

names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review.

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If you wish to review a copy of these Plans, please contact Ms. Laurie Sharp to find the office nearest you.

Dated: July 28, 2009.

**Richard J. Woodley,**

*Regional Resources Manager, Mid-Pacific Region, Bureau of Reclamation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R2-ES-2009-N189; 20124-1113-0000-F5]

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Act requires that we invite public comment on these permit applications.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before October 19, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103. 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. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave. SW., Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Jacobsen, Chief, Endangered Species Division, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103; (505) 248-6920.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Public Availability of Comments

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##### Permit TE-829996

*Applicant:* Houston Zoo, Houston, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to their current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of jaguarundi (*Felis yagouaroundi cacomitli*) within Texas.

##### Permit TE-051832

*Applicant:* The Phoenix Zoo, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit to capture and breed Mt. Graham red squirrels (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*) to be held in the zoo and eventually released back into the wild.

##### Permit TE-225730

*Applicant:* Scott Cutler, El Paso, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for education purposes to display skeletons and skins of salvaged California condors (*Gymnogyps californianus*) at the Centennial Museum within the University of Texas at El Paso.

##### Permit TE-226653

*Applicant:* The Arboretum at Flagstaff, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of the following plants: sentry milk-vetch (*Astragalus cremnophylax* var. *cremnophylax*), Mancos milk-vetch (*Astragalus humillimus*), Arizona cliffrose (*Purshia subintegra*), and autumn buttercup (*Ranunculus aestivalis*) within New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah.

##### Permit TE-192855

*Applicant:* Amnis Opes Institute, LLC., Cornvallis, Oregon.

Applicant request a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of humpback chub (*Gila cypha*) within the Colorado River, Arizona.

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

Dated: September 10, 2009.

**Brian Millsap,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R3-ES-2009-N190; 30120-1113-0000-F6]

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** We must receive any written comments on or before October 19, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to the 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](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov).

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

We invite public comment on the following permit applications for certain activities with endangered species authorized by section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our regulations governing the taking of endangered species in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17. Submit your written data, comments, or request for a copy of the complete application to the address shown in **ADDRESSES**. When submitting comments, please refer to the appropriate permit application number.

**Permit Applications**

*Permit Application Number: TE224720*

*Applicant:* ABR, Inc., Environmental Research & Services, Forest Grove, Oregon.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass through capture and release; collection of hair and tissue samples) Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) throughout the States of Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Proposed activities under this permit application include surveys to document species' presence or absence in areas proposed for wind-energy development, studies to document habitat use, collection of echolocation data and hair/tissue sampling for scientific research. The applicant's proposed activities are aimed at enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

*Permit Application Number: TE224719*

*Applicant:* Richard B. King, DeKalb, Illinois.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to take the Lake Erie water snake (*Nerodia sipedon insularum*) in the State of Ohio. Proposed activities include capture and release of snakes, insertion of PIT tags or radio transmitters, blood sampling, stomach sampling, and temporarily holding snakes for scientific study or public exhibition. These proposed activities are for enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

*Permit Application Number: TE226335*

*Applicant:* Michael C. Quist, Ames, Iowa.

The applicant requests a permit to take the Topeka shiner (*Notropis topeka*) in the State of Iowa. Proposed activities include capture and release to determine presence or absence of the species and to study species' distribution. The applicant also proposes to take voucher specimens to document presence of the species in formerly undocumented sites or in sites where documentation is over 20 years old. These proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

*Permit Application Number: TE195082-1*

*Applicant:* Thomas E. Tomasi, Springfield, Missouri.

The applicant requests an amendment to his permit to add Virginia big-eared bats (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) to the list of species covered by the permit. In addition, this

amendment request seeks authorization to capture and temporarily hold Virginia big-eared bats and gray bats at Missouri State University for a period of five months during hibernation. Bats are proposed to be captured from caves in Missouri and Kentucky and will be returned unharmed to point of capture at the end of the hibernation period. The proposed research activity is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

**Public Comments**

We seek public review and comments on these permit applications. Please refer to the 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 proposed activities in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

Dated: September 11, 2009.

**Lynn M. Lewis,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS-R4-R-2009-N104; 40136-1265-0000-S3]**

**Buck Island, Green Cay, and Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. VI**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability: draft comprehensive conservation plan and

environmental assessment; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a draft comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment (Draft CCP/EA) for Buck Island, Green Cay, and Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuges for public review and comment. In this Draft CCP/EA, we describe the alternative we propose to use to manage these three refuges for the 15 years following approval of the final CCP.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments by October 19, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, questions, and requests for information to: Mr. Michael Evans, Refuge Manager, Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge, 3013 Estate Golden Rock, Christiansted, VI 00820; *telephone:* 340/773-4554. The Draft CCP/EA is also available at the *Service's Internet Site:* <http://southeast.fws.gov/planning/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Evans; *telephone:* 340/773-4554; *e-mail:* [michael\\_evans@fws.gov](mailto:michael_evans@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Introduction**

With this notice, we continue the CCP process for Buck Island, Green Cay, and Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuges. We started the process through a notice in the **Federal Register** on March 12, 2007 (72 FR 11046).

**Background**

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.