

comment on the following application to conduct certain activities with endangered or threatened species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by August 15, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments or requests for copies or more information by any of the following methods. Alternatively, you may use one of the following methods to request hard copies or a CD-ROM of the documents. Please specify the permit you are interested in by number (e.g., Permit No. TE-131638).

- *Email:* [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov).

Please refer to the respective permit number (e.g., Permit No. TE-131638) in the subject line of the message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486-DFC, Denver, CO 80225

- *In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or Pickup:* Call (303) 236-4212 to make an appointment during regular business hours at 134 Union Blvd., Suite 645, Lakewood, CO 80228.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Konishi, Permit Coordinator Ecological Services, (303) 236-4212 (phone); [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17, the Act provides for permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with United States endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or interstate commerce (the latter only in the event that it facilitates scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival). Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

**Application Available for Review and Comment**

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following application. Documents and other information the applicant has submitted are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

**Permit Application Number: TE-09941B**

*Applicant:* Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig, Inc., 315 S. 9th Street, Ste. 201, Lincoln, NE 68508.

The applicant requests a permit to conduct presence/absence surveys through trap (take) and release of the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**National Environmental Policy Act**

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in this permit are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

**Public Availability of Comments**

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority**

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: July 9, 2013.

**Nicole Alt,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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**Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Federal Acknowledgment of Tribes**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission to OMB.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is seeking comments on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collection of information for Federal Acknowledgment of Tribes authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0104. This information collection expires July 31, 2013.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 15, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or you may send an email to:

*OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov*. Please send a copy of your comments to R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW., MS-34B SIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 219-3008; email: [Lee.Fleming@bia.gov](mailto:Lee.Fleming@bia.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** R. Lee Fleming, (202) 513-7650. You may review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under 25 CFR part 83, to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a government-to-government relationship with the United States. Federal recognition makes the group eligible for benefits from the Federal Government. Approval for this collection expires July 31, 2013. Three forms are used as part of this information collection.

## II. Request for Comments

The BIA requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 1076-0104.

*Title:* Documented Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe, 25 CFR 83.

*Brief Description of Collection:* Submission of this information allows Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) to review applications for the Federal acknowledgment of a group as an Indian tribe. The acknowledgment regulations at 25 CFR part 83 contain seven criteria that unrecognized groups seeking Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes must demonstrate that they meet. Information collect from petitioning groups under these regulations provide anthropological, genealogical and historical data used by the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a government-to-government relationship with the United States. Respondents are not required to retain copies of the information submitted to OFA but will probably maintain copies for their own use; therefore, there is no recordkeeping requirement included in this

information collection. A response is required to obtain a benefit.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Groups petitioning for Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes.

*Number of Respondents:* 10 per year, on average.

*Number of Responses:* 10 per year, on average.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2,075 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 20,750 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$0.

Dated: July 10, 2013.

**John Ashley,**

*Acting Assistant Director for Information Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to The Kuskokwim Corporation. The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, et seq.). The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to The Kuskokwim Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Napaimute, Alaska, and are located in:

#### Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 15 N., R. 51 W.,  
Secs. 3, 4, and 5;  
Secs. 10 and 11.

Containing 3,009.12 acres.

T. 16 N., R. 51 W.,  
Secs. 29, 30, and 31;  
Secs. 32, and 33.

Containing 3,016.78 acres.

T. 19 N., R. 51 W.,  
Secs. 10, 11, and 12.  
Containing 3,840 acres.  
Aggregating 9,865.90 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published once a week for four

consecutive weeks in the *Delta Discovery*.

**DATES:** Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until August 15, 2013 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by email at

*blm\_ak\_akso\_public\_room@blm.gov*.

Persons who use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

**Ralph L. Eluska, Sr.,**

*Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Division of Lands and Cadastral.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Call for Nominations for the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission, Colorado

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

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