

(*Podocnemis expansa*) and yellow-spotted river turtles (*Podocnemis unifilis*) from Brazil and or Venezuela as well as return such samples to Brazil and or Venezuela for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

**Applicant:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Laramie, WY, PRT-078822.

The applicant requests a permit to import live specimens, biological samples and salvage materials from captive-bred and/or wild specimens of black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) from Mexico, to enhance the survival of the species through completion of identified tasks and objectives mandated under the Black-Footed Ferret Recovery Plan. Biological samples and salvaged materials may include, but are not limited to, blood, tissue, feces, hair, whole or partial dead specimens. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

**Applicant:** George Carden Circus International, Springfield, MO, PRT-070854.

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import one wild born Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

Dated: October 24, 2003.

**Charles S. Hamilton,**

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Issuance of Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits for marine mammals.

**SUMMARY:** The following permits were issued.

**ADDRESSES:** 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 to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

## MARINE MAMMALS

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application FEDERAL REGISTER notice	Permit issuance date
072829	Thomas M. Taylor .....	68 FR 40291; July 7, 2003 .....	October 21, 2003.
076061	Jesus Mourra .....	68 FR 52608; September 4, 2003 .....	October 23, 2003.

Dated: October 24, 2003.

**Charles S. Hamilton,**

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Northeast Regional Panel Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Northeast Regional Panel. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** Section.

**DATES:** The Northeast Regional Panel will meet from 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2003, and 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2003. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection during

regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

**ADDRESSES:** The Northeast Regional Panel meeting will be held at the Kellogg Environmental Center, 500 Hawthorne Avenue, Derby, CT 06418. Phone 203-734-2513. Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Snow-Cotter, 671-626-1202 or Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at 703-358-2308, or by e-mail, at [sharon\\_gross@fws.gov](mailto:sharon_gross@fws.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Northeast Regional Panel. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990. The Northeast Regional Panel was established on July 25, 2001, to advise and make recommendations to the

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force on issues relating to the Northeast region of the United States. Geographically, the Northeast region is defined to include the jurisdictions of the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York. The Northeast Regional Panel will discuss several topics at the meeting including: Updates from provinces and states; status reports from subcommittees on Ballast Water, Communication, Education, and Outreach, Policy and Legislation, and Science and Technology; the New England rapid assessment planning; updates on early detection and rapid response workshop and data management; ANS criteria for listing, establishing research priorities for invasive species in the Northeast, future training and workshop, and outreach project for the non-English speaking community; updates from the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and National Invasive Species Council on national issues, reauthorization of the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act; updates on the development of a

Canadian National Invasive Species Plan; and other topics.

Dated: October 30, 2003.

**William Knapp,**

*Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Acting Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-03-840-1610-241A]

#### Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (Monument) Advisory Committee (Committee), will meet as directed below.

**DATES:** Meetings will be held December 9, 2003 and January 6, 2004 at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores, Colorado at 9 a.m. The public comment period for each meeting will begin at approximately 2:30 p.m. and the meetings will adjourn at approximately 3:30 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LouAnn Jacobson, Monument Manager or Stephen Kandell, Monument Planner, Anasazi Heritage Center, 27501 Hwy 184, Dolores, Colorado 81323; Telephone (970) 882-5600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The eleven member committee provides counsel and advice to the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, concerning development and implementation of a management plan developed in accordance with FLMPA, for public lands within the Monument. At these meetings, topics we plan to discuss include planning issues and management concerns, planning alternatives, partnerships, science and other issues as appropriate.

All meetings will be open to the public and will include a time set aside for public comment. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meetings or submit written statements at any meeting. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all

interested persons an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of all Committee meetings will be maintained at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores, Colorado. They are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days of the meeting. In addition, minutes and other information concerning the Committee can be obtained from the Monument planning Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/canm> which will be updated following each Committee meeting.

Dated: November 6, 2003.

**LouAnn Jacobson,**

*Manager, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-030-04-1610-PH-241A]

#### Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSENMAC) Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSENMAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** A two-day meeting is scheduled for January 6-7, 2004, at the GSENM Headquarters Office, Main Conference Room, 190 E. Center Street, Kanab, Utah. The meetings will begin both days at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Allysia Angus, Land Use Planner, GSENM Headquarters Office, 190 East Center, Kanab, Utah 84741; phone (435) 644-4364, or email [allysia\\_angus@blm.gov](mailto:allysia_angus@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) Advisory Committee will meet at the GSENM Headquarters Office, 190 East Center Street, Kanab, Utah 84741, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., local time, on January 6, 2004, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., January 7, 2004. The Grand Staircase-

Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSENMAC) was appointed by the Secretary of Interior on September 26, 2003, pursuant to the Monument Management Plan, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA). As specified in the Monument Management Plan, the GSENMAC will have several primary tasks. (1) Review evaluation reports produced by the Management Science Team and make recommendations on protocols and projects to meet overall objectives. (2) Review appropriate research proposals and make recommendations on project necessity and validity. (3) Make recommendations regarding allocation of research funds through review of research and project proposals as well as needs identified through the evaluation process above. (4) Could be consulted on issues such as protocols for specific projects.

This will be the first meeting of the GSENMAC. Topics to be discussed by the GSENMAC include operating procedures, establishing meeting guides, Charter, roles and responsibilities, Federal Advisory Committee Act/Management, selection of a chairperson, Federal travel regulations, forming of subcommittees, facilitation needs, actions taken by BLM to implement the Act, future meeting dates and other matters as may reasonably come before the GSENMAC.

The entire meeting is open to the public. Members of the public are welcome to address the council at 11 a.m., local time on January 7, 2004. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit could be established. Interested persons may make oral statements to the GSENMAC during this time or written statements may be submitted for the GSENMAC's consideration. Written statements can be sent to: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Attn.: Allysia Angus, 190 E. Center Street, Kanab, UT 84741. Information to be distributed to the GSENMAC is requested 10 days prior to the start of the GSENMAC meeting.

All meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating public.

Dated: November 6, 2003.

**Dave Wolf,**

*Acting Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Manager.*

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