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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: We must receive any written comments on or before April 17, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Regional Director, Attn: Peter Fasbender, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056; electronic mail, permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter Fasbender, (612) 713-5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), with some exceptions, prohibits activities affecting endangered species unless authorized by a permit from the Service. Before issuing a permit, we invite public comment on it. Accordingly, we invite public comment on the following applicant's permit application for certain activities with endangered species authorized by section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act and the regulations governing the taking of endangered species (50 CFR 17). Submit your written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications to the address shown in **ADDRESSES**.

Permit Number: TE003379

Applicant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take Higgins' eye pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*) in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE006012-4

Applicant: Steven Taylor, Champaign, Illinois.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take Illinois cave amphipod (*Gammarus acherondytes*) in Illinois. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE08517

Applicant: Davey Resource Group, Kent, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit renewal for take of Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*). The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE023664-17

Applicant: Environmental Solutions & Innovations, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take listed bats, plants, and mussels. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE 023666-2

Applicant: Eric R. Britzke, Forrest City, Arkansas.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*), Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), and Northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus*) throughout their ranges. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE 040881

Applicant: Timothy C. Carter, Muncie, Indiana.

The applicant requests his permit re-issued to take the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*) throughout Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE101150

Applicant: Volk Field, Camp Douglas, Wisconsin.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass) the whooping

crane (*Grus americana*) within the Volk Field National Guard Base in Juneau County. The harassment is to enhance survival of whooping cranes within Volk Field air space.

Permit Number: TE118259

Applicant: Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*) throughout their ranges. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE120231

Applicant: John Timpone, St. Louis, Missouri.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) throughout Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE120256

Applicant: David Ewert, Lansing, Michigan.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take the Kirtland's warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*) throughout its range. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE125546

Applicant: Smithsonian Institute, Washington, DC.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take the Kirtland's warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*) throughout its range. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE127643

Applicant: U.S. Forest Service, Northern Research Station, Columbia, Missouri.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), and Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*) throughout Missouri. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE128304-5

Applicant: Stantec Consulting Services (Formerly R.D. Zande and Associates), Columbus, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and minor amendment for take of Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) throughout its range. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE130493

Applicant: Michael J. Harvey, Cookeville, Tennessee.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*), and Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*) throughout their ranges. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE131386

Applicant: Lewis Environmental Consulting (Formerly Mainstream Commercial Divers, Inc.), Murray, Kentucky.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take listed mussel species throughout Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE131911

Applicant: Shawnee National Forest, Harrisburg, Illinois.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*), and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) throughout U.S. Forest Service property in Illinois and Missouri. The applicant also requests the permit amended to take these species throughout U.S. Forest Service property in Ohio. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE133291

Applicant: Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Illinois.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take Pitcher's thistle (*Cirsium pitcherii*) throughout Indiana and Michigan. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE135297

Applicant: Saint Louis Zoo, St. Louis, Missouri.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (collect) the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) in Missouri. The scientific

research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE163772

Applicant: Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

The applicant requests a permit to take the copperbelly water snake (*Nerodia erythrogaster neglecta*) during habitat conservation and management actions aimed at recovery of the species within Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE164072

Applicant: M. Brent McClane, St. Louis, Missouri.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take listed mussel species throughout Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE174386

Applicant: Rod McClanahan, Anna, Illinois.

The applicant requests a permit to take Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*), and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) throughout their ranges. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE174388

Applicant: Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area, Toledo County, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take the Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) in Ohio. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE174547

Applicant: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Topsham, Maine.

The applicant requests a permit to take Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) throughout its range. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE174564

Applicant: Michigan Natural Features Inventory, Lansing, Michigan.

The applicant requests a permit to take the Mitchell's satyr butterfly (*Neonympha mitchellii mitchellii*) in Michigan. The scientific research is

aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE175852

Applicant: Christopher A. Hamm, Lansing, Michigan.

