

**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 receipt of applications; request for public 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 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 activities. The Act and the National Environmental Policy Act also require that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before May 9, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Marty Tuegel, Section 10 Coordinator, by U.S. mail at Division of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM at 505-248-6920. 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; 505-248-6651.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Public Availability of Comments**

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

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes applicants to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of survival or propagation, or interstate commerce. Our regulations regarding implementation of section 10(a)(1)(A) 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, Tribal, 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) when requesting application documents and 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 TE-98707A**

**Applicant:** Mitchell Lockhart, Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

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

**Permit TE-837751**

**Applicant:** U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Navajo, Apache, Greenlee, and Coconino Counties, Arizona, and Catron, Grant, and Hidalgo Counties, New Mexico; desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius macularius*), Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis*), and Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*) in San Juan, Grant, Catron, and Hidalgo Counties, New Mexico; and Gila chub (*Gila intermedia*), spikedace (*Megafulgida*), loach minnow (*Tiaroga cobitis*), and woundfin (*Plagopterus argentissimus*) in Maricopa, Pima, Cochise, Graham, Coconino, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona, and Catron, Grant and Hidalgo Counties, New Mexico.

**Permit TE-42737A**

**Applicant:** Sevenecoten, LLC, Dripping Springs, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct nest monitoring and searching for golden-cheeked warblers (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and black-capped vireos (*Vireo atricapilla*) within Texas.

**Permit TE-821356**

**Applicant:** U.S. Geological Survey, Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Station, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to deliberately take up to 150 endangered humpback chub (*Gila cypha*) smaller than 120 millimeters by hoop net, minnow trap, and seine within Arizona.

**Permit TE-88512A**

**Applicant:** New Mexico Department of Transportation Environmental Bureau, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to excavate and transplant *Echinocereus fendleri* var. *kuenzleri* (Kuenzler's hedgehog cactus) along U.S. Highway 54 in New Mexico.

**Permit TE-000948**

**Applicant:** Western New Mexico University, Silver City, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and nest monitoring of southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within New Mexico.

**Permit TE-829995**

**Applicant:** Dallas Zoo and Aquarium, Dallas, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct husbandry and holding of hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) at the Dallas Zoo and Aquarium.

**Permit TE-00347B**

**Applicant:** Alisha Powell, Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to capture and release American burying beetles (*Nicrophorus americanus*) for presence/absence surveys in Oklahoma.

**Permit TE-009926**

**Applicant:** Gulf South Research Corporation, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*) along the major tributaries of the Red River in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

**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)).

#### 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.*)

Dated: April 1, 2013.

Joy E. Nicholopoulos,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Renewal of Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to request approval to continue the collection of information from individuals, households, farms, and businesses interested in cooperating with the BLM in constructing or maintaining range improvement projects that enhance or improve livestock grazing management, improve watershed conditions, enhance wildlife

habitat, or serve similar purposes. The BLM also invites public comments on this collection of information. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has assigned control number 1004-0019 to this information collection.

**DATES:** Please submit comments on the proposed information collection by June 10, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronic mail.

*Mail:* U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240.

*Fax:* to Jean Sonneman at 202-245-0050.

*Electronic mail:*  
*Jean\_Sonneman@blm.gov.*

Please indicate "Attn: 1004-0019" regardless of the form of your comments.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kimberly Hackett, at 202-912-7216. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, to leave a message for Ms. Hackett.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, require that interested members of the public and affected agencies be given an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d) and 1320.12(a)). This notice identifies an information collection that the BLM plans to submit to OMB for approval. The Paperwork Reduction Act provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

The BLM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such

as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany our submission of the information collection requests to OMB.

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.

The following information is provided for the information collection:

*Title:* Grazing Management: Range Improvement Agreements and Permits (43 CFR Subpart 4120).

*OMB Control Number:* 1004-0019.

*Summary:* This request pertains to range improvements on public lands managed by the BLM. Range improvements enhance or improve livestock grazing management, improve watershed conditions, enhance wildlife habitat, or serve similar purposes. At times, the BLM may require holders of grazing permits or grazing leases to install range improvements to meet the terms and conditions of their permits or leases. Operators may also come to the BLM with proposals for range improvements. Often the BLM, operators, and other interested parties work together and jointly contribute to construction of range improvements in order to facilitate improved grazing management or enhance other multiple uses. Cooperators may include lenders which provide the funds that operators contribute for improvements.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Forms:* Form 4120-6 (Cooperative Range Improvement Agreement); and Form 4120-7 (Range Improvement Permit).

*Description of Respondents:* Primarily holders of BLM grazing permits or grazing leases.

*Estimated Annual Responses:* 1,310.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 1,940.

*Estimated Annual Non-Hour Costs:* None.

The estimated annual burdens for respondents are itemized in the following table: