



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–R2–ES–2026–1387; FXES11130200000–267–FF02ENEH00]

### Endangered Wildlife and Plants; 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, 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*]**. Comments submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES**, below) must be received by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on the closing date.

To ensure your comment is received and considered, you must submit it using one of the methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** *Comment submission:* All submissions must include the docket number [FWS–R2–ES–2026–1387] for this document. You must submit comments using one of the following methods:

- Electronic submission: Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS–R2–ES–2026–1387, which is the docket number for this action. Then click the Search button. On the resulting page, you may submit a comment by clicking on “Comment.” Please ensure that you have found the correct document before submitting your comments.
- U.S. mail: Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–R2–ES–2026–1387, Policy and Regulations Branch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered. We will not accept comments via email, fax, or hand delivery. We are not required to consider comments that are submitted after the comment period ends or that are submitted via a method outside of these instructions. Comments containing profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate content will not be considered.

We will post all comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may request that we withhold personal identifying information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. See **Public Availability of Comments** for more information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Myers, Acting Supervisor,

Environmental Review Division, by phone at 512–577–6594, or via email at karen\_myers@fws.gov. Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents, by one of these methods. All requests should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., ESXXXXXX; see table 1 in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**). 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.

**Table 1 – Permit Applications**

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Type of Take</b>	<b>Permit Action</b>
ESPER0003492	Jacobs Engineering Group; Tempe, Arizona	Black-footed ferret ( <i>Mustela nigripes</i> ), southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), Yuma Ridgway’s rail ( <i>Rallus obsoletus yumanensis</i> ), razorback sucker ( <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> ), spikedace ( <i>Meda fulgida</i> ), loach minnow ( <i>Tiaroga cobitis</i> ), Virgin River chub ( <i>Gila robusta semidnuda</i> ), woundfin ( <i>Plagopterus argentissimus</i> )	Arizona, California, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah	Presence / absence surveys, nest monitor	Harass, harm	Renew / amend
ESPER0003456	Tetra Tech, Inc. – Albuquerque; Albuquerque, New Mexico	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), northern aplomado falcon ( <i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i> ), Jemez Mountains salamander ( <i>Plethodon neomexicanus</i> ), Rio Grande silvery minnow ( <i>Hybognathus amarus</i> )	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas	Presence / absence surveys, capture, handle, bio-sample	Harass, harm, capture	Renew / amend
ESPER11667520	San Antonio Zoo; San Antonio, Texas	Clear Creek gambusia ( <i>Gambusia heterochir</i> ), Big Bend gambusia ( <i>Gambusia gaigei</i> ), Comanche Springs pupfish ( <i>Cyprinodon elegans</i> ), Leon Springs pupfish ( <i>Cyprinodon bovinus</i> ), Pecos gambusia ( <i>Gambusia nobilis</i> )	Texas	Captive propagation	Harass, harm	Amend
ESPER0011772	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Coronado National Forest; Tucson, Arizona	Beardless chinchweed ( <i>Pectis imberbis</i> ), Huachuca water-umbel ( <i>Lilaeopsis schaffneriana</i> var. <i>recurve</i> ), Pima pineapple cactus ( <i>Coryphantha scheeri</i> var. <i>robustispina</i> ), Canelo Hills ladies’-tresses ( <i>Spiranthes delitescens</i> ), Mexican long-nosed	Arizona, New Mexico	Presence / absence surveys, capture, handle, bio-sample, midden search, salvage, seed collection, vegetative	Harass, harm, capture, collect	Renew / amend

		bat ( <i>Leptonycteris nivalis</i> ), jaguar ( <i>Panthera onca</i> ), ocelot ( <i>Leopardus (=Felis) pardalis</i> ), Mexican wolf ( <i>Canis lupus baileyi</i> ), Mount Graham red squirrel ( <i>Tamiasciurus fremonti grahamensis</i> ), northern aplomado falcon ( <i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i> ), masked bobwhite (quail) ( <i>Colinus virginianus ridgwayi</i> ), southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), Sonoran tiger salamander ( <i>Ambystoma mavortium stebbinsi</i> ), desert pupfish ( <i>Cyprinodon macularius</i> ), Gila topminnow ( <i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i> ), Yaqui chub ( <i>Gila purpurea</i> ), Gila chub ( <i>Gila intermedia</i> ), spikedace ( <i>Meda fulgida</i> ), loach minnow ( <i>Tiaroga cobitis</i> )		collection		
ESPER0032549	U.S. Forest Service – Santa Fe National Forest; Santa Fe, New Mexico	Jemez Mountains salamander ( <i>Plethodon neomexicanus</i> ), New Mexico meadow jumping mouse ( <i>Zapus hudsonius luteus</i> ), Holy Ghost ipomopsis ( <i>Ipomopsis sancti-spiritus</i> )	New Mexico	Presence / absence surveys, capture, handle, bio-sample, seed collection	Harass, harm, capture, trap, collect	Renew / amend
ES08394B	U.S. Forest Service; Springerville, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), Gila chub ( <i>Gila intermedia</i> ), spikedace ( <i>Meda fulgida</i> ), loach minnow ( <i>Tiaroga cobitis</i> )	Arizona, New Mexico	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew / amend
ES88227B	Deatherage, Jay; Nacgdoches, Texas	Gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> )	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky,	Presence / absence surveys, bio-sample, capture, handle,	Harass, harm, capture	Amend

			Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia	radio telemetry,		
ES037155	Bio-West, Inc.; Round Rock, Texas	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), Barton Springs salamander ( <i>Eurycea sosorum</i> ), Austin blind salamander ( <i>Eurycea waterlooensis</i> ), Colorado pikeminnow ( <i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i> ), razorback sucker ( <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> ), fountain darter ( <i>Etheostoma fonticola</i> ), Rio Grande silvery minnow ( <i>Hybognathus amarus</i> ), sharpnose shiner ( <i>Notropis oxyrhynchus</i> ), smalleye shiner ( <i>Notropis buccula</i> ), Neosho mucket ( <i>Lampsilis rafinesqueana</i> ), Ouachita rock pocketbook ( <i>Arcidens wheeleri</i> ), scaleshell mussel ( <i>Leptodea leptodon</i> ), winged mapleleaf ( <i>Quadrula fragosa</i> ), Texas fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> ), Guadalupe orb ( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), Balcones spike ( <i>Fusconaia iheringi</i> ), Texas hornshell ( <i>Popenaias popeii</i> ), Comal Springs riffle beetle ( <i>Heterelmis comalensis</i> ), Comal Springs dryopid beetle ( <i>Stygoparnus comalensis</i> ), Peck's Cave	Arkansas, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah	Presence / absence surveys, capture, handle, bio-sample, voucher specimen collection	Harass, harm, capture, kill	Renew / amend

		amphipod ( <i>Stygobromus</i> (= <i>Stygonectes</i> ) <i>pecki</i> )				
ESPER0029467	Gladstone, Nicholas; Austin, Texas	Coffin Cave mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes texanus</i> ), Helotes mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes venyivi</i> ), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle ( <i>Texamaurops reddelli</i> ), beetle, (no common name) ( <i>Rhadine exilis</i> ), beetle, (no common name) ( <i>Rhadine infernalis</i> ), Tooth Cave ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine persephone</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> ), Cokendolpher Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella cokendolpheri</i> ), Bee Creek Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reddelli</i> ), Bone Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reyesi</i> ), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion ( <i>Tartarocreagris texana</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta microps</i> ), Tooth Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta myopica</i> ), Peck's Cave amphipod ( <i>Stygobromus</i> (= <i>Stygonectes</i> ) <i>Pecki</i> ), Comal Springs riffle beetle ( <i>Heterelmis comalensis</i> ), Comal Springs dryopid beetle ( <i>Stygoparnus comalensis</i> ), Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), Texas fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), Guadalupe orb	Texas	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	Amend

		( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), Balcones spike ( <i>Fusconaia iheringi</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> ), Austin blind salamander ( <i>Eurycea waterlooensis</i> ), Barton Springs salamander ( <i>Eurycea sosorum</i> ), Texas blind salamander ( <i>Eurycea rathbuni</i> )				
ES195191	Baer Engineering and Environmental Consulting, Inc.; Austin, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i> )	Texas	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew
ES27791B	National Park Service – Montezuma Castle and Tuzigoot National Monuments; Camp Verde, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> )	Arizona	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew / amend
ESPER0013385	Sea Turtle, Inc.; South Padre Island, 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> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> )	Texas	Rehabilitation, remove from the wild, return to the wild, tag, bio-sample, capture, handle, educational display	Harass, harm, capture	Renew / amend
ES11267C	Buschow, Marissa; Flagstaff, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> )	Texas	Presence / absence surveys, nest monitor	Harass, harm	Amend
ESPER6353114	Schwope, Whitney; Boerne, Texas	Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), Texas fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), Guadalupe	New Mexico, Texas	Presence / absence surveys, salvage, translocation	Harass, harm, capture	Amend

		orb ( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), Balcones spike ( <i>Fusconaia iheringi</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> ), Texas hornshell ( <i>Popenaias popeii</i> ), dunes sagebrush lizard ( <i>Sceloporus arenicolus</i> )				
ESPER1889346	Tschirhart, Kara; San Antonio, Texas	Beetle, (no common name) ( <i>Rhadine exilis</i> ), beetle, (no common name) ( <i>Rhadine infernalis</i> ), Helotes mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes venyivi</i> ), Cokendolpher Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella cokendolpheri</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina vespera</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta microps</i> ), Madla Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina madla</i> ), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina baronia</i> ), Bee Creek Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reddelli</i> ), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle ( <i>Texamaurops reddelli</i> ), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion ( <i>Tartarocreagris texana</i> ), Tooth Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta myopica</i> ), Tooth Cave ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine persephone</i> ), Bone Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reyesi</i> ), Coffin Cave mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes texanus</i> )	Texas	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	Amend
ESPER7032540	Blankenship, Ryan;	Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), Texas fatmucket	Texas	Presence / absence surveys,	Harass, harm,	Amend

	Duncanville, Texas	( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), Guadalupe orb ( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), Balcones spike ( <i>Fusconaia iheringi</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> )		capture, handle, tag	capture	
ES79006D	Lazo, Walker; San Antonio, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i> ), beetle, (no common name) ( <i>Rhadine exilis</i> ), beetle, (no common name) ( <i>Rhadine infernalis</i> ), Helotes mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes venyivi</i> ), Cokendolpher Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella cokendolpheri</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina vespera</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta microps</i> ), Madla Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina madla</i> ), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina baronia</i> ), Bee Creek Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reddelli</i> ), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle ( <i>Texamaurops reddelli</i> ), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion ( <i>Tartarocreagris texana</i> ), Tooth Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta myopica</i> ), Tooth Cave ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine persephone</i> ), Bone Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reyesi</i> ), Coffin Cave mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes texanus</i> )	Texas	Presence / absence surveys, voucher specimen collection	Harass, harm, kill	Renew
ES022190	Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum; Tucson, Arizona	Mount Graham red squirrel ( <i>Tamiasciurus fremonti grahamensis</i> ), masked bobwhite quail ( <i>Colinus virginianus ridgwayi</i> ), Sonoran tiger	Arizona	Educational display, captive propagation, hold, salvage, transplant, seed	Harass, harm, capture, collect	Renew / amend

		<p>salamander (<i>Ambystoma mavortium stebbinsi</i>), Mexican gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus baileyi</i>), ocelot (<i>Leopardus (=Felis) pardalis</i>), thick-billed parrot (<i>Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha</i>), bonytail chub (<i>Gila elegans</i>), Colorado pikeminnow (<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>), desert pupfish (<i>Cyprinodon macularius</i>), Gila chub (<i>Gila intermedia</i>), Gila topminnow (<i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i>), loach minnow (<i>Tiaroga cobitis</i>), razorback sucker (<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>), spikedace (<i>Meda fulgida</i>), woundfin (<i>Plagopterus argentissimus</i>), Yaqui chub (<i>Gila purpurea</i>), pima pineapple cactus (<i>Coryphantha scheeri</i> var. <i>robustispina</i>), Nichol Turk's head cactus (<i>Echinocactus horizonthalonius</i> var. <i>nicholii</i>), Kearney bluestar (<i>Amsonia kearneyana</i>), Arizona hedgehog cactus (<i>Echinocereus arizonicus</i> ssp. <i>arizonicus</i>), Acuña cactus (<i>Echinomastus erectocentrus</i> var. <i>acunensis</i>), Sonoyta mud turtle (<i>Kinosternon sonoriense longifemorale</i>), Virgin River chub (<i>Gila robusta semidnuda</i>)</p>		and vegetative collection		
ESPER0070375	Clemens, Brad; Sierra Vista, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> )	New Mexico	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	Amend
CS16179896	U.S. Geological	Huachuca water-umbel	Arizona	Seed and	Harm,	New

