



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 to conduct scientific research to promote conservation or other activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened 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 or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant's 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 of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

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 such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting, in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

ESA 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
PER13079463	Maya Pendleton, Brookings, UT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>) 	SD	Survey, mist-net, capture, handle, band, tag, and conduct radio telemetry for research	New
ES069300	Kirk Steffenson, Nebraska Game and Parks, Lincoln, NE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pallid sturgeon (<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>) 	NE, KS, SD, MO, IA	Capture, handle, identify, data collection, fin clips, injection of passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag, implanting telemetry tags, collect blood/egg and other biological samples, band, and release	Renewal
PER0013492	Mandy Guinn United Tribes Technical College, Bismark, ND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>) Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>) Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>) 	KS, MT, NE, ND, SD, WY, PA, and NY	Capture, handle, band, light tag, conduct radio telemetry, collect biological samples, and salvage	Amendment
ES66521B	Western Biology, LLC, Hotchkiss, CO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>) 	UT, CO	Survey and play taped vocalizations	Renewal
ES73239C	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City, MO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pallid sturgeon (<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>) 	MO, KS	Capture, handle, identify, data collection though tagging, including fin clips, injection of PIT tag, implanting telemetry tags, tracking and blood and other biological samples, and release	Renewal
ES183432	Kansas City Zoo & Aquarium, Kansas City, MO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wyoming toad (<i>Anaxyrus baxteri</i>) 	WY	Hold in captivity for captive breeding and rearing, collect genetic	Renewal

				samples, survey and monitoring activities, exhibition, conservation research, land restoration actions	
PER14507358	Margaret Murray, Kansas City, KS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>) Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>) Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>) Tricolored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>—proposed as endangered) Ozark big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i>) 	Throughout the range of each species within the continental United States	Surveying, netting, data collection, radio-tag application, banding, harp trapping, tag attachment	New
ES56902B	Eric Best, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, CO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pallid sturgeon (<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>) 	MT, ND	Harass by survey/monitor, PIT tagging	Renewal
ES41329C	Manzanita Botanical, Salt Lake City, UT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Rafael cactus (<i>Pediocactus despainii</i>) Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) 	UT	Remove and reduce to possession from lands under Federal jurisdiction	Renewal
PER16557243	Blank Park Zoo, Des Moines, IA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wyoming Toad (<i>Anaxyrus baxteri</i>) 	IA, WY	Captively propagate, receive, transfer, provide care for, and release into the wild	New
PER16805170	Victor Pineiro, Carrollton, TX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>) Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>) Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>) Tricolored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>—proposed as endangered) 	MO, NE, SD	Capture, handle, collect biological samples, attach radio transmitters, band, mark, and release for conducting surveys and research	New
ES049109	Red Butte Botanic Garden and Arboretum, Salt Lake City, UT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autumn Buttercup (<i>Ranunculus aestivalis</i> (= <i>acriiformis</i>)) Barneby reed-mustard (<i>Schoenocrambe barnebyi</i>) 	UT	Remove and reduce to possession from lands under Federal jurisdiction	Renewal

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barneby ridge-cress (<i>Lepidium barnebyanum</i>) • Clay phacelia (<i>Phacelia argillacea</i>) • Dwarf Bear-poppy (<i>Arctomecon humilis</i>) • Gierisch mallow (<i>Sphaeralcea gierischii</i>) • Holmgren milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus holmgreniorum</i>) • Kodachrome bladderpod (<i>Lesquerella tumulosa</i>) • San Rafael cactus (<i>Pediocactus despainii</i>) • Shivwits milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus ampullarioides</i>) • Shrubby reed-mustard (<i>Schoenocrambe suffrutescens</i>) • Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) 			
PER17061751	Joseph Pettit, Minot, ND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>) 	ND	Capture, handle, mark, tag, radio track, band, collect tissue, and release	New

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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