

Authority: The matching program will be conducted pursuant to Pub. L. 100-503, "The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988," as amended, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-129 (Managing Federal Credit Programs) and A-70 (Policies and Guidelines for Federal Credit Programs). One of the purposes of all Executive departments and agencies—including HUD—is to implement efficient management practices for Federal credit programs. OMB Circulars A-129 and A-70 were issued under the authority of the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, as amended; the Budget and Accounting Act of 1950, as amended; the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended; and, the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, as amended.

Objectives To Be Met by the Matching Program

The matching program will allow the Department of Education access to a system which permits prescreening of applicants for loans or loans guaranteed by the Federal Government to ascertain if the applicant is delinquent in paying a debt owed to or insured by the Government. In addition, HUD will be provided access to the Department of Education's debtor data for prescreening purposes.

Records To Be Matched

HUD will utilize its system of records entitled HUD/DEPT-2, *Accounting Records*. The debtor files for HUD programs involved are included in this system of records. HUD's debtor files contain information on borrowers and co-borrowers who are currently in default (at least 90 days delinquent on their loans); or who have any outstanding claims paid during the last three years on Title II insured or guaranteed home mortgage loans; or individuals who have had a claim paid in the last three years on a Title I loan. For the CAIVRS match, HUD/DEPT-2, System of Records, receives its program inputs from HUD/DEPT-28, Property Improvement and Manufactured (Mobile) Home Loans—Default; HUD/DEPT-32, Delinquent/Default/Assigned Temporary Mortgage Assistance Payments (TMAP) Program; and HUD/CPD-1, Rehabilitation Loans—Delinquent/Default.

The Department of Education will provide HUD with debtor files contained in its system of records (Title IV Program File, 18-40-0024). HUD is maintaining the Department of Education's records only as a ministerial action on behalf of the Department of Education, not as part of HUD's HUD/DEPT-2 system of records. The Department of Education's data contain information on individuals who have defaulted on their guaranteed loans. The Department of Education will retain

ownership and responsibility for their system of records that they place with HUD. HUD serves only as a record location and routine use recipient for the Department of Education's data.

Notice Procedures

HUD and the Department of Education have separate notification procedures. When the Federal credit being sought is a HUD/FHA mortgage, HUD will notify individuals at the time of application (ensuring that routine use appears on the application form). The Department of Education will notify individuals at the time of application for Federal student loan programs that their records will be matched to determine whether they are delinquent or in default on a Federal debt. HUD and the Department of Education will also publish notices concerning routine use disclosures in the **Federal Register** to inform individuals that a computer match may be performed to determine a loan applicant's credit status with the Federal Government.

Categories of Records/Individuals Involved

The debtor records include these data elements: SSN, claim number, the Department of Education's Regional Office Code, Collection Agency Code, program code, and indication of indebtedness. Categories of records include: records of claims and defaults, repayment agreements, credit reports, financial statements, and records of foreclosures. Categories of individuals include former mortgagors and purchasers of HUD-owned properties, manufactured (mobile) home and home improvement loan debtors who are delinquent or in default on their loans, and rehabilitation loan debtors who are delinquent or in default on their loans.

Period of the Match

Matching will begin at least 40 days from the date copies of the signed (by both Data Integrity Boards) computer matching agreement are sent to both Houses of Congress or at least 30 days from the date this Notice is published in the **Federal Register**, whichever is later, providing no comments are received which would result in a contrary determination.

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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(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit No. PRT-836329

Applicant: Don Blanton, Blanton & Associates, Inc., Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within the state of Texas:

Birds

northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*)
black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*)
golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*)
red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*)
bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)
Attwater's greater prairie chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido attwateri*)

Amphibian

Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*)

Mammals

ocelots (*Felis pardalis*)
jaguarundi (*Felis yagouaroundi cacomitli*)

Plants

Texas prairie dawn (*Hymenoxys texana*)
large-fruited sand verbena (*Abronia macrocarpa*)
Navasota ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*)
Texas trailing phlox (*Phlox nivalis ssp. texensis*)
South Texas ragweed (*Ambrosia cheiranthifolia*)
Texas ayenia (*Ayenia limitaris*)
Walker's Manioc (*Manihot walkerae*)
ashy dogwood (*Thymophylla tephroleuca*)
Johnston's frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*)
Star cactus (*Astrophytum asterius*)
white bladderpod (*Lesquerella pallida*)

Permit No. PRT-836371

Applicant: Robert X. Barry, Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range, Luke AFB, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for

the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) on the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range in Yuma, Maricopa, and Pima Counties, Arizona.

Permit No. PRT-819538

Applicant: Paul Sawyer, Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in Arizona.

Permit No. PRT-802956

Applicant: John O. Mills, Walcoff & Associates, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following endangered/threatened species:

Mexican gray wolves (*Canis lupus*)
whooping cranes (*Grus americana*)
Arctic peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus tundrius*)
bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)
black-footed ferrets (*Mustela nigripes*)
peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)
interior least terns (*Sterna antillarum*)
aplomado falcons (*Falco femoralis*)
southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*)
Mexican spotted owls (*Strix occidentalis lucida*)
piping plovers (*Charadrius melodus*)
Kuenzler hedgehog (*Echinocereus fendleri* var. *kuenzleri*)
Sneed pincushion cactus (*Coryphantha sneedii* var. *sneedii*)
Todsens's pennyroyal (*Hedeoma todsenii*)
Sacramento Mountains thistle (*Cirsium vinaceum*)

Permit No. PRT-837577

Applicant: Laura R. Duncan, SEC, Sedona, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) in Arizona and New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT-689914

Applicant: Donna J. Shaver, Padre Island National Seashore, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization to take necessary measures to protect naturally occurring sea turtle nests on all Texas beaches, not limited to but including the following species for scientific research and recovery purposes:

Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*)
hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*)
loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*)
green (*Chelonia mydas*)

Permit No. PRT-835115

Applicant: Loretta A. Pressly, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct activities for scientific research and recovery purposes for the slender rush-pea (*Hoffmannseggia tenella*) in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Permit No. PRT-799099

Applicant: Dale W. Stahlecker, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Applicant request authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for, measure, weigh and band for bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) in New Mexico.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before February 4, 1998.

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.

Renee Lohoefer,

Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit for Ranching and Related Activities on El Coronado Ranch (1,920 Acres) and Associated Grazing Allotments (13,284 Acres)(PRT-837858), on West Turkey Creek, Cochise County, Arizona

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The El Coronado Ranch (Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has also requested unlisted-species provisions in an Implementing Agreement (Agreement) to cover species of concern found in the planning area. The Applicant has been assigned permit number PRT-837858. The requested permit, which is for a period of 25 years, would authorize incidental take of the endangered Yaqui chub (*Gila purpurea*) and the threatened Yaqui catfish (*Ictalurus pricei*). The unlisted species provision provides for the issuance of further permits for the incidental take of species not presently listed under the Act, but which might become listed during the term of the proposed permit. The unlisted species covered by the Habitat Conservation Plan is the Yaqui form of longfin dace (*Agosia chrysogaster*). The proposed take is on the 1,920 acres of private land and would occur from ranching and related activities on the El Coronado Ranch, Cochise County, Arizona. The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application.

A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made before 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10^c of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before February 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Doug Duncan, Tucson Suboffice, Arizona