



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of 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, have received applications for permits, permit renewals, and/or permit amendments to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

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

ADDRESSES: *Document availability and comment submission:* Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., Smith, PER0123456 or Jones, ES-056001):

- *Email:* permitsR6ES@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Tom McDowell, Division Manager, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486 DFC, Denver, CO 80225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Krijgsman, Recovery Permits Coordinator, Ecological Services, 303-236-4347 (phone), or permitsR6ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have

a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite review and comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

Background

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

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to take endangered or threatened species while engaging in activities that are conducted for scientific purposes that promote recovery of species or for enhancement of propagation or survival of species. These activities often include the capture and collection of species, which would result in prohibited take if a permit were not issued. 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

The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, 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. Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Permit Action
ES-207946	Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, CO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>) New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius luteus</i>) 	Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, and Utah	Play taped vocalizations, monitor nests, conduct training workshops, band, and collect tissue for surveys and research.	Renew and amend
PER8564470	Olsson Inc., Oklahoma City, OK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>) Northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>) 	Throughout the range of each species within the United States	Capture, handle, identify, band, radio tag, swab, collect biological samples, and release.	New
ES-64077B	Scott Krych, New Prague, MN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poweshiek skipperling (<i>Oarisma poweshiek</i>) 	Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota	Capture, handle, and release for surveys.	Renew
PER9323663	Trevor Starks, Pratt, KS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neosho mucket (<i>Lampsilis rafinesqueana</i>) 	Kansas	Capture, handle, propagate, rear, and release for reintroduction efforts.	New
PER9413569	Crystal Benavidez, Alamosa, CO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>) 	Colorado	Play taped vocalizations for surveys.	New
ES-819471	SWCA Environmental Consultants, Salt Lake City, UT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>) 	Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah	Play taped vocalizations for surveys.	Renew and amend
PER10286364	Pinyon Environmental, Inc., Lakewood, CO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>) 	Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico	Play taped vocalizations for surveys.	New
PER10894227	University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>) Tricolored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>) 	South Dakota	Capture, handle, identify, band, radio tag, swab, collect biological samples, and release for surveys and research.	New

ES-13623D	James Whitney, Pittsburg, KS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorado pikeminnow (<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>) Razorback sucker (<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>) 	Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah	Capture, electrofish, tag, handle, collect biological samples, transport, propagate, rear, and release for research and captive propagation of the species.	Renew and amend
PER10898056	Terry Dial, Moab, UT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorado pikeminnow (<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>) Bonytail (<i>Gila elegans</i>) Razorback sucker (<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>) 	Utah	Research to quantify behaviors, including movements and feeding; research to analyze deceased specimens provided by hatcheries.	New
PER10899782	Andrew George, Pittsburg, KS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tricolored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>) Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>) 	Kansas	Capture, handle, identify, band, radio tag, swab, collect biological samples, and release for surveys and research.	New
ES-131639	U.S. Forest Service, Nebraska National Forest and Grasslands, Chadron, NE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blowout penstemon (<i>Penstemon haydenii</i>) 	Nebraska	Remove and reduce to possession from lands under Federal jurisdiction.	Renew
PER0013492	United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, ND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern long-eared Bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>) Tricolored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>) 	Colorado, Kansas, Montana Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming	Capture, handle, identify, band, radio tag, swab, collect biological samples, and release for surveys and research.	Amend
ES-06665B	Utah Division of Wildlife, Hurricane, UT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woundfin (<i>Plagopterus argentissimus</i>) 	Utah	Capture, handle, transport, release, stock, tag.	Renew and amend

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue a permit to an applicant listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the *Federal Register*.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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