DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife
and Plants; Recovery Permit
Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for
comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service (Service), invite the
public to comment on the following
applications to conduct certain
activities with endangered or threatened
species. The Endangered Species Act
of 1973, as amended (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: To ensure consideration, please
send your written comments by April
19, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
or requests for copies or more
information by any of the following
methods. Alternatively, you may use
one of the following methods to request
hard copies or a CD-ROM of the
documents. Please specify the permit
you are interested in by number (e.g.,
Permit No. TE–123456).

• Email: permitsR6ES@fws.gov.

Please refer to the respective permit
number (e.g., Permit No. TE–123456) in
the subject line of the message.

• U.S. Mail: Ecological Services, U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box
25486–DFC, Denver, CO 80225

• In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or
Pickup: Call (303) 236–4256 to make an
appointment during regular business
hours at 134 Union Blvd., Suite 645,
Lakewood, CO 80228.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kris
Olsen, Permit Coordinator Ecological
Services, (303) 236–4256 (phone):
permitsR6ES@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.)
prohibits certain activities with
endangered and threatened species
unless a Federal permit allows such
activity. Along with our implementing
regulations in the Code of Federal
Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17, the
Act provides for permits to allow such
otherwise prohibited activities, and
requires that we invite public comment
before issuing these permits.

A permit granted by the Service under
section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes
you to conduct activities with U.S.
endangered or threatened species for
scientific purposes, enhancement of
propagation or survival, or interstate
commerce (the latter only in the event
that it facilitates scientific purposes or
enhancement of propagation or
survival). Our regulations implementing
section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are
found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered
wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for
threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR
17.62 for endangered plant species, and
50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant
species.

Applications Available for Review and
Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal
agencies, and the public to comment on
the following applications. Please refer
to the appropriate permit number (e.g.,
Permit No. TE–123456) for the
application when submitting comments.

Documents and other information the
applicants have submitted with these
applications are available for review,
subject to the requirements of the
Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and
Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C.
552).

Permit Application Number: TE–015150
Applicant: Wyatt Hoback, University
of Nebraska, Kearney, Nebraska.

The applicant requests renewal of an
existing permit to take (capture, hold,
tag, and propagate) American burying
beetle (Nicrophorus americanus) in
conjunction with surveys and
population monitoring activities in
Nebraska, South Dakota, Kansas,
Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas for the
purpose of enhancing the species’
survival.

Permit Application Number: TE–056165
Applicant: Patricia Buys, Kleinfelder,
Littleton, Colorado.

The applicant requests renewal of an
existing permit to take (harass by
survey) Southwestern willow flycatcher
(Empidonax traillii extimus) in
conjunction with surveys and
population monitoring activities in
Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming for the
purpose of enhancing the species’
survival.
population monitoring activities in South Dakota for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Permit Application Number: TE–051368**
**Applicant:** Brian Kurzel, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Natural Areas Program, Denver, Colorado.

The applicant requests renewal of an existing permit to remove and reduce to possession the following species, in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring for the purpose of enhancing each species’ survival. Activities will occur on Federal lands in Colorado, throughout the range of each species.

- *Penstemon penlandii* (Pagosa beardtongue).
- *Ipomopsis polyantha* (Osterhout wild-buckwheat).
- *Astragalus osterhoutii* (Osterhout milk-vetch).
- *Phacelia formosula* (North Park phacelia).
- *Astragalus humillimus* (Mancos milk-vetch).
- *Eriogonum pelinophilum* (Clay-loving wild-buckwheat).
- *Penstemon penlandii* (Penland beardtongue).

**Permit Application Number: TE–053925**
**Applicant:** Lisa Yager, National Park Service, Missouri National Recreational River, Yankton, South Dakota.

The applicant requests renewal of an existing permit to remove (collect, reintroduce, propagate, and rear) Salt Creek tiger beetle (*Cicindela nevadica lincolniana*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities in Nebraska and South Dakota for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Permit Application Number: TE–051139**
**Applicant:** Dustin Long, Turner Endangered Species Fund, Bozeman, Montana.

The applicant requests renewal of an existing permit to take (survey, trap, tag, and propagate) black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities in Montana for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Permit Application Number: TE–121914**
**Applicant:** Mark Sharfy, U.S. Geological Survey, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, Jamestown, North Dakota.

The applicant requests renewal of an existing permit to take (survey, handle, and band) interior least tern (*Sternula antillarum athalassos*) and piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Permit Application Number: TE–059105**
**Applicant:** Pamela Riddle, Bureau of Land Management, Moab Field Office, Moab, Utah.

The applicant requests renewal of an existing permit to take (harass by survey) Mexican spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) and Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities in Utah for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**National Environmental Policy Act**

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (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)).

**Public Availability of Comments**

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request 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.

**Authority**

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).


Michael G. Thabault,
Acting Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.