

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** We invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

**DATES:** Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before December 17, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, 911 NE, 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181 (telephone: 503-231-2063; fax: 503-231-6243). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Belluomini, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Portland address (telephone: 503-231-2063; fax: 503-231-6243).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("we") solicits review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public on the following permit requests.

**Permit No. TE-043638**

*Applicant:* Directorate of Public Works, U.S. Army, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (capture and release, band, collect biological samples, and conduct nest searches) the Oahu elepaio (*Chasiempis sandwichensis ibidis*) in conjunction with genetic and disease research, and life history studies, on the Island of Oahu in the State of Hawaii, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-146768**

*Applicant:* Arleone Dibben-Young, Kaunakakai, Molokai, Hawaii.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (collect biological samples) the

Hawaiian coot (*Fulica americana alai*) in conjunction with avian influenza research on the Island of Molokai in the State of Hawaii for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Public Review of Comments**

We solicit public review and comment on these recovery permit applications. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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.

Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

Dated: September 24, 2007.

**Renne R. Lohofener,**

*Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

**[AZ-330-08-1232-EA, AZ-SRP-330-07-01 and AZ-SRP-330-07-02]**

**Temporary Closure of Selected Public Lands in La Paz County, AZ**

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

**ACTION:** Temporary Closure of Selected Public Lands in La Paz County, Arizona, during the operation of the 2008 Parker 250 and Parker 425 Desert Races.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lake Havasu Field Office announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under its administration in La Paz County, Arizona. This action is being taken to help ensure public safety and prevent unnecessary environmental degradation during the permitted running of the Best in the Desert 2008 Parker 250, and 2008 Blue Water Resort and Casino Parker 425 Desert Races. Areas subject to this closure include all public land; including county maintained roads and highways located on public lands that are located within two miles of the designated course. The race course and closure areas are described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of

this notice and maps of the designated race course are maintained in the Bureau of Land Management Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406.

**EVENT DATES:** The Parker 250 on January 5, 2008, and the Parker 425 on February 2, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Dodson, Field Staff Ranger, BLM Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406, (928) 505-1200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description of Race Course Closed Area:* Beginning at the eastern boundary of the Colorado River Indian Tribe (CRIT) Reservation, the race course closed area runs east along Shea Road, then east into Osborne Wash on to the Parker-Swansea Road to the Central Arizona Project Canal (CAP), then north on the west side of the CAP Canal, crossing the canal on the county-maintained road, running northeast into Mineral Wash Canyon, then southeast on the county-maintained road, through the four-corners intersection to the Midway (Pit) intersection, then east on Transmission Pass Road, through State Trust Land located in Butler Valley, turning north into Cunningham Wash to North Tank; continuing back south to Transmission Pass Road and east (reentering public land) within two miles of Alamo Dam Road. The course turns south and west onto the wooden power line road, onto the State Trust Land in Butler Valley, turning southwest into Cunningham Wash to the Graham Well, intersecting Butler Valley Road, then north and west on the county-maintained road to the "Bouse Y" intersection, two miles north of Bouse, Arizona. The course proceeds north, paralleling the Bouse-Swansea Road to the Midway (Pit) intersection, then west along the north boundary (powerline) road of the East Cactus Plain Wilderness Area to Parker-Swansea Road. The course turns west into Osborne Wash crossing the CAP Canal, along the north boundary of the Cactus Plain Wilderness Study Area; it continues west staying in Osborne Wash and crossing Shea Road along the southern boundary of Gibraltar Wilderness, rejoining Osborne Wash to the CRIT Reservation boundary.

*Times of the Temporary Land Closure:* The Parker 250 Desert Race closure is in effect from 2 p.m. (MST) on Friday, January 4, 2008, through 6 p.m. (MST) on Saturday, January 5, 2008. The Blue Water Resort and Casino Parker 425 Desert Race closure is in effect from 2 p.m. (MST) on Friday,