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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The Act requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given in **ADDRESSES** by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: *Reviewing Documents:* Documents and other information submitted with the 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 Regional Office, Ecological Services, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Karen Marlowe, Permit Coordinator).

Submitting Comments: If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Regional Office (see above).

- *Email:* permitsR4ES@fws.gov. Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Marlowe, Permit Coordinator, (404) 679–7097 (telephone) or (404) 679–7081 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We invite review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public on applications we have received for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.; Act), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. With some exceptions, the Act prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The Act requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

Public Availability of Comments

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.

Permit Applications

Permit Application Number	Applicant	Species/Numbers	Location	Activity	Type of Take	Permit Action
TE 38792A-2	U.S. Army, Fort Gordon, Fort Gordon, GA	Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>)/Unlimited	Ft. Gordon, Ft. Stewart, and Ft. Benning, GA; Apalachicola and Ocala National Forests, FL; Fort Bragg, NC.	Population enhancement, management, and monitoring	Construct and install artificial nest cavities and restrictors; monitor nest cavities; capture, band, and translocate	Renewal
TE 55292B-1	University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Everglade snail kite (<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus</i>)/Unlimited	Florida	Demographic and movement studies	Capture, band, mark, radio-tag, measure, collect feather samples, release, and monitor	Renewal
TE 069280-5	Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, AL	Alabama beach mouse (<i>Peromyscus polionotus ammobates</i>)/Unlimited	Alabama	Presence/ absence surveys	Capture, examine, and release	Renewal
TE 28975C-0	Bruce Stallsmith, Univ. of	Palezone shiner (<i>Notropis albizonatus</i>)/50 individuals	Alabama, Kentucky	DNA analyses for research on genetic	Capture, collect fin clips, and	New

	Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, AL			diversity	release	
TE 055241-3	Robert Montgomery, Dare County Bomb Range, Stumpy Point, NC	Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>)/Unlimited	North Carolina	Population enhancement, management, and monitoring	Construct and install artificial nest cavities and restrictors; monitor nest cavities; capture, band, and translocate	Renewal
TE 30733C-0	Marissa Thalken, Aurora, CO	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), and northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>)/Unlimited	Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee,	Presence/ absence surveys	Mist-net, harp trap, handle, band, radio- tag, wing- punch, and release	New

			Virginia, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin			
TE 063179-6	Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc., Smyrna, GA	Amber darter (<i>Percina antesella</i>), blue shiner (<i>Cyprinella caerulea</i>), Cherokee darter (<i>Etheostoma scotti</i>), Conasauga logperch (<i>Percina jenkinsi</i>), Etowah darter (<i>Etheostoma etowahae</i>), goldline darter (<i>Percina aurolineata</i>), snail darter (<i>Percina tanasi</i>), Alabama moccasinshell (<i>Medionidus acutissimus</i>), Altamaha spiny mussel (<i>Elliptio spinosa</i>), Carolina heelsplitter (<i>Lasmigona decorata</i>), Choctaw bean (<i>Villosa choctawensis</i>), Coosa moccasinshell (<i>Medionidus parvulus</i>), fat threeridge (<i>Amblema neislerii</i>), fine-lined pocketbook (<i>Lampsilis altilis</i>), fuzzy pigtoe (<i>Pleurobema strodeanum</i>), Georgia pigtoe (<i>Pleurobema hanleyianum</i>), Gulf moccasinshell (<i>Medionidus penicillatus</i>), narrow pigtoe (<i>Fusconaia escambia</i>), Ochlockonee moccasinshell (<i>Medionidus simpsonianus</i>), orangenacre mucket (<i>Lampsilis perovalis</i>), oval pigtoe	Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina	Presence/absence surveys	Capture, identify, release, and salvage shells	Renewal and amendment

		<p>(<i>Pleurobema pyriforme</i>), ovate clubshell (<i>Pleurobema perovatum</i>), purple bankclimber (<i>Elliptoideus sloatianus</i>), round ebonyshell (<i>Fusconaia rotulata</i>), shiny-rayed pocketbook (<i>Lampsilis subangulata</i>), southern acornshell (<i>Epioblasma othcaloogensis</i>), southern clubshell (<i>Pleurobema decisum</i>), southern combshell (<i>Epioblasma penita</i>), southern kidneyshell (<i>Ptychobranhus jonesi</i>), southern pigtoe (<i>Pleurobema georgianum</i>), southern sandshell (<i>Hamiota australis</i>), Suwanee moccasinshell (<i>Medionidus walkeri</i>), tapered pigtoe (<i>Fusconaia burkei</i>), triangular kidneyshell (<i>Ptychobranhus greenii</i>), and upland combshell (<i>Epioblasma metastriata</i>)/Unlimited</p>				
TE 12169B-1	Mitigation Management, Atlanta, GA	<p>Amber darter (<i>Percina antesella</i>), blue shiner (<i>Cyprinella caerulea</i>), Cherokee darter (<i>Etheostoma scotti</i>), Conasauga logperch (<i>Percina jenkinsi</i>), Etowah darter (<i>Etheostoma etowahae</i>), goldline darter (<i>Percina aurolineata</i>), and snail darter (<i>Percina tanasi</i>)/Unlimited</p>	Georgia	Presence/absence surveys	Capture, identify, and release	Renewal and amendment

TE 34387C-0	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Blacksburg, VA	Oyster mussel (<i>Epioblasma capsaeformis</i>)/240 individuals	Tennessee and Virginia	Captive conditioning and spawning research	Collect, transport, hold in captivity for 90 days, tag, and release	New
TE 34429C-0	Nancy Buschhaus, Univ. of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, TN	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), and northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>)/Unlimited	Tennessee	Presence/absence survey and population demographics study	Capture with mist-nets, collect fecal samples, and release	New

Authority: We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act.

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