

Federal Lands Proposed to be Conveyed by the United States to the Non-Federal Party:

- *Township 37 North, Range 2 East, N.M.P.M., Mineral County, Colorado*
- Sections 3, 4, 5, and 9: A portion thereof
- Total Area: Approximately 204 acres

The 204-acre Federal parcel is just north and east of the non-Federal parcel, with the remaining portion of the non-Federal party's land separating the two. The Federal parcel is immediately contiguous to US Highway 160 and has similar habitat types as the non-Federal parcel.

Alternative to the Proposed Action—Permanent Easement to the Non-Federal Parcel (ANILCA Alternative): As an alternative to a land exchange, the Rio Grande NF will analyze a potential ANILCA enabled easement under FLPMA across NFS lands to provide access to, and allow development of, the non-Federal parcel.

Common To Both Alternatives: Common to the proposed action and ANILCA access alternative:

1. LMJV's conceptual plans for the Village at Wolf Creek indicate that full buildout would include a four-season resort with a variety of hotels, homes and condominiums; approximately 200,000 square feet of commercial space; and ancillary infrastructure such as roads, water treatment and storage, wastewater treatment and disposal, and power distribution.

2. A grade separated interchange off Highway 160 capable of handling full-buildout traffic estimates would be required to be built at the initial stage of development.

Responsible Official: The responsible official is Dan Dallas, Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor, San Luis Valley Public Lands Center, 1803 West Highway 160, Monte Vista, CO 81144.

Nature of Decision To Be Made: Although the Rio Grande NF received a proposal for the land exchange from a private entity, this is now a Forest Service Proposed Action, which will be analyzed in detail in an EIS. The EIS will analyze potential impacts to the physical, human and biological environment that may result from implementation of the Proposed Action. Issues raised during this public scoping period may generate additional alternatives to be considered along with the proposed action.

A Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued following completion of the analysis in the EIS. Based on the analysis in the EIS, the Responsible Official will decide whether to authorize the Proposed Action, the No

Action Alternative (required for inclusion in an EIS) or any action alternative(s) given detailed analysis in the document.

Scoping Process: This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the EIS. The Forest Service is soliciting comments from Federal, State and local agencies and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by implementation of the proposed project. Public questions and comments regarding this proposal are an integral part of this environmental analysis process. Input provided by interested and/or affected individuals, organizations and governmental agencies will be used to identify resource issues that will be analyzed in the EIS. The Forest Service will identify significant issues raised during the scoping process, and use them to formulate potential additional alternatives, prescribe mitigation measures and project design features, or analyze environmental effects.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Please note the following public open houses during this scoping period: 4:30–7:00 p.m. on April 25, in Creede, CO at the Creede Community Center; April 26 in Pagosa Springs, CO at the Aragon Recreation Center; and April 27 in Del Norte, CO at the Rio Grande County Annex Building.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this Proposed Action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

Dated: April 13, 2011.

Kathy M. Kurtz,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Reporting Requirements for the Ocean Salmon Fishery Off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0433.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (renewal of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 40.

Average Hours per Response: 15 minutes.

Burden Hours: 10.

Needs and Uses: Based on the management regime specified each year by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), with authority codified in 50 CFR 660.408, designated regulatory areas in the commercial ocean salmon fishery off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California may be managed by numerical quotas. To accurately assess catches relative to quota attainment during the fishing season, catch data by regulatory area must be collected in a timely manner. Requirements to land salmon within specific time frames and in specific areas may be implemented in the pre-season regulations to aid in timely and accurate catch accounting for a regulatory area. State landing systems normally gather the data at the time of landing. If unsafe weather conditions or mechanical problems prevent compliance with landing requirements, fishermen need an alternative to allow for a safe response. Fishermen would be exempt from landing requirements if the appropriate notifications are made to provide the name of the vessel, the port where delivery will be made, the approximate amount of salmon (by species) on board, and the estimated time of arrival.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dHynek@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent

within 30 days of publication of this notice to
OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: April 14, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA374

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of a permit application; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application for a permit to conduct research for scientific purposes from the United Water Conservation District (United) in Santa Paula, California. The requested permit would affect the endangered Southern California (SC) Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). The public is hereby notified of the availability of the permit application for review and comment before NMFS either approves or disapproves the application.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before May 19, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the permit application should be sent to Matt McGoogan, Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802. Comments may also be sent using e-mail *FRNpermits.lb@noaa.gov* or fax (562) 980-4027. The permit application is available for review, by appointment, at the foregoing address and is also available for review online at the Authorizations and Permits for Protected Species Web site at <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matt McGoogan at phone number (562) 980-4026 or e-mail:

matthew.mcgoogan@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16

U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should provide the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Permit Application Received

United has applied for a permit (permit 15496) to study steelhead in the Santa Clara River watershed. The primary objectives of this study are to (1) evaluate smolt migration rates in a highly altered channel with a dynamic groundwater and surface water interchange, and (2) evaluate the effects of increased water temperature during surface flow loss and how this affects migration rates of smolts and the ability of smolts to successfully migrate to the ocean. Research activities include monitoring streamflow and water temperature, capturing smolts in a downstream migrant trap located at United's Freeman Diversion, recording weight and length of captured smolts, taking tissue (scale and fin clip) samples from each smolt, tagging captured smolts with Advanced Telemetry Systems (ATS) tags, and using portable and stationary antennas, receivers, and data loggers capable of tracking ATS tags to compile smolt movement data. Field activities will occur between May 2011 and December 2015. United has requested an annual non-lethal take (ATS tag implantation and tissue samples) of up to 100 smolts as part of the proposed study. The unintentional lethal take that may occur as a result of research activities is up to 3 smolts annually. Overall, no intentional lethal take of steelhead is expected in association with any aspect of these research activities. See the permit application for greater details on study description and methodology.

Dated: April 13, 2011.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA373

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Application for the renewal of a scientific research permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received a scientific research permit application request relating to salmonids listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The proposed research is intended to increase knowledge of the species and to help guide management and conservation efforts. The application and related documents may be viewed online at: https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/preview/preview_open_for_comment.cfm. These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment by contacting NMFS by phone (707) 825-5186 or fax (707) 825-4840.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on May 19, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the application should be submitted to the Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521. Comments may also be submitted via fax to (707) 825-4840 or by e-mail to *FRNpermits.AR@noaa.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shari Anderson, Arcata, CA ph.: (707) 825-5186, e-mail: *Shari.Anderson@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to federally threatened California Coastal (CC) Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California (SONCC) Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*), and threatened Northern California (NC) steelhead (*O. mykiss*).