



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered 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 scientific research to promote conservation or other activities intended to recover and enhance endangered species survival. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (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 from the contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Comment submission: Submit comments by email to fw2_te_permits@fws.gov.

Please specify the permit application you are interested in by number (e.g., Permit Record No. PER1234567).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie Boyer, Acting Supervisor, Environmental Review Division, by phone at 505–621–9058, or via email at katie_boyer@fws.gov. 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:

Background

With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), 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, and 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 listed 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**. Our release of 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 permit record number when submitting comments.

Permit Record Number	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of Take	Permit Action
PER15016299	University of Texas El Paso; El Paso, Texas	Rio Grande silvery minnow (<i>Hybognathus amarus</i>)	Texas	Capture, handle	Harass, harm, capture	New
PER18562155	Environmental Consultants of Habitats and Organisms, LLC.; Tahlequah, Oklahoma	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), and Ozark big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus (=Plecotus townsendii ingens)</i>)	Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas	Presence/absence surveys, bio-sample, handle	Harass, harm, trap, capture	Renew / amend
PER18338895	Nowak, Erika; Flagstaff, Arizona	Razorback sucker (<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>), Colorado pikeminnow (<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>), spikedace (<i>Meda fulgida</i>), and loach minnow (<i>Tiaroga cobitis</i>)	Arizona, New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys, handle, bio-monitor, salvage, translocate	Harass, harm, trap, capture	Renew / amend
PER11343588	University of Nevada Las Vegas; Las Vegas, Nevada	Sentry milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus cremnophylax var. cremnophylax</i>)	Arizona	Collect, repatriate	Collect	New
PER20066327	Parnell Engineering; Cedar Park, Texas	Ocelot (<i>Leopardus (=Felis) pardalis</i>) and golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
PER11111430	Walkup, Danielle; College Station, Texas	Dunes sagebrush lizard (<i>Sceloporus arenicolus</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys, pitfall trapping	Harass, harm, trap, capture	New
PER12293920	Gabler Lab at UTRGV; Brownsville, Texas	South Texas ambrosia (<i>Ambrosia cheiranthifolia</i>), prostrate milkweed (<i>Asclepias prostrata</i>), star cactus (<i>Astrophytum asterias</i>), Texas ayenia (<i>Ayenia limitaris</i>), Zapata bladderpod (<i>Physaria thamnophila</i>), ashy dogweed (<i>Thymophylla tephroleuca</i>), and Walker's manioc (<i>Manihot walkerae</i>)	Texas	Collect, propagate, repatriate	Collect	New

PER17693699	Arizona Center for Nature Conservation; Phoenix, Arizona	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>), Mount Graham red squirrel (<i>Tamiasciurus fremonti grahamensis</i>), California condor (<i>Gymnogyps californianus</i>), three forks springsnail (<i>Pyrgulopsis trivialis</i>), Mexican wolf (<i>Canis lupus baileyi</i>), thick-billed parrot (<i>Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha</i>), Gila topminnow (<i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i>), and desert pupfish (<i>Cyprinodon macularius</i>)	Arizona	Educational display, captively propagate, husbandry, capture, handle, rehabilitate	Harass, harm, trap, capture, collect	Renew / amend
PER12087672	Freese and Nichols, Inc.; Austin, Texas	Texas hornshell (<i>Popenaias popeii</i>), Guadalupe fatmucket (<i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i>), Guadalupe orb (<i>Cyclonaias necki</i>), Texas pimpleback (<i>Cyclonaias petrina</i>), false spike (<i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i>), Texas fatmucket (<i>Lampsilis bracteate</i>), Texas fawnsfoot (<i>Truncilla macrodon</i>), and Balcones spike (<i>Fusconaia iheringi</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys, capture, handle, tag, translocate	Harass, harm, trap, capture	New
PER19886034	Whitney, James; Pittsburg, Kansas	Spikedace (<i>Meda fulgidaa</i>) and loach minnow (<i>Tiaroga cobitis</i>)	Arizona, New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys, monitor, capture, handle	Harass, harm, capture	New
PER20066681	Bureau of Land Management – Farmington; Farmington, New Mexico	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>), Jemez Mountains salamander (<i>Plethodon neomexicanus</i>), Dunes sagebrush lizard (<i>Sceloporus arenicolus</i>)	New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
PER14405921	Transition Zone Horticultural Institute Inc.; Flagstaff, Arizona	Peebles Navajo cactus (<i>Pediocactus peeblesianus ssp. peeblesianus</i>), Holy Ghost ipomopsis (<i>Ipomopsis sancti-spiritus</i>), Todsens pennyroyal (<i>Hedeoma todsenii</i>), Arizona Cliffrose (<i>Purshia (=Cowania) subintegra</i>), autumn buttercup (<i>Ranunculus aestivalis</i>)	Arizona, New Mexico, Utah	Collect	Collect	Renew

