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**Kristen Nelson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

#### Endangered Species

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.*):

*Applicant:* Gate Keepers Wild Life Sanctuary, Wichita, KS, PRT-029857

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import leopard (*Panthera pardus*) and tiger (*Panthera tigris*), and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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 to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); Fax: (703/358-2281).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability; Travis County, TX; Golden-cheeked Warbler

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for a Permit for the Incidental Take of the Golden-cheeked Warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) During Construction and Operation of a Residential Development on a Portion of the 98-acre Lake of the Woods Property, Travis County, Texas (Luth).

**SUMMARY:** Thomas Luth (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE-029780-0. The requested permit, which is for a period of 30 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler. The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and operation of a residential development on a portion of the 98-acre Lake of the Woods Property, Travis County, Texas.

An Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application has been prepared. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 60 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 September 5, 2000.

**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, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Scott Rowin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas, at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-029780-0 (Luth) when submitting comments.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Rowin at the above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office, Austin, Texas.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

*Applicant:* Tom Luth plans to construct a residential development on 89.5 acres of the 98-acre Lake of the Woods Property, Travis County, Texas. This action will eliminate 89.5 acres and indirectly impact 32.5 additional acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler by purchasing 286.8 acres worth of participation certificates from the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, providing approximately \$1,147,200 to the BCP for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within golden-cheeked warbler habitat in Travis County, as identified by the Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Technology Transfer Act of 1986

**AGENCY:** United States Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Williamson & Associates, to commercialize a new marine induced polarization technology.

**INQUIRIES:** If any other parties are interested in similar activities with the USGS, please contact: Jeff Wynn, U.S. Geological Survey, 954 National Center, Reston, VA 20192

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.