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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit No. PRT—826081

Applicant: John C. Newnam, Austin Texas.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for golden-cheeked warblers (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and black-capped vireos (*Vireo atricapillus*); and to capture, identify, measure, weigh, photograph, record the exact location of, and release Houston toads (*Bufo houstonensis*) unharmed at capture sites in Hays, Blanco, Gillespie, Llano, Mason, Bexar, Kendall, Comal, Kerr, Bandera, Medina, Uvalde, Real, Edwards, Kimball, Terrell, and Pecos Counties, Texas.

Permit No. PRT—825574

Applicant: Ron Dunton, Socorro, New Mexico.

The applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for aplomado falcons (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*) and southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) on Bureau of Land Management lands in Socorro County, New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT—826091

Applicant: Michael Taylor, Phoenix, Arizona.

The applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) along the Santa Maria River and Agua Fria and Gila River tributaries; and to capture and release unharmed Gila topminnows

(*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*) and desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularis*) in Yerba Mansa Spring, La Paz County, Arizona; and in Peoples Canyon, Yavapai County, Arizona; and to capture and release lesser long-nosed bats (*Leptonycteris curasoae*) in Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, Yavapai, Mohave, La Paz, and Yuma Counties, Arizona.

Permit No. PRT—825591

Applicant: Celia A. Cooper, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the Mexican spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) and nest searches and monitoring for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Arizona and New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT—825792

Applicant: Alma Barrera, Austin, Texas.

The applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for black-capped vireos (*Vireo atricapillus*), and golden-cheeked warblers (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) on Lake Pointe, Lake Pointe IV, and Wolfe Ranch in Austin, Texas.

Permit No. PRT—826118

Applicant: G. David Steele, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The applicant requests authorization to survey for nesting interior least terns (*Sterna antillarum*), American burying beetles (*Nicrophorus americanus*), golden-cheeked warblers (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and black-capped vireos (*Vireo atricapillus*) in Oklahoma.

Permit No. PRT—825977

Applicant: Dr. Peter B. Stacey, Reno, Nevada.

The applicant requests authorization to band and collect blood samples from Mexican spotted owls in New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT—826124

Applicant: Gordon Mueller, Denver, Colorado.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for razorback suckers (*Xyrauchen texanus*), and bonytail chubs (*Gila elegans*) on Lake Mojave in Arizona and Nevada.

Permit No. PRT—826731

Applicant: Sherry L. Sass, Tubac, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to capture and release Gila topminnows to track populations along the Santa Cruz River between the Mexican border and the Santa Cruz/Pima County line.

Permit No. PRT—826897

Applicant: Mark K. Sogge, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Arizona and New Mexico.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before May 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, to the address above.

Lynn B. Starnes,

Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed information collection described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)). Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Public comments on the proposal should be made within 30 days directly