

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 24 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,910.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public:* \$108,020.

Dated: February 25, 2005.

**Tracey Denning,**

Agency Clearance Officer, Information Services Group.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permits.

**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**DATES:** We must receive written data or comments on these applications at the address given below, by April 1, 2005.

**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 the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: Victoria Davis, Permit Biologist).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Victoria Davis, telephone (404) 679-4176; facsimile (404) 679-7081.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species. If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Service's Regional Office (*see ADDRESSES* section) or via electronic mail (e-mail) to [victoria\\_davis@fws.gov](mailto:victoria_davis@fws.gov). Please submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your e-mail message.

If you do not receive a confirmation from the Service that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT* section). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Service office listed above (*see ADDRESSES* section).

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

*Applicant:* Share the Beach, Michael Ogden Reynolds, Gulf Shores, Alabama, TE100012-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (monitor nest, excavate, and hold nestlings temporarily, release) the following species: loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp Ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), and green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*). The proposed activities would take place while conducting monitoring on private lands and while mitigating human-related mortality, by assisting hatchlings when they become disoriented. The proposed activities would occur on the entire Alabama Gulf Coast (Baldwin and Mobile Counties, Alabama).

*Applicant:* Andrew C. Miller, U.S. Army Engineer District Mobile, Vicksburg, Mississippi, TE099764-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, identify, release) the shinyrayed pocketbook (*Lampsilis subangulata*), purple bankclimber (*Elliptoideus sloatianus*), and threeridge mussel (*Amblema neislerii*) while conducting presence/absence surveys. The proposed activities would occur in the Flint River near Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia.

*Applicant:* USDA Forest Service, Bankhead National Forest, Double Springs, Alabama, TE100070-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, identify, and release) Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) while

conducting presence and absence surveys, while assessing bat habitat availability and use on the forest, and while estimating population trends. The proposed activities would occur on national forests throughout the State of Alabama.

Dated: February 14, 2005.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

Acting Regional Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes, Louisiana

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires the Service to develop a comprehensive conservation plan for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a comprehensive conservation plan is so provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, the plan identifies wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

The purpose of this notice is to achieve the following:

(1) Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and

(2) Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental document.

**DATES:** Open house style meeting(s) will be held throughout the scoping phase of the comprehensive conservation plan development process. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media announcements will be used to inform the public and state and local government agencies of the opportunities for input throughout the planning process.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments, questions, and requests for more information to Tina Chouinard, Natural Resource Planner, Central Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 401 Island Road, Marksville, Louisiana 71351. To ensure consideration, written comments must be received within 45 days following the date of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1958 primarily as a wintering area for migratory waterfowl. The refuge, in east-central LaSalle Parish and west-central Catahoula Parish, about 30 miles northeast of Alexandria and 12 miles east of Jena, now totals 25,162 acres. The 6,671-acre Headquarters Unit borders 9 miles of the northeast shore of Catahoula Lake, a 26,000-acre natural wetland renowned for its large concentrations of migratory waterfowl. The 18,491-acre Bushley Bayou Unit, located 8 miles west of Jonesville, was established in May 2001. The acquisition was made possible through a partnership agreement between The Conservation Fund, American Electric Power, and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The refuge lies within a physiographic region known as the Lower Mississippi River Alluvia Valley. This valley was, at one time, a 25-million-acre forested wetland complex that extended along both sides of the Mississippi River from Illinois to Louisiana. Although the refuge was part of this very productive bottomland hardwood ecosystem, most of the forest on the refuge was cleared in the early 1970s for agriculture production.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Natural Resource Planner, Central Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex, telephone: 318/253-4238; fax: 318/253-7139; e-mail: [tina\\_chouinard@fws.gov](mailto:tina_chouinard@fws.gov); or mail (write to the Natural Resource Planner at address in **ADDRESSES** section).

**Authority:** This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-57.

Dated: January 28, 2005.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-100-05-1310-DB]

#### Notice of Meeting of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (1976) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) will meet in Pinedale, Wyoming, for a business meeting. Group meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** The PAWG will meet March 15, 2005, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting of the PAWG will be held at the Pinedale Volunteer Fire Department, 130 S. Fremont Ave., Pinedale, WY.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Kruse, BLM/PAWG Liaison, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 E. Mills St., PO Box 738, Pinedale, WY, 82941; 307-367-5352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) was authorized and established with release of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project on July 27, 2000. The PAWG advises the BLM on the development and implementation of monitoring plans and adaptive management decisions as development of the Pinedale Anticline Natural Gas Field proceeds for the life of the field.

The agenda for these meetings will include follow-up discussions and recommendations on proposed monitoring plans submitted by individual task groups. At a minimum, public comments will be heard prior to lunch and adjournment of the meeting each day.

Dated: February 24, 2005.

**Priscilla E. Mecham,**

*Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-060-01-1020-PG]

#### Notice of Public Meeting; Central Montana Resource Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held March 22 & 23, 2005, at the Best Western Great Northern Inn, 1345 1st Street, in Havre, Montana. The March 22 meeting will begin at 1 p.m. with a 30-minute public comment period. The meeting is scheduled to adjourn at approximately 6 p.m. The March 23 meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with a 60-minute public comment period. This meeting will adjourn at approximately 3 p.m.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior on a variety of management issues associated with public land management in Montana. At these meetings the council will discuss/act upon:

The minutes of their proceeding meeting;

Election of officers;  
The West Hi-Line update;  
Oil and gas leases within the

monument;

Field Managers updates;  
The upcoming Lewis and Clark

signature event;

The sage grouse management plan;  
Potential for buy/out/trade-out of oil and gas leases in the Blacklead area;  
The Montana Challenge (the economic contribution of public lands);  
Community collaborative planning along the Rock Mountain Forest; and  
Special recreation use permits on the river and in the uplands.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** June Bailey, Lewistown Field Manager, Lewistown Field Office, PO Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457, (406) 538-7461.