	Survey Southwest Biological Science Center; Flagstaff, Arizona	<i>(Lilaeopsis schaffneriana var. recurva)</i>		vegetative collection	collect	
ESPER19995599	Stanek, Jenna; Los Alamos, New Mexico	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), Jemez Mountains salamander ( <i>Plethodon neomexicanus</i> )	New Mexico	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	Amend
CS16515249	Cowan, Brian; Austin, Texas	Beetle, (no common name) ( <i>Rhadine exilis</i> ), beetle, (no common name) ( <i>Rhadine infernalis</i> ), Helotes mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes venyivi</i> ), Cokendolpher Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella cokendolpheri</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina vespera</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta microps</i> ), Madla Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina madla</i> ), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina baronia</i> ), Bee Creek Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reddelli</i> ), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle ( <i>Texamaurops reddelli</i> ), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion ( <i>Tartarocreagris texana</i> ), Tooth Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta myopica</i> ), Tooth Cave ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine persephone</i> ), Bone Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reyesi</i> ), Coffin Cave mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes texanus</i> ), Peck's Cave amphipod ( <i>Stygobromus (=Stygonectes) pecki</i> ), Comal Springs dryopid beetle ( <i>Stygoparnus comalensis</i> ), Comal	Texas	Presence / absence surveys, salvage, voucher specimen collection	Harass, harm, kill	New

		Springs riffle beetle ( <i>Heterelmis comalensis</i> ), fountain darter ( <i>Etheostoma fonticola</i> )				
CS16545485	Lind, Meghan; Dripping Springs, Texas	Golden-cheeked warbler ( <i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i> ), Attwater's greater prairie-chicken ( <i>Tympanuchus cupido attwateri</i> ), northern aplomado falcon ( <i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i> ), Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> ), Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), Texas fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), Guadalupe orb ( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), Balcones spike ( <i>Fusconaia iheringi</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> )	Texas	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
CS16612265	Hibbitts, Toby; College Station, Texas	Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> )	Texas	Re-introduction	Harass, harm	New
CS16736924	Garcia, Israel; Phoenix, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> )	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
ES821356	Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center; Flagstaff, Arizona	Bonytail chub ( <i>Gila elegans</i> ), razorback sucker ( <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> ), Gila topminnow ( <i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i> ), Colorado pikeminnow ( <i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i> )	Arizona, Utah	Presence / absence surveys, capture, handle, tag, educational display, hold, bio-sample	Harass, harm, capture	Renew / amend
ESPER1906334	HDR Engineering Inc.; Austin, Texas	Rio Grande Silvery Minnow ( <i>Hybognathus amarus</i> ), spikedace ( <i>Meda fulgida</i> ), loach minnow ( <i>Tiaroga cobitis</i> ), southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), razorback sucker ( <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> ), Colorado pikeminnow ( <i>Ptychocheilus</i> )	Arizona, New Mexico, Utah	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	Amend

		<i>lucius</i> )				
CS16775512	Johnson, Cassidy; Houston, Texas	Houston toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> )	Texas	e-DNA analysis	Collect	New
CS16861614	Tobler, Michael; Saint Louis, Missouri	Leon Springs pupfish ( <i>Cyprinodon bovinus</i> ), Comanche Springs pupfish ( <i>Cyprinodon elegans</i> ), Big Bend gambusia ( <i>Gambusia gaigei</i> ), Clear Creek gambusia ( <i>Gambusia heterochir</i> ), Pecos gambusia ( <i>Gambusia nobilis</i> )	New Mexico, Texas	Presence / absence surveys, capture, handle, bio-sample, hold, captive propagation, re- introduction, remove from the wild, return to the wild	Harass, harm, capture	New
CS17255607	Thiels, Sabrina; Rosenberg, Texas	Guadalupe fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bergmanni</i> ), Texas fatmucket ( <i>Lampsilis bracteata</i> ), Guadalupe orb ( <i>Cyclonaias necki</i> ), Texas pimpleback ( <i>Cyclonaias petrina</i> ), Balcones spike ( <i>Fusconaia iheringi</i> ), false spike ( <i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i> )	Texas	Presence / absence surveys, capture, handle	Harass, harm, capture	New
CS17307962	Adkins Consulting, Inc.; Durango, Colorado	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> )	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
CS17427569	Troia, Matthew; San Antonio, Texas	Fountain darter ( <i>Etheostoma fonticola</i> )	Texas	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
ESPER0009587	Rieck, Jean Marie; Flagstaff, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> )	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	Renew
ES174552	Animas Biological Studies, LLC.; Durango, Colorado	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> )	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah	Presence / absence surveys, nest monitor, band, capture, handle	Harass, harm, capture	Renew
CS17649158	Albert, Steven; Ramah, New	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ),	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	New

