

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) within Arizona, Nevada and California.

Permit TE-174552

Applicant: Animas Biological Studies, LLC, Durango, Colorado.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and Mexican spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) within New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado.

Permit TE-829996

Applicant: Houston Zoo, Houston, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to a previous permit to hold and maintain captive bred Wyoming toads (*Bufo baxteri*) within the Houston Zoo, until they are transferred to other authorized institutions.

Permit TE-170389

Applicant: Travis Cooper, San Juan Capistrano, California.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona.

Permit TE-175541

Applicant: A&M Engineering and Environmental Services, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: February 21, 2008.

Christopher T. Jones,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement on the White Wind Farm Project in Brookings County, SD

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is adopting the Department of Energy (DOE), Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the White Wind Farm in Brookings County, South Dakota, in support of a right-of-way application submitted by White Wind Farm, LLC.

DATES: Preparation of the Record of Decision will begin no sooner than 30 days from this notice.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final EIS are available online at: <http://www.fws.gov/madisonwetlands>; during office hours at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Madison Wetland Management District, 23520 SD Hwy 19, Madison, South Dakota 57042 (telephone 605-256-2974); or at the Madison Public Library, Madison, South Dakota.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Coleman, Assistant Regional Director, National Wildlife Refuge System, Region 6, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, DFC, Denver, Colorado 80225-4712, (303-236-4303).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the DOE, WAPA prepared a Final EIS assessing the impacts of constructing and operating the proposed White Wind Farm which would be enabled by WAPA's execution of an interconnection agreement. A notice of availability of the EIS was originally published in a **Federal Register** notice dated April 13, 2007. Subsequently, White Wind Farm, LLC., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Navitas Energy, Inc., applied for a right-of-way easement (50 CFR 29.21) for facilities to be constructed on lands where the Service holds an Easement for Waterfowl Habitat Protection. The Service is adopting and recirculating the EIS in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.3.

The EIS presents alternatives and analyzes the anticipated effects of implementing the proposed action including construction of up to 105 2-megawatt wind turbine generators with a net capacity of up to 200 MW. In addition to the wind turbine generators, components of the proposed project include constructing, operating, and maintaining access roads, overhead and underground electric collector lines, a new collection substation, a communication system, and interconnection to WAPA's existing White Substation.

Dated: March 7, 2008.

James J. Slack,

Deputy Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-ES-2008-N0044]; [40120-1112-0000-F5]

Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with threatened and endangered species.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given below, by *April 16, 2008*.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with the 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: Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, HCP Coordinator).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Dell, telephone 404/679-7313; facsimile 404/679-7081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act. If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) or via electronic mail (e-mail) to david_dell@fws.gov.

Please include your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the

Fish and Wildlife Service office listed above (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Applicant: Georgia Select Fish Farm, Bartow, Georgia, TE163430.

The applicant requests authorization to harass or harm wood storks (*Mycteria americana*) for control of depredation at fish farming facilities in Jefferson County, Georgia.

Applicant: The Nature Conservancy, Kissimmee, Florida, TE088889.

The applicant requests amendment of their existing permit to add authorization to capture and translocate red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) nestlings for management purposes at their Disney Wilderness Preserve, Osceola and Polk counties, Florida.

Applicant: Sam Van Hook, Kissimmee Valley Forester, Babson Park, Florida TE092854.

The applicant requests renewal of existing authorization to harass the red-cockaded woodpecker while conducting management activities for this species throughout Osceola County, Florida.

Applicant: Andrea Christman, Florida Division of Forestry, Brooksville, Florida TE002507.

The applicant requests renewal of existing authorization to harass the red-cockaded woodpecker while conducting management activities for this species throughout Florida.

Applicant: Forest Supervisor, Ouachita National Forest, Hot Springs, Arkansas, TE171518.

The applicant requests authorization to harass the red-cockaded woodpecker while conducting management activities

for this species on Ouachita National Forest.

Applicant: N. Ross Carrie, Raven Environmental Services, Inc., Huntsville, Texas, TE171483.

The applicant requests authorization to harass the red-cockaded woodpecker while surveying population occurrence and conducting management activities for this species throughout Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

Applicant: Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Inc., Clearwater, Florida, TE017848.

The applicant requests renewal of existing authorization to hold for veterinary treatment, to retain unreleasable specimens, or to euthanize specimens of Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles. Treatment facilities are at Clearwater Marine Aquarium, but specimens may be accepted from authorized sources throughout Florida and other southeastern states.

Applicant: Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Sanibel, Florida, TE054963.