The applicant requests a permit to take the Mitchell's satyr butterfly (*Neonympha mitchellii mitchellii*) in Michigan. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE175859

Applicant: Maria Bidart-Bouzat, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take the Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) in Michigan and Ohio. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE175862

Applicant: University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

The applicant requests a permit to take Pitcher's thistle (*Cirsium pitcherii*) in Indiana. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE840524

Applicant: Lynn Robbins, Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*), and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*). The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Public Comments

We solicit public review and comments on these permit applications. Please refer to the respective permit number when you submit comments. Comments and materials we receive are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. 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.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the activities proposed by this permit are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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Lynn Lewis,

*Assistant Regional Director, Acting,
Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling,
Minnesota.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-920-1320-EL, WYW174407]

Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the South Maysdorf Coal Tract described below in Campbell County, Wyoming, will be reoffered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale reoffer will be held at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Monday, April 21, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107), of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, or Robert Janssen, Coal Coordinator, at 307-775-6258, and 307-775-6206, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Cordero Mining Company, Gillette, Wyoming. The South Maysdorf Coal Tract was previously offered on November 28, 2007, and the one bid received at that sale was rejected

because it did not meet the Bureau of Land Management's estimate of fair market value. The coal resource to be offered consists of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located in central Campbell County approximately 3-4 miles east of State Highway 59, 6-11 miles south of Bishop Road, and adjacent to the western and southern lease boundary of the Cordero Rojo mine:

T. 46 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Section 4: Lots 5 through 7, 10 through 15, 18 through 20;
Section 9: Lots 1 through 5;
Section 10: Lots 1 through 6;
Section 11: Lots 1 through 12;
T. 47 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Section 21: Lots 1 through 3, 6 through 11, 14 through 16;
Section 28: Lots 1 through 3, 6 through 11, 14 through 16;
Section 33: Lots 1 through 3, 6 through 11, 14 through 16.
Containing 2,900.24 acres more or less.

The tract is adjacent to Federal and State of Wyoming leases to the east and north controlled by the Cordero Rojo Mine. It is adjacent to additional unleased Federal coal to the west and south. It is also adjacent to about 540 acres of private coal controlled by the Cordero Rojo Mine. All of the acreage offered has been determined to be suitable for mining except for the main line railroad right-of-way in the far southeast portion of the LBA. Features such as the county roads and pipelines can be moved to permit coal recovery. The Belle Fourche River crosses the LBA, but can be diverted to allow mining. In addition, numerous oil and/or gas wells have been drilled on the tract. The estimate of the bonus value of the coal lease will include consideration of the future production from these wells. An economic analysis of this future income stream will determine whether a well is bought out and plugged prior to mining or re-established after mining is completed. The surface estate of the tract is owned by Cordero Mining Company, Cordero Rojo, Inc., a private individual, and the United States.

The tract contains surface mineable coal reserves in the Wyodak seam currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mine. On the LBA tract, the Wyodak seam is generally a single seam averaging about 60 feet thick. An area containing no coal trends east/west across portions of section 4 in the southern portion of the LBA. Also, the southern portion of the LBA may have a rider of approximately 5-7 feet thick, which splits off the main seam with interburden ranging from 4-25 feet

thick. Overburden depths to the Wyodak seam range from 60-340 feet thick on the LBA.

The tract contains an estimated 288,082,000 tons of mineable coal. This estimate of mineable reserves includes the main Wyodak seam and rider mentioned above but does not include any tonnage from localized seams or splits containing less than 5 feet of coal. It does not include the adjacent State of Wyoming or private coal although these reserves are expected to be recovered in conjunction with the LBA. It also excludes coal within and along the railroad right of way as required by typical mining practices. The total mineable stripping ratio (BCY/Ton) of the coal is about 3.5:1. Potential bidders for the LBA should consider the recovery rate expected from thick seam and multiple seam mining.

The Maysdorf South LBA coal is ranked as subbituminous C. The overall average quality on an as-received basis is 8404 BTU/lb with about 0.29% sulfur. These quality averages place the coal reserves near the lower/middle of the range of coal quality currently being mined in the Wyoming portion of the Powder River Basin.

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM's estimate of the fair market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. The bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand delivered. The Cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 4 p.m., on Monday, April 21, 2008, will not be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value of the tract will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale. The lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, and a royalty payment to the United States of 12.5 percent of the value of coal produced by strip or auger mining methods and 8 percent of the value of the coal produced by underground mining methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Bidding instructions for the tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are available from the BLM Wyoming State Office at the addresses above. Case file documents, WYW174407, are available for inspection at the BLM Wyoming State Office.