



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct activities intended to recover and enhance endangered species survival. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA), prohibits certain activities that may impact endangered species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please submit your written comments by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: *Document availability:* Request documents by phone or email: Beth Forbus, 505-248-6681, beth_forbus@fws.gov.

Comment submission: Submit comments by email to fw2_te_permits@fws.gov. Please specify the permit you are interested in by number (e.g., Permit No. TE-123456).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Forbus, Supervisor, Classification and Restoration Division, 505-248-6681. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA's definition of "take" includes hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing but also such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting.

The ESA and our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at title 50, part 17, provide for issuing such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit we issue under the ESA, section 10(a)(1)(A), authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or enhance the species' propagation or survival. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. 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.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a request as specified in **ADDRESSES**. Releasing documents is subject to Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) requirements.

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies. Please refer to the application number when submitting comments.

Application Number	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of Take	Permit Action
TE72324B	Dill, Lauren; Austin, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	Renew
TE83399D	Johnson, James; Canyon, Texas	Pecos gambusia (<i>Gambusia nobilis</i>)	New Mexico, Texas	Sampling using minnow traps	Capture, harm, harass	New
TE37484A	Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge; Marble, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys, banding, mist netting, nest monitoring	Capture, harm, harass	Renew
TE80520D	USGS, Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center; Flagstaff, Arizona	humpback chub (<i>Gila cypha</i>), razorback sucker (<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>)	Arizona	Presence/absence surveys, monitoring	Harm, harass	Renew
TE87767D	Canvas Natural Resource Solutions, LLC; Longview, Texas	Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>)	Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	New
TE87758D	UnderWing Biological, LLC; Silvery City, New Mexico	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas	Presence/absence surveys, nest monitoring	Harm, harass	New
TE833866	Texas A&M Forest Service; Lufkin, Texas	Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	Renew
TE174552	Animas Biological Studies, LLC;	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah	Presence/absence surveys, nest monitoring	Harm, harass	Renew

	Durango, Colorado					
TE59580A	Rocky Mountain Ecology, LLC; Rio Rancho, New Mexico	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	Colorado, New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew
TE73317B	Britt, Charles; Las Cruces, New Mexico	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>), northern aplomado falcon (<i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i>)	Arizona, New Mexico,	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	Renew
TE819477	Parametrix; Albuquerque, New Mexico	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	Arizona, New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys	Harm, harass	Renew

Authority

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

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