The applicant requests renewal of existing authorization to hold for veterinary treatment, to retain unreleasable specimens, or to euthanize specimens of Kemp's ridley, hawksbill, leatherback, green, loggerhead, and olive ridley sea turtles. Treatment facilities are at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, but specimens may be accepted from authorized sources throughout Florida and other southeastern states.

Applicant: Walt Disney World Living Seas, Lake Buena Vista, Florida, TE171488.

The applicant requests authorization to hold for veterinary treatment, to retain unreleasable specimens, or to euthanize specimens of Kemp's ridley, hawksbill, leatherback, green, loggerhead, and olive ridley sea turtles. Treatment facilities are at Walt Disney World Living Seas, but specimens may be accepted from authorized sources throughout Florida and other southeastern states.

Applicant: Jeanette Wyneken, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, TE056217.

The applicant requests renewal of existing authorization to capture, examine, hold, and release hatchling

leatherback, green, and loggerhead sea turtles to study the use of laparoscopic sexing techniques and conduct ecological research in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

Applicant: Craig Martin, Wetland Sciences, Inc., Pensacola, Florida, TE171594.

The applicant requests authorization to capture, mark, and release Perdido Key beach mice (*Peromyscus polionotus trissyllepsis*), for population surveys in Escambia County, Florida and Baldwin County, Alabama.

Applicant: Elizabeth Phillips, Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, TE171577.

The applicant requests authorization to capture, tag, translocate, and release the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) for population monitoring and management on Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center and adjacent areas, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

Applicant: Bernard Kuhajda, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, TE171563.

The applicant requests authorization to capture, examine, collect tissue samples, and release Alabama cavefish (*Speoplatyrrhinus poulsoni*), for life history and genetic research in Lauderdale County, Alabama.

Applicant: Bobby R. Harrison, The Ivory-billed Woodpecker Foundation, Gurley, Alabama, TE171553.

The applicant requests authorization to use decoys and call recordings and to salvage specimens of the ivory-billed woodpecker (*Campetherus principalis*), to survey for species occurrence, and research survey techniques throughout potential species range in Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, and South Carolina.

Applicant: Ronald K. Redman, Benton, Arkansas, TE171545.

The applicant requests authorization to capture, examine, and release gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), and Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), to survey for occurrences throughout Arkansas.

Applicant: Gary Libby, Skybox Ecological Services, Berea, Kentucky, TE156392.

The applicant requests authorization to capture, examine, and release gray bat, Indiana bat, and Ozark big-eared bats. The applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for forty-five threatened

or endangered mussels, and seven threatened or endangered fish species. Species may be sampled in Missouri, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Mississippi, and Michigan.

Applicant: Memphis Zoo, Memphis, Tennessee, TE171493.

The applicant requests authorization to capture and rear Mississippi gopher frog (*Rana capitol sevosa*), larvae and tadpoles for research in treatment of diseases and in rearing techniques. Specimens would be captured from Harrison County, Mississippi, housed primarily at the Memphis Zoo, and may be transferred to other suitable facilities.

Applicant: Roel Lopez, Texas A&M University, Texas, TE079849.

The applicant requests renewal of existing authorization to capture, examine, hold, and release Lower Keys marsh rabbit (*Sylvilagus palustris hefneri*) to conduct population surveys and other research throughout the species range in the Florida Keys, Monroe County, Florida.

Dated: February 20, 2008.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by April 16, 2008.

ADDRESSES: 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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: International Center for the Preservation of Wild Animals (The Wilds), Cumberland, OH, PRT-174822.

The applicant requests a permit to import two male and one female captive-born dhole (*Cuon alpinus leptoerus*) from Ontario, Canada for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Los Angeles Zoo, Los Angeles, CA, PRT-175905.

The applicant requests a permit to export one male and two female captive-born yellow-footed rock wallabies (*Petrogale xanthopus xanthopus*) to France for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle, WA, PRT-174619.

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive-born male lowland gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*) from Zoo Granby, Granby, Quebec, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Cincinnati, OH, PRT-171630.

The applicant requests a permit to import three male and one female black-footed cats (*Felis nigripes*) from Cat Conservation Trust, Cradock, South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Richard J. Edelen, Thornton, CO, PRT-174604.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Bruce L. Batory, Sugar Land, TX, PRT-175457.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Burke H. Tackett, Nampa, ID, PRT-175704.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Steve Martin's Working Wildlife, Frazier Park, CA, PRT-069429 and 069443.

The applicant requests re-issuance of permits to re-export and re-import one male and one female leopard (*Panthera pardus*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: 069429, Ivory and 069443, Crystal. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR Part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: Matson's Laboratory, Milltown, MT, PRT-166346.

The applicant requests a permit to import teeth from polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) which were taken during subsistence harvests in Nunavut, Canada, for age analysis for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement of survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.