

The applicant requests a permit to import haitian and tissue samples from captive-held, captive-born, and wild-caught solenodon (*Solenodon paradoxus*) in the Dominican Republic for the purpose of scientific research to enhance the survival of the species.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with 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 18).

PRT-811418

*Applicant:* Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA.

*Type of Permit:* Import for public Display.

*Name and Number of Animals:* Polar Bear (*Ursus maritimus*), 2.

*Summary of Activity to be Authorized:* The applicant has requested a permit to import 0.2 polar bears from Jungle Cat World, Orono, Ontario, Canada for the purposes of public display.

*Source of Marine Mammals for Research/Public Display:* Canada; originally recovered as orphaned cubs approximately 10 month old.

*Period of Activity:* Up to five years from issuance of a permit, if issued.

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

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420(c), Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice at the above address.

Dated: March 1, 1996.

Caroline Anderson,

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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## Bureau of Indian Affairs

### Operation and Maintenance Rate Adjustment: Wapato Irrigation Project, Washington

**ACTION:** Notice of operation and maintenance rate increase.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs is changing the assessment rates for operating and maintaining the Wapato Irrigation Project for 1996 and subsequent years. The assessment rates are based on a prepared estimate of the cost of normal operation and maintenance of the irrigation project. Normal operation and maintenance means the expenses we incur to provide direct support or benefit to the project's activities for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. We must include at least:

(a) Personnel salary and benefits for the project engineer/manager and our employees under his management control,

(b) Materials and supplies, © Major and minor vehicle and equipment repairs,

(d) Equipment, including transportation, fuel, oil, grease, lease and replacement,

(e) Capitalization expenses,

(f) Acquisition expenses, and

(g) Other expenses we determine

necessary to properly perform the activities and functions characteristic of an irrigation project

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Portland Area Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169, telephone (503) 231-6702.

**DATE:** This rate is effective for the 1996 irrigation season and all subsequent years until modified.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The authority to issue this document is vested in the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 15, 1914 (38 Stat. 583, 25 U.S.C. 385). The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs pursuant to part 209 Departmental Manual, Chapter 8. 1A and Memorandum dated January 25, 1994, from Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries, and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

This notice is given in accordance with Section 171.1(e) of part 171, Subchapter H, Chapter 1, of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which provides for the Area Director to fix and announce the rates for annual operation and maintenance assessments and related information of the Wapato Irrigation Project for Calendar Year 1996 and subsequent years.

The purpose of this notice is to announce an increase in the Wapato Project assessment rates proportionate with actual operation and maintenance costs. The assessment rates for 1996 will amount to an increase of 11% for the Wapato Satus Unit A Lands and 21% for B lands due to increased storage charges and an 11% increase for the Toppenish-Simcoe & Ahtanum Units.

### Charges for Special Services

Charges will be collected for various special services requested by the general public, water users and other organizations during the Calendar Year 1996 and subsequent years until further notice, as detailed below:

- (1) Requests for Irrigation Accounts and Status Reports, Per Report .....\$15.00
- (2) Requests for Verification of Account Delinquency Status, Per Report.....\$10.00
- (3) Requests for Splitting of Operation and Maintenance Bills (In addition to minimum billing fee)  
Per Bill.....\$10.00
- (4) Requests for Billing of Operation and Maintenance to Other than Owner or Lessee of Record (in addition to minimum billing fee)  
Per Bill.....\$10.00
- (5) Requests for Other Special Services Similar to the above, when appropriate, Per Report.....\$10.00
- (6) Requests for elimination of lands from the Project. In the event that the elimination is approved, a portion of the fee will be used to pay the Yakima County Recording Fee.....\$10.00
- (7) Review of subdivision plats.....\$10.00

### Ahtanum Unit

#### Charges

(A) The operation and maintenance rate on lands of the Ahtanum Irrigation Unit for the Calendar Year 1996 and subsequent years until further notice, is fixed at \$10.00 per acre per annum for land to which water can be delivered from the project works.

(B) In addition to the foregoing charges there shall be collected a billing charge of \$5.00 for each tract of land for which operation and maintenance bills are prepared. The bill issued for any tract will, therefore, be the basic rate per acre times the number of acres plus \$5.00. A one acre charge shall be levied on all tracts of less than one acre.

**Toppenish-Simcoe Unit**

**Charges**

(A) The operation and maintenance rate for the lands under the Toppenish-Simcoe Irrigation Unit for the Calendar Year 1996 and subsequent years until further notice, is fixed at \$10.00 per acre per annum for land for which an application for water is approved by the Project Engineer.

(B) In addition to the foregoing charges there shall be collected a billing charge of \$5.00 for each tract of land for which operation and maintenance bills are prepared. The bills issued for any tract will, therefore, be the basic rate per acre times the number of acres plus \$5.00. A one acre charge shall be levied on all tracts of less than one acre.

**Wapato-Satus Unit**

**Charges**

(A) The basic operation and maintenance rates on assessable lands under the Wapato-Satus Unit are fixed for the Calendar Year 1996 and subsequent years until further notice as follows:

- (1) Minimum charge for all tracts.....\$40.00
- (2) Basic rate upon all farm units or tracts for each assessable acre except Additional Works lands .....\$40.00
- (3) Rate per assessable acre for all lands with a storage water rights, known as .b. lands, in addition to other charges per acre.....\$8.00
- (4) Basic rate upon all farm units or tracts for each assessable acre of Additional Works lands .....\$44.00
- (5) Basic rate for each assessable acre of Water Rental Agreement Lands .....\$49.00

(B) In addition to the foregoing charges there shall be collected a billing charge of \$5.00 for each tract of land for which operation and maintenance bills are prepared. The bill issued for any tract will, therefore, be the basic rate per acre times the number of acres plus \$5.00. A one acre charge shall be levied against all tracts of less than one acre.

**Payments**

The water charge becomes due on April 1 of each year and are payable on or before that date. No water shall be delivered to any of these lands until all irrigation charges have been paid.

**Interest and Penalty Fees**

Interest and penalty fees will be assessed, where required by law, on all delinquent operation and maintenance assessment charges as prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 4, Part 102, Federal Claims Collection Standards; and 42 BIAM Supplement 3, part 3.8 Debt Collection Procedures.

The Notice proposing this increase to the Wapato Irrigation Project's operation and maintenance assessment rate was published on December 21, 1995 (60 FR 66315). A 30-day comment period was allowed. The Bureau received 23 comments. All, except one comment, came from the Yakima Reservation Irrigation District and its members or the tribe. The Bureau held a meeting with the Irrigation District and the tribe on February 13, 1996. All issues were fully discussed and the need for the increase explained to every one. The one comment from a congressional representative was answered directly by the Portland Area office.

Dated: February 28, 1996.  
 Ada E. Deer,  
*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*  
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**Bureau of Land Management**  
**[AZ-020-7122-00-5499; AZA 28639]**

**Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), Proposed Tailings and Waste Rock Disposal Areas, Cyprus Bagdad Copper Corporation, Bagdad, Arizona**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice of availability, record of decision for Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District, in response to a Mining Plan of Operations (MPO) filed by Cyprus Bagdad Copper Corporation (CBCC), has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, 43 CFR 3809, and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The proposed action involves development of a new tailings impoundment, expansion of an existing waste rock disposal area, and continuation of expansion of the existing open pit in order to continue copper mining and milling operations in Bagdad, Arizona for 35 years. The BLM has approved the Mining Plan of Operations as described in the proposed action. The Record of Decision is now available to the public.

**ADDRESSES/FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Copies of the Record of Decision may be requested from: Mary Johnson, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road,

Phoenix, AZ 85027, or telephone (602) 780-8090, ext. 564.

**DATES:** The publication of this notice in the Federal Register constitutes public notice of the decision. The decision may be appealed on or before April 5, 1996 by any person adversely affected by the decision, to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. Information on filing appeals may be obtained from the Project Manager listed above.

Dated: February 28, 1996.  
 David J. Miller,  
*Associate District Manager.*  
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**Realty Actions; Sales, Leases, Etc.; Utah**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice of Availability and Notice of Realty Action.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that an environmental assessment and proposed plan amendment for the Cedar, Beaver, Garfield, Antimony Resource Management Plan have been completed. Pursuant to the environmental assessments and proposed plan amendments, 87.5 acres of public land have been found suitable for sale, under the authority of the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of 1926, as amended. Iron County would purchase 7.5 acres located at Salt Lake Meridian, T. 36 S., R. 15 W., sec. 20, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Iron County, Utah and Beaver County would purchase 80 acres located at Salt Lake Meridian, T.29S., R., 7 W., sec. 8, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Beaver County, Utah. The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of this notice and is contingent upon the signing of a decision record approving the proposed amendment.

**DATES:** The proposed plan amendment may be protested. The protest period will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Protests must be submitted on or before April 5, 1996. Also, for a period of 45 days from March 6, 1996, interested parties may submit comments on the proposed land sale to the District Manager, Cedar City District, at the address below.