

commercial allergens or allergens that were individually prepared by a patient, physician, pharmacist, or other person. The report is to be submitted within 1 year of the enactment of FDAMA.

II. Discussion

Contact dermatitis is the most common, nontrauma-related, occupational illness in the United States. Occupational contact dermatitis results from skin contact with an agent found in a workplace setting. The dermatitis can be clinically evident as an acute, subacute, or chronic condition. It can be further classified as an irritant contact dermatitis or as an allergic contact dermatitis, a Type IV, delayed or cell-mediated, immune reaction. The principal diagnostic tools for dermatologists, allergists, and other physicians attempting to diagnose and determine the cause(s) of allergic dermatitis are the patch test kits, which are regulated by FDA as biological products.

In recent years, the licensing of allergenic patch test kits by FDA has been the subject of discussion. One of the issues that has been discussed, and is part of the study, includes the availability or supply of patch test kits and of specific allergens in those kits. In response to the House Report, FDA is working with NIOSH to conduct the requested study and gather any information on patch test kits. FDA is also seeking public input from the medical community, manufacturers, and other experts via this **Federal Register** notice. FDA will consider this information in preparation of the report.

III. Submissions

Interested persons may submit by November 2, 1998, any comments, information, or data responsive to the above content of the report to the Dockets Management Branch (address above). Two copies of any comments, information, or data are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments and data should be identified with the docket number found in the brackets in the heading of this document. All information submitted will be placed on public display and will be subject to public disclosure. Trade secrets and confidential information, as well as information that could be used to identify persons, such as individual patients whose privacy should be maintained, should be deleted before the information is submitted. All received comments and data are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9

a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: September 23, 1998.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Notice of Availability and Opening of Comment Period for an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit for the 160-Acre Lazy K Bar Ranch in Pima County, AZ

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice: Issuance of an incidental take permit for a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides notice of the availability of an EA/HCP for the Lazy K Bar Ranch in Pima County, Arizona. LKB, LLC (Applicant) has applied to the Service for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE 2796-0. The requested permit, which is in perpetuity, would authorize incidental take in the form of habitat loss and harassment of the endangered cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*). The proposed take on 160-acres of private land would occur from resort/guest ranch and/or residential land uses on the Lazy K Bar Ranch, Pima County, Arizona.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.

Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Tom Gatz, Acting Field Supervisor, Arizona Ecological Services Field Office, 2321 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, Arizona 85021, (602-640-2720; Fax 602-640-2730). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Phoenix, Arizona. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Phoenix, Arizona (see address above). Please refer to permit number TE 2796-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Gatz or Angela Brooks at the above Arizona Ecological Services Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of threatened and endangered species such as the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take threatened or endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of two alternatives, including the proposed action. Two other alternatives were explored, but were rejected as unworkable. The proposed action alternative is issuance of the incidental take permit and implementation of the HCP as submitted by the Applicant. The HCP provides conservation measures to minimize take and conserve Plan Species habitats within the project area. The HCP also provides funding for monitoring of Plan Species populations and habitats and for its implementation.

APPLICANT: LKB, LLC proposes to purchase the Lazy K Bar Ranch from its current owner and develop 50 residential lots on the 160-acre . The anticipated incidental take will be limited to harassment of up to two adult cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls (and their young) that may be associated with any construction activities within the subject property and loss of approximately 31 acres of potential habitat from proposed residential development. The Lazy K Bar Ranch is located in Pima County, northwest of Tucson, Arizona.

Dated: September 22, 1998.

Geoffrey J. Haskett,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of Addendum #1 to the Assessment Plan for the Grand Calumet River, Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, Indiana Harbor and Associated Lake Michigan Environments

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of 30-day comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that the document titled "Addendum #1 to the Assessment Plan for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment of the Grand Calumet River, Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, Indiana Harbor and Associated Lake Michigan Environments" ("The Addendum") will be available for public review and comment on the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

The U.S. Department of the Interior, and The State of Indiana ("trustees") are acting as trustees for natural resources considered in this assessment, pursuant to subpart G of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 CFR 300.600 and 300.610, and Executive Order 12580.

The assessment, including the activities addressed in this addendum, will be conducted in accordance with the guidance of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at 43 CFR Part 11. The public review of the Addendum announced by this Notice is provided for in 43 CFR 11.32(c).

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Addendum. Copies of the Addendum, and the "Assessment Plan for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment of the Grand Calumet River, Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, Indiana Harbor and Associated Lake Michigan Environments" ("The Plan") issued on October 14, 1997 (FR Doc. 97-26788), can be requested from the address listed below. All written comments will be considered and included in the Report of Assessment, at the conclusion of the assessment process.

DATES: Written comments on the Plan must be submitted on or before November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Addendum and/or the Plan may be made to:

Supervisor, Ecological Services Office,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 620 S.
Walker Street, Bloomington, Indiana
47403

or:

Natural Resource Trustee, Office of
Legal Counsel, Indiana Department of
Environmental Management, 100 N.
Senate Avenue, P.O. Box 6015,
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6015;
(317) 233-6822.

Comments on the Addendum should be sent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at the address listed above. The trustees will coordinate comment review.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this natural resource damage assessment is to confirm and quantify the suspected injuries to natural resources in the Grand Calumet River, Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, Indiana Harbor and Associated Lake Michigan Environments resulting from exposure to hazardous substances released by area steel mills, refineries and other potential sources. It is suspected that this exposure has caused injury and resultant damages to trustee resources. The injury and resultant damages will be assessed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, and the Clean Water Act, as amended. The Addendum addresses additional collection activities that will be undertaken to provide additional information.

John Christian,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 3, U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Availability of Environmental Assessment and Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment for Areas of Critical Environmental Concern; Montana, South Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and Section 1501 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, an environmental

assessment and proposed resource management plan amendment has been prepared for the Powder River, Billings, and South Dakota planning areas. The Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Environmental Assessment and Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment describes and analyzes future options for management of proposed areas of critical environmental concern on 39,145 federal surface acres managed by the Bureau of Land Management within the following counties: Carbon, Carter, Musselshell, Powder River, Rosebud, Treasure, Yellowstone, Montana; Big Horn County, Wyoming, and Fall River County, South Dakota. The Resource Management Plan Amendment provides a comprehensive plan for managing the federal surface and mineral resources in these areas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Environmental Assessment and Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment was available for public review from December 29, 1997 to March 9, 1998. Written comments were received from agencies, individuals and organizations. All comments were considered in the preparation of the Environmental Assessment and Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment.

The resource management planning process includes an opportunity for review through a plan protest to the BLM's Director. Any person or organization who participated in the planning process and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the approval of this resource management plan amendment may protest the plan. Careful adherence to the following guidelines will assist in preparing a protest that will assure the greatest consideration for your point of view.

Only those persons or organizations who participated in the planning process may protest the plan.

A protesting party may raise only those issues which were commented on during the planning process.

Additional issues may be raised at any time and should be directed to the Miles City Field Office for consideration in plan implementation, as potential plan amendments, or as otherwise appropriate.

DATES: The protest period lasts 30 days and begins the day the Notice of Availability for this document is published in the **Federal Register**. There is no provision for an extension of time. Protests filed late, or filed with the State Director or Field Manager shall be rejected by the Director. To be