



Map B - Lower 48 State Program Areas

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

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 also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before December 12, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species Program Manager, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825 (telephone: 916-414-6464; fax: 916-414-6486). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Marquez, Fish and Wildlife Biologist; see **ADDRESSES** (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 under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). We seek review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public on the following permit requests.

Applicant

Permit No. TE-126141

Applicant: Craig A. Stockwell, Fargo, North Dakota.

The applicant requests an amendment to take (survey, trap, handle, capture, mark, collect biological samples, release, transport, and sacrifice) the Pharump poolfish (*Empetrichtys latos*) in conjunction with surveys, genetic research, mesocosm experiments, and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in Nevada, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-787716

Applicant: Scott B. Tremor, Santee, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities throughout the range of each species in California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-50510A

Applicant: Geoffrey D. Cline, Oakhurst, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-144960

Applicant: Strange Resource Management, Wilseyville, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-101743

Applicant: Daniel Edelman, Novato, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to a permit to take (capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-071216

Applicant: Reed V. Smith, Ventura, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, locate and monitor nests) the California least tern (*Sterna antillarum brownii*) in conjunction with population monitoring activities within State Park Lands in Ventura County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-148555

Applicant: Phillip Brylski, Irvine, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to a permit to take (survey, capture, handle, and release) the Fresno kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratoides exilis*), Tipton kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides*), giant kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys ingens*), Amargosa vole (*Microtus californicus scirpensis*), salt marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*), and riparian woodrat (*Neotoma fuscipes riparia*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-54631A

Applicant: California Department of Fish and Game, Fresno, California.

The applicant requests a permit to carry out the following actions in conjunction with surveys, population monitoring, and research activities throughout the range of each of the following species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival:

- Take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*);

- Take (survey, live trap, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*), blunt-nosed leopard lizard (*Gambelia silus*) Tipton kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys*

nitratoides nitratoides), giant kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys ingens*), Fresno kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratoides exilis*), Morro Bay kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys heermanni morroensis*), Buena Vista lake shrew (*Sorex ornatus relictus*), riparian woodrat (*Neotoma fuscipes riparia*) and riparian brush rabbit (*Sylvilagus bachmani riparius*);

- Take (survey, capture, handle, release, and use baited camera stations and baited hair snare traps) San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*);

- Take (survey, capture, handle, photo document, and release) the Kern primrose sphinx moth (*Euproserpinus euterpe*); and

- Remove and reduce to possession from lands under Federal jurisdiction the following species:

Caulanthus californicus (California jewel-flower),

Chloropyron palmatum (palmate-bracted bird's-beak),

Eremalche kernensis (Kern mallow),

Monolopia (= *Lembertia*) *congdonii* (San Joaquin woolly-threads),

Opuntia basilaris var. *treeleasei* (Bakersfield cactus),

Orcuttia pilosa (hairy Orcutt grass),

Pseudobahia bahiifolia (Hartweg's golden sunburst),

Sidalcea keckii (Keck's checker-mallow),

Sidalcea keckii (Green's tuctoria).

Permit No. TE-54614A-0

Applicant: California Department of Fish and Game, Bishop, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, mark, recapture, disease study, and release) the Amargosa vole (*Microtus californicus scirpensis*) in conjunction with surveys, research and population monitoring activities in Inyo County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-59889A-0

Applicant: Melissa C. Odell, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) and take (capture, 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 survey activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit No. TE-142435

Applicant: Debra M. Shier, Topanga, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, transport, conduct mate pairings, captive breed, perform behavioral experiments, conduct physiological validation of stress using an Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone Challenge Test [ACTH challenge], conduct disease risk assessments, and release to the wild) the Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*) in conjunction with research, captive propagation and population monitoring activities throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Public Comments

We invite public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Michael Long,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 9,
Sacramento, California.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for a Possible Land Use Plan Amendment To Provide for a Proposed Direct Land Sale in Blaine County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Twin Falls District, Shoshone Field Office,

Shoshone, Idaho intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) that will analyze the amendment of the 1981 Sun Valley Management Framework Plan, and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the land use plan amendment and associated EA. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until December 12, 2011. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, mailings to interested parties, and on the BLM Idaho Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/info/nepa.html>. In order to be included in the EA, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30 day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the EA.

ADDRESSES: Comments on issues and planning criteria related to the land use plan amendment should be addressed to Ruth A. Miller, BLM Shoshone Field Manager, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, Idaho 83352.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tara Hagen, Realty Specialist, BLM Shoshone Field Office, *telephone:* (208) 732-7205; *address:* 400 West F Street, Shoshone, Idaho 83352. Please contact Tara Hagen to have your name added to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-(800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plan amendment and associated EA will address a proposed land sale in Blaine County, Idaho. The adjacent private landowner, Point of Rocks Ranch, has submitted a proposal to the BLM to consider disposing of the following-described land by direct sale, in accordance with Sections 203 and 209 of the FLPMA, as amended, (43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1714) and implementing regulations at 43 CFR part 2700, at no less than the appraised fair market value:

Boise Meridian

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Sec. 15, that portion of public land in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying south of the

North Picabo Road.

The area described contains approximately 3.4 acres in Blaine County.

On October 26, 2010, BLM published a Notice of Realty Action proposing a direct sale of the above-described land, which segregated the land from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except the sale provisions of the FLPMA. The segregative effect will terminate upon issuance of a patent, publication in the **Federal Register** of a termination of the segregation, or October 26, 2012, unless extended by the BLM State Director in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.1-2(d) prior to the termination date. As part of its consideration of the proposed direct sale of this land, BLM will consider whether the Sun Valley Management Framework Plan should be amended to address the sale. To the extent possible, this land use planning process will be integrated with the ongoing NEPA process for the proposed sale. This notice initiates the public scoping process for the plan amendment and associated EA.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EA. The public is invited to provide scoping comments on the issues that should be addressed in the preparation of the plan amendment, including: Lands, wildlife, migratory birds, recreation, wilderness, range, minerals, cultural resources, watershed/soils, threatened/endangered species, and hazardous materials. The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan amendment in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: Rangeland management, minerals and geology, forestry, outdoor recreation, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, land and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology and economics.

Native American Tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy, and Tribal concerns will be given due consideration, including impacts on Indian trust assets. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with other stakeholders that may be interested or affected by the BLM's decision on this project are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.