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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Daniel Marquez, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above CNO address, (telephone: (760) 431-9440; fax: (760) 431-9624).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“we”) solicits review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public on the following permit requests. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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.

**Permit No. TE-163017**

*Applicant:* California Department of Fish and Game, Sacramento, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, capture, handle, mark, collect biological samples, radio collar, translocate, and release) the Peninsular bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis nelsonii*) in conjunction with ecological research, population monitoring, and life history studies throughout the range of the species in San Diego, Imperial, and Riverside Counties, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-163012**

*Applicant:* Aindrea Jensen, Petaluma, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, capture, and release) the tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*) in conjunction with surveys for the purpose of enhancing their survival throughout the range of the species in California.

**Permit No. TE-163662**

*Applicant:* Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, Indio, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, collect, captive rear,

captive propagate, and release to the wild) the desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*) in conjunction with ecological and disease control research in Riverside County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-163610**

*Applicant:* The Nature Conservancy, Ventura, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, capture, collect, PIT tag, biological sample, radio collar, captive breed, perform veterinary examinations, and release) the Santa Cruz Island Fox (*Urocyon littoralis santacruzae*) in conjunction with ecological, genetic, and reproductive research on Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-815537**

*Applicant:* Swaim Biological, Livermore, California

The applicant request an amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys for the purpose of enhancing their survival throughout the range of the species in California.

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Dated: September 26, 2007.

**Michael Fris,**

*Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** We invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

**DATES:** Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before November 1, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species Program Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office (CNO), 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, California, 95825 (telephone: 916-414-6464; fax: 916-414-6486). 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.

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cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Permit No. TE-161486**

*Applicant:* Autumn Sartain, Carlsbad, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-115370**

*Applicant:* Gage Dayton, Moss Landing, California

The applicant requests an amendment to take (survey, capture, and release) the tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*) in conjunction with surveys for the purpose of enhancing their survival throughout the range of the species in Monterey, and Santa Cruz Counties, California.

**Permit No. TE-161225**

*Applicant:* Mojave Natural Preserve, Barstow, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, collect, captive rear, captive propagate, and release to the wild) the Mohave tui chub (*Siphateles bicolor mohavensis*) in conjunction with ecological research in San Bernardino County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-161620**

*Applicant:* Karl Osmundson, Carlsbad, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, and collect and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-161496**

*Applicant:* California State Parks, Felton, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, and mark) the San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*) in conjunction with surveys and monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-809232**

*Applicant:* Paul Holden, Logan, Utah

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey, capture by mist net, take feathers for DNA analysis, and release) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with surveys and research at the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge in Nye County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-161512**

*Applicant:* Darrin Doyle, Redding, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, and collect and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-161510**

*Applicant:* Michael Crane, Carmichael, California

The permittee requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys in Alameda, Amador, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Yolo Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-161717**

*Applicant:* U.S. Forest Service, Arcata, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, and monitor populations) the marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) in conjunction with surveys, population monitoring, and research at the United States Department of Agriculture's Redwood Experimental Forest in Del Norte County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-162042**

*Applicant:* Francis Villablanca, San Luis Obispo, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, mark, and release) the Morro Bay kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys heermanni morroensis*) in conjunction

with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-042952**

*Applicant:* Gregory R. Ballmer, Riverside, California

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey) the Delhi sands flower-loving fly (*Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-778195**

*Applicant:* Helix Environmental Planning, La Mesa, California

The applicant requests an amendment to take (capture, and collect and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-162652**

*Applicant:* Mary Shea, Brentwood, California

The permittee requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-039716**

*Applicant:* Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona

The applicant requests an amendment to take (survey, electrofish, capture, collect biological samples, PIT tag, collect, and release) the bonytail chub (*Gila elegans*) and razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*) in conjunction with surveys, population monitoring, and genetic study for the purpose of enhancing their survival throughout the range of the species in Clark County, Nevada, and San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial Counties, California.

**Permit No. TE-161483**

*Applicant:* Linette Lina, Orange, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, and nest monitor) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with surveys and monitoring throughout the range of the species in California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-098994**

*Applicant:* Kelly Goocher, Big Bear Lake, California

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey) the Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

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Dated: September 26, 2007.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**
**Fish and Wildlife Service**
**Receipt of an Application for Extension of an Incidental Take Permit for the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker by the Woodlands Group, LLC, in Livingston Parish, LA**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On July 21, 2003, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued an incidental take permit (ITP) associated with a habitat conservation plan (HCP)

under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended, for the incidental take of the federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) (RCW) to the Woodlands Group, LLC (Permittee). The permit (TE037661-0) was for a period of four years and expired on July 31, 2007. The requested permit extension by the Permittee will extend the permit expiration date nine years.

**DATES:** Written comments should be sent to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before November 1, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons interested in reviewing the permit extension application or other related documents may obtain a copy by submitting a written request to James Boggs, Acting Field Office Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 646 Cajundome Boulevard, Suite 400, Lafayette, Louisiana 70506. Documents will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: Aaron Valenta).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aaron Valenta, Regional HCP Coordinator (see **ADDRESSES**), telephone: 404/679-4144, or James Boggs (see **ADDRESSES**), telephone 337/291-3115.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We specifically request information, views, and opinions from the public via this notice on the Federal action, including the identification of any other aspects of the human environment not already identified in the Environmental Assessment (EA). Further, we specifically solicit information regarding the adequacy of the HCP as measured against our ITP issuance criteria found in 50 CFR parts 13 and 17.

The permit authorizes take of RCWs on approximately 99 of 971 acres owned by the Permittee in Livingston Parish, Louisiana. The proposed take would be incidental to otherwise lawful activities, including timber harvest and typical forest management activities on the Permittee's property. The extension request covers the same activities covered by the HCP and existing permit. There will be no increase in take beyond that anticipated in the original permit.

The previously prepared HCP specifies the impacts that are likely to result from the taking and the measures the Permittee has taken to minimize and mitigate such impacts. The ITP authorized take of three RCW groups on

the Permittee's property incidental to timber management activities. The mitigation and minimization measures in the HCP include: No take of RCWs during the breeding season; establishment of three replacement groups on Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge by provisioning recruitment territories; translocating juveniles fledged on the Permittee's property; monitoring the formation of breeding pairs; funding an endowment for habitat management (prescribed burning); and, translocating adult RCWs from the Permittee's property to Fort Polk Military Reservation in Louisiana prior to harvesting timber. The Permittee successfully completed the required minimization and mitigation measures outlined in the HCP by July 2004.

RCW nesting and foraging habitat were removed in one cluster incidental to the timber harvest that was completed in that cluster. Due to poor market conditions, the Permittee had not harvested timber in the remaining two RCW clusters by the time the ITP expired and thus requests extension of the ITP. If renewed, annual reporting will no longer be required because the Permittee has completed the specified minimization and mitigation requirements. However, all other permit terms and conditions will remain the same, and no additional take will be authorized. The existing HCP satisfies all statutory issuance criteria and is therefore applicable to the extension of this ITP.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. Please reference permit number TE037661-0, The Woodlands Group, LLC, in such comments. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the internet to [aaron\\_valenta@fws.gov](mailto:aaron_valenta@fws.gov). Please include your name and return address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from us that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed previously (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to either Fish and Wildlife Service office listed (see **ADDRESSES**). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would