		(= <i>acriformis</i>)), Brady pincushion cactus (<i>Pediocactus bradyi</i>), sentry milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus cremnophylax</i> var. <i>cremnophylax</i>), and Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>)				
PER20067105	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Austin, Texas	All federally listed plant and wildlife species occurring within Texas	Texas	All activities in furtherance of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's mission to conserve endangered wildlife and plants and the ecosystems upon which they depend.	Harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, collect	Renew / amend
PER14922372	Bandelier National Monument; Los Alamos, New Mexico	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Amend
PER14400664	Trent, Ricky; Norman, Oklahoma	Northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), and gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>)	Oklahoma	Presence/absence surveys, capture, handle	Harass, harm, capture, trap	New
PER14681614	U.S. Forest Service, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest; Springerville, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	Arizona	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Amend
PER17693181	Wolsiefer, Alec; Denver, Colorado	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Amend

PER14914423	Acevedo, Cody; Round Rock, Texas	Dunes sagebrush lizard (<i>Sceloporus arenicolus</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
PER16173314	Putnam, Stephanie; Austin, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew
PER14724803	Arroyo-Torres, Irvin; Rio Rancho, New Mexico	Gila topminnow (<i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i>), loach minnow (<i>Tiaroga cobitis</i>), and spikedace (<i>Meda fulgida</i>)	Arizona, New Mexico	Capture, handle	Harass, harm, capture, trap	New
PER17693180	Hoeinghaus, David; Denton, Texas	Smalleye Shiner (<i>Notropis buccula</i>) and Sharpnose Shiner (<i>Notropis oxyrhynchus</i>)	Texas	Capture, handle, tag	Harass, harm, capture	New
PER15015263	Lassiter, Timothy; Boerne, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew
PER19283323	Audubon Arizona; Phoenix, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	Arizona, New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew / amend
PER15530641	Whitenton Group, Inc.; San Marcos, Texas	Gulf Coast jaguarundi (<i>Puma yagouaroundi cacomitli</i>), ocelot (<i>Leopardus (=Felis) pardalis</i>), northern aplomado falcon (<i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i>), Barton Springs salamander (<i>Eurycea sosorum</i>), Austin blind salamander (<i>Eurycea waterlooensis</i>), Texas blind salamander (<i>Eurycea rathbuni</i>), Houston toad (<i>Bufo houstonensis</i>), and fountain darter (<i>Etheostoma fonticola</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys, harry, herd, capture, handle, voucher specimens	Harass, harm, capture, trap, kill	Renew
PER15617375	Coyle, Julia; San Antonio, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
PER16261670	Christman, Bruce; Silver City, New Mexico	Jemez Mountains salamander (<i>Plethodon neomexicanus</i>)	New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys, capture, handle, bio-sample	Harass, harm, capture, wound	Renew / amend
PER17693139	Randklev,	False spike (<i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i>),	Arkansas, Oklahoma,	Presence/absence	Harass,	Amend

	Charles; Dallas, Texas	Guadalupe fatmucket (<i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i>), Guadalupe orb (<i>Cyclonaias necki</i>), Ouachita rock pocketbook (<i>Arcidens wheeleri</i>), Texas fatmucket (<i>Lampsilis bracteata</i>), Texas pimpleback (<i>Cyclonaias petrina</i>), and Balcones spike (<i>Fusconaia iheringi</i>)	Texas	surveys, mark-recapture surveys, tag, capture, handle	harm, capture	
PER18704025	USGS - Idaho Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit; Moscow, Idaho	Yuma Ridgway's rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus yumanensis</i>), light-footed Ridgway's rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus levipes</i>), and California Ridgway's rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus obsoletus</i>)	Arizona, California, Nevada	Presence/absence surveys, capture, handle, band, tag, bio-sample, collect feathers, collect egg shells, collect non-viable eggs, monitor	Harass, harm, capture	Renew / amend
PER17548500	Gillespie, Kyle; San Antonio, Texas	Helotes mold beetle (<i>Batrisodes venyivi</i>), Coffin Cave mold beetle (<i>Batrisodes texanus</i>), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver (<i>Cicurina baronia</i>), Madla Cave meshweaver (<i>Cicurina madla</i>), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver (<i>Cicurina vespera</i>), beetle (<i>Rhadine exilis</i>), beetle (<i>Rhadine infernalis</i>), Tooth Cave ground beetle (<i>Rhadine Persephone</i>), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (<i>Tartarocreagris texana</i>), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider (<i>Tayshaneta microps</i>), Tooth Cave spider (<i>Tayshaneta myopica</i>), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle (<i>Texamaurops reddelli</i>), Cokendolpher cave harvestman (<i>Texella cokendolpheri</i>), Bee Creek Cave harvestman (<i>Texella reddelli</i>), and Bone Cave harvestman (<i>Texella</i>	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	New

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PER17795681	Bell, Leslie; Austin, Texas	Helotes mold beetle (<i>Batrisodes venyivi</i>), Coffin Cave mold beetle (<i>Batrisodes texanus</i>), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver (<i>Cicurina baronia</i>), Madla Cave meshweaver (<i>Cicurina madla</i>), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver (<i>Cicurina vespera</i>), beetle (<i>Rhadine exilis</i>), beetle (<i>Rhadine infernalis</i>), Tooth Cave ground beetle (<i>Rhadine Persephone</i>), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (<i>Tartarocreagris texana</i>), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider (<i>Tayshaneta microps</i>), Tooth Cave spider (<i>Tayshaneta myopica</i>), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle (<i>Texamaurops reddelli</i>), Cokendolpher cave harvestman (<i>Texella cokendolpheri</i>), Bee Creek Cave harvestman (<i>Texella reddelli</i>), Bone Cave harvestman (<i>Texella reyesi</i>), Barton Springs salamander (<i>Eurycea sosorum</i>), Austin blind salamander (<i>Eurycea waterlooensis</i>), Texas blind salamander (<i>Eurycea rathbuni</i>), Comal Springs dryopid beetle (<i>Stygoparnus comalensis</i>), Comal Springs riffle beetle (<i>Heterelmis comalensis</i>), and Peck's cave amphipod (<i>Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) pecki</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys, collection, voucher specimens	Harass, harm, collect, kill	Renew / amend
PER17693138	Clarke, Kasey; San Antonio, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
PER17791178	Pueblo of Santa Ana; Santa Ana	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys, nest	Harass, harm	Renew / amend

	Pueblo, New Mexico			monitoring		
PER19973999	Grand Canyon National Park; Flagstaff, Arizona	California condor (<i>Gymnogyps californianus</i>), southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>), Yuma Ridgway's rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus yumanensis</i>), razorback sucker (<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>), Colorado pikeminnow (<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>), and sentry milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus cremnophylax var. cremnophylax</i>)	Arizona	Haze, collect feathers, presence/absence surveys, nest monitoring, capture, handle, bio-sample, collect, voucher specimens, translocate, re-introduction, transport, monitor	Harass, harm, capture, collect, wound	Renew / amend
PER18519208	Texas A&M University – Galveston; Galveston, Texas	Kemp's ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>), green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>), loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>), hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>), and leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>)	Texas	Collect, capture, handle, remove from the wild, rehabilitate, release to the wild, educational display, tag, bio-sample, transport, nest detection, collect eggs	Harass, harm, capture	Renew
PER19285096	Chambers, Carol; Flagstaff, Arizona	New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius luteus</i>)	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys, capture, handle, track plating, tag, bio-sample, translocate	Harass, harm, capture	Renew
PER19451257	Moczygemba, Kevin; San Antonio, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>)	Texas	Presence/absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew
PER19448652	Ecosphere Environmental Services;	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>), southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii</i>)	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Utah	Spotlight surveys, presence/absence	Harass, harm, capture	Renew

	Durango, Colorado	<i>extimus</i>), and Jemez Mountains salamander (<i>Plethodon neomexicanus</i>)		surveys, nest monitoring, capture, handle, bio-sample		
PER20171321	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 2	All federally listed plant and wildlife species occurring within the Southwest Region	Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas	All activities in furtherance of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's mission to conserve endangered wildlife and plants and the ecosystems upon which they depend.	Harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, collect	Renew / amend
PER20000677	Hill, Michael; Albuquerque, New Mexico	Dunes sagebrush lizard (<i>Sceloporus arenicolus</i>)	New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys, occupancy surveys, capture, handle, bio-sample, salvage	Harass, harm, capture, wound	New

Public Availability of Comments

All comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Requests for copies of comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and Service and Department of the Interior policies and procedures. 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 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.

Authority

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

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