	Mexico	northern aplomado falcon ( <i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i> ), California least tern ( <i>Sternula antillarum browni</i> )				
ES73317B	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	Harass, harm	Renew
ESPER0005108	Cambrian Environmental; Austin, Texas	Houston Toad ( <i>Bufo houstonensis</i> ), beetle, (no common name) ( <i>Rhadine exilis</i> ), beetle, (no common name) ( <i>Rhadine infernalis</i> ), Helotes mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes venyivi</i> ), Cokendolpher Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella cokendolpheri</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina vespera</i> ), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta microps</i> ), Madla Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina madla</i> ), Robber Baron Cave meshweaver ( <i>Cicurina baronia</i> ), Bee Creek Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reddelli</i> ), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle ( <i>Texamaurops reddelli</i> ), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion ( <i>Tartarocreagris texana</i> ), Tooth Cave spider ( <i>Tayshaneta myopica</i> ), Tooth Cave ground beetle ( <i>Rhadine persephone</i> ), Bone Cave harvestman ( <i>Texella reyesi</i> ), Coffin Cave mold beetle ( <i>Batrisodes texanus</i> ), Texas blind salamander ( <i>Eurycea rathbuni</i> ), Barton Springs salamander ( <i>Eurycea sosorum</i> ), Austin blind	New Mexico, Texas	Presence / absence surveys, capture, handle, bio-sample, captive propagation, remove from the wild, return to the wild, tag, salvage, voucher Specimen	Harass, harm, kill, trap, capture	Renew / amend

		salamander ( <i>Eurycea waterlooensis</i> ), dunes sagebrush lizard ( <i>Sceloporus arenicolus</i> )				
CS18866600	Bureau of Land Management – Yuma; Yuma, Arizona	Yuma Ridgway's rail ( <i>Rallus obsoletus yumanensis</i> )	Arizona, California	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
ESPER18519390	Moors, Amanda; Globe, Arizona	Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> )	Arizona	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	Amend
CS19319859	Breslin, Peter; Phoenix, Arizona	Fickeisen plains cactus ( <i>Pediocactus peeblesianus ssp. fickeiseniae</i> ), Brady pincushion cactus ( <i>Pediocactus bradyi</i> ), Peebles Navajo cactus ( <i>Pediocactus peeblesianus ssp. peeblesianus</i> )	Arizona	Seed and vegetative collection	Collect	New
ES822908	Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute – Texas A&M University – Kingsville; Kingsville, Texas	Ocelot ( <i>Leopardus (=Felis) pardalis</i> )	Texas	Monitor, observe	Harass, harm	Amend
CS19383720	Huse Biological Consulting LLC; Rio Rancho, New Mexico	Yuma Ridgway's rail ( <i>Rallus obsoletus yumanensis</i> ), southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> )	Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah	Presence / absence surveys	Harass, harm	New
CS19381521	Huse Biological Consulting LLC; Rio Rancho, New Mexico	Dunes sagebrush lizard ( <i>Sceloporus arenicolus</i> ), Sonoran tiger salamander ( <i>Ambystoma mavortium stebbinsi</i> ), Jemez Mountains salamander ( <i>Plethodon neomexicanus</i> )	Arizona, New Mexico, Texas	Presence / absence surveys, capture, handle	Harass, harm, capture	New
ESPER0009523	SWCA Environmental Consultants; Flagstaff, Arizona	Black-footed ferret ( <i>Mustela nigripes</i> ), Mexican long-nosed bat ( <i>Leptonycteris nivalis</i> ), southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ), Yuma Ridgway's rail ( <i>Rallus</i>	Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah	Presence / absence surveys, nest monitor, band, bio-sample, capture, handle, nestling	Harass, harm, capture	Renew / amend

		<i>obsoletus yumanensis</i> ), bonytail chub ( <i>Gila elegans</i> ), Colorado pikeminnow ( <i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i> ), razorback sucker ( <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> ), desert pupfish ( <i>Cyprinodon macularius</i> ), Yaqui chub ( <i>Gila purpurea</i> ), Gila topminnow ( <i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i> ), woundfin ( <i>Plagopterus argentissimus</i> ), Virgin River chub ( <i>Gila robusta semidnuda</i> )		removal, egg replacement		
ESPER0009319	Oklahoma Aquarium; Jenks, Oklahoma	Green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> )	Oklahoma	Educational display, hold, remove from the wild	Harass, harm, capture	Renew
CS19793454	Ocelot Conservation Facility; Kingsville, Texas	Ocelot ( <i>Leopardus (=Felis) pardalis</i> )	Texas	Presence / absence surveys, bio-sample, captive propagation, hold, capture, handle, monitor, remove from the wild, return to the wild, re-introduction, population augmentation, tag, vaccinate	Harass, harm, capture	New
ESPER0024337	East Foundation; San Antonio, Texas	Ocelot ( <i>Leopardus (=Felis) pardalis</i> )	Texas	Translocation, hold, captive propagation, remove from the wild, return to the wild	Harass, harm, capture	Amend

## **Public Availability of Comments**

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## **Authority**

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

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