

Issuance of a Permit for Incidental Take of Threatened and Endangered Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On November 17, 1995, a notice was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 57722) that an application had been filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) by Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P., of Seattle, Washington, for a permit to incidentally take the threatened northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*), and grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*=*U.a. horribilis*), and the endangered gray wolf (*Canis lupus*), pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1532 et seq.). This is in the course of the otherwise legal activities of forest management and related incidental land use activities in portions of King and Kittitas Counties, Washington, pursuant to the Habitat Conservation Plan, its Implementation Agreement, and the incidental take permit.

Notice is hereby given that on June 27, 1996, as authorized by the Act, the Service issued incidental take permit PRT-808398 to Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P., subject to certain conditions set forth therein. The permit was granted only after it was determined that it was applied for in good faith, that by granting the permit it will not lead to the jeopardy of the species, and that it will be consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in the Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Western Washington Office, 3704 Griffin Lane SE, Suite 102, Olympia, Washington 98501-2192, telephone (360-753-9440).

Dated: July 12, 1996.

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Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Glenwood Springs Resource Management Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to amend the Glenwood Springs Resource Management Plan as it relates to travel management decisions for the Castle Peak area, Eagle County, Colorado.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management, Grand Junction District, Glenwood Springs Resource Area, will prepare a Travel Management Plan and Environmental Assessment on the proposed amendment to the Glenwood Springs Resource Management Plan as it relates to the Castle Peak Travel Management Planning Area. The decisions to be reviewed and analyzed for plan amendment include Transportation Management, Recreation Resource Management, and Off Highway Vehicle Management. The Castle Peak Travel Management Planning Area includes public lands east and south of the Colorado River, west of Highway 131, and north of the Eagle River in Eagle County, Colorado. The Planning Area boundary is the same as Colorado Division of Wildlife's Game Management Unit 35. A Travel Management Plan and Environmental Assessment on the proposed RMP amendment will be prepared to analyze proposed travel management actions, possible alternatives and impacts for the public lands within the Castle Peak Travel Management Planning Area.

DATES: Interested persons may submit comments on or before August 22, 1996 regarding this proposal to amend certain decisions in the Resource Management Plan as they relate to travel management in the Castle Peak area.

ADDRESSES: Michael S. Mottice, Area Manager, Glenwood Springs Resource Area, P.O. Box 1009, 50629 Highway 6 & 24, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81602.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning this proposal is available for review at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In response to increased recreational demands and problems related to public use and access in the Castle Peak Area, a Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment are needed to implement new decisions and measures specifically related to travel management. Since the existing Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) designations were put in place in 1984, reports from the public identifying travel impacts and their related effects on vegetation, wildlife habitat, hunting,

wilderness suitability, soils, livestock grazing and law enforcement have been received. Three open house public meetings were held in mid-April, 1996 in Gypsum, Eagle and McCoy, Colorado to gather public input regarding the issues, concerns, and need for a Travel Management Plan in the Castle Peak area. Comments received during these scoping sessions revealed that changes in the existing travel management decisions are needed.

A resource area-wide evaluation of existing OHV designations and travel management use, completed by the BLM in 1994, identified resource damage and use conflicts. With forecasts of reduced budgets, completing a resource area-wide RMP amendment for travel management is not feasible. Consequently, travel management problems will be resolved on a landscape basis, focusing on well-defined geographic areas with relatively high use, in areas that provide a variety of activities, and on sites with identified resource damage and use conflicts. Based on this public criteria and the public comments received in recent public meetings, the Castle Peak Planning Area is selected as the initial geographic area to resolve travel management issues. The goal of the Travel Management Plan and RMP amendment is to protect the land and resource values while continuing to provide a variety of motorized and non-motorized recreational opportunities.

Proposed changes to travel management decisions in the Castle Peak Planning Area involve (1) developing an updated transportation plan for the area, which encompasses roads, motorized trails, non-motorized trails, maintenance schedules and access points, (2) updating OHV designations, and (3) updating recreation management objectives.

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District Manager

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Filing of Plat of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.