of the Refuge using directional drilling equipment, construction and operation of the pipeline would not be detectable at the surface of the Refuge and cause no detectable ground surface disturbances to terrestrial or aquatic habitats within Stone Lakes NWR at any time during its construction or operation. Therefore the proposed use would not negatively affect the purposes of Stone Lakes NWR or the mission of the Service or impact existing or potential wildlife-dependent recreational uses.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 3, 2005 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Manager; California/Nevada Operations Office, Attention Realty Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2610, Sacramento, CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Realty Specialist Steve Lay at the above California/Nevada Operations Office address, (916) 414-6447.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this Notice is to inform the public that the Service will be proceeding with the processing of this application, the compatibility determination, and the approval processing which includes the preparation of the terms and conditions of the permit. The purpose of the natural gas pipeline is to provide reliable and cost effective energy to the residential, commercial, and industrial customers within Sacramento and adjacent counties. The total width of the subsurface right-of-way is twenty feet to be located ten feet on either side of the centerline. The total length of the right-of-way is 170.85 feet. Therefore the total area of the subsurface right-of-way would comprise approximately 3,417 square feet or 0.0784 acres. The depth of the subsurface right-of-way would be approximately 15-20 feet underground. The pipeline itself is six inches in diameter Schedule 20 ERW carbon steel API 5L Grade B or Grade x 42 steel pipe and will be inserted into a slightly larger diameter (7 inches) hole. An Environmental Action Statement has been prepared by the Stone Lakes NWR Refuge Manager stating the relevant categorical exclusion pertaining to this proposed right-of-way. A Compatibility Determination has been written and has concluded that the proposed use would not negatively affect the purposes of Stone Lakes NWR or the mission of the Service or impact existing or potential wildlife-dependent recreational uses.

Authority: Right-of-way applications for pipelines are to be filed in accordance with Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (41 Stat. 449; 30 U.S.C. 185 amended by Pub L. 93-153).

Dated: January 26, 2005.

Ken McDermond,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Fish and Wildlife Service and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Governments Sign Annual Funding Agreement

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 15, 2004, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service or we) signed an annual funding agreement (AFA or Agreement) with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Governments (CSKT) under the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994. The action was taken at the discretion of the Service. The decision reflects review and consideration of concerns, issues, and comments received during a 90-day public comment period which began on July 14, 2004, and ended on October 12, 2004. The public comment period was reopened for an additional 15 days on October 20, 2004, and closed on November 4, 2004. The Agreement was re-negotiated and slightly re-worded following the public comment period. The Agreement provides for the CSKT to perform certain programs, services, functions, and activities (Activities) for the National Bison Range and ancillary properties (Northwest Montana Wetland Management District, Pablo, and Ninepipe NWRs) during an 18-month period. The Regional Director for the Service in Denver, Colorado, signed the agreement December 15, 2004. The Secretary of the Interior immediately endorsed the Agreement, and forwarded it to the U.S. Congress for a 90-day review period.

DATES: The agreement period is March 15, 2005, through September 30, 2006. As provided by the Tribal Self-Governance Regulations at 25 CFR 1000.146, and subject to applicable laws and regulations, the Service and the CSKT may agree in writing to extend to a date after September 30, 2006, the term for performing any Activity covered by the AFA. All of the terms

and conditions of the AFA will apply during any extension of the term of the AFA. The Service and CSKT may modify the Activities covered by the AFA or the consideration paid by the Service to the CSKT for performing an Activity only by amending the AFA as provided in section 20.A of the AFA.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain the final agreement and supporting documentation at:

1. Montana—National Bison Range Headquarters, 132 Bison Range Road, Moiese, Montana 59824;

2. Denver—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office, National Wildlife Refuge System—Mountain-Prairie Region, P.O. Box 25486, DFC, Denver, Colorado 80225;

3. Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, P.O. Box 278, Pablo, Montana 59855; or

4. Internet—<http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/cskt-fws-negotiation>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Kallin, Refuge Manager, (406) 644-2211, extension 204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What is the National Bison Range Complex? The National Bison Range Complex (NBRC), part of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), and consists of the National Bison Range, Swan Lake, Lost Trail, Pablo, and Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuges, and the Northwest Montana Wetland Management District. Established in 1908 to conserve the American bison, the Bison Range and ancillary properties provide important habitat for a variety of species such as elk, pronghorn antelope, and migratory birds.

How Did the Service Develop the Agreement? The Service and the CSKT carried out negotiations in accordance with regulations in 25 CFR part 1000.

What Events Led to This Action? In spring 2003, the CSKT submitted a formal request to reinstate negotiations related to compacting of activities at the National Bison Range and ancillary properties (Northwest Montana Wetland Management District, Pablo, and Ninepipe NWRs) pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Pub. L. 93-638). In response to this request, negotiations between CSKT and the Service on an AFA for that portion of the National Bison Range Complex within the Flathead Indian Reservation began in the summer of 2003.

What is the Tribal Self-Governance Act? The Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994 was enacted as an amendment to Public Law 93-638 and incorporated as Title IV of that Act. The Self-Governance Act allows qualifying self-