

traditional, and cultural importance central to the Hopi Tribe and culture, rather than being property owned by an individual. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office, representing the cultural specialists and religious leaders, has requested repatriation of these objects.

Determinations Made by the USDA Forest Service

Officials of the USDA Forest Service have determined that:

- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(3)(D), the three cultural items described above have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group or culture itself, rather than property owned by an individual.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the objects of cultural patrimony and Hopi Tribe of Arizona.

Additional Requestors and Disposition

Representatives of any Indian tribe not identified in this notice that wish to claim these objects of cultural patrimony should submit a written request with information in support of the claim to Dr. Frank E. Wozniak, NAGPRA Coordinator, Southwestern Region, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, telephone (505) 842-3238, email fwozniak@fs.fed.us, by April 23, 2014. After that date, if no additional claimants have come forward, transfer of control of these objects of cultural patrimony to the Hopi Tribe of Arizona may proceed.

The USDA Forest Service is responsible for notifying the Hopi Tribe of Arizona and the Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, New Mexico, that this notice has been published.

Melanie O'Brien,
Acting Manager, National NAGPRA Program.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Notice of Availability of Draft Habitat Conservation Plan; Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit; Commonwealth Edison

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application from Commonwealth Edison, for an incidental take permit (ITPs) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA). If approved, the permit would authorize incidental take of the federally endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly, Illinois threatened black-billed cuckoo, and Illinois endangered Blanding's turtle and spotted turtle. The applicant has prepared a low-effect habitat conservation plan (HCP) to cover activities associated with electrical utility right-of-way maintenance in Cook, DuPage, and Will Counties, Illinois. We invite public comments on the application and draft HCP.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments on or before April 23, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments via one of the following methods: *U.S. mail*: Field Supervisor, Attn: Louise Clemency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1250 S. Grove, Ste. 103, Barrington, IL 60010; *Fax*: 847-381-2285; or *Email*: louise_clemency@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristopher Lah, 847-381-2253 (telephone); 1-800-877-8339 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We have received an application from Commonwealth Edison (ComEd), for an incidental take permit (ITP) (TE28464B) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.; ESA). If approved, the permit would authorize incidental take of the Hine's emerald dragonfly (*Somatochlora hineana*), Illinois threatened black-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*), and Illinois endangered Blanding's turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*) and spotted turtle (*Clemmys guttata*) (listed species).

Under the ESA, we announce that we have gathered the information necessary to evaluate the application for permit issuance, including the HCP, which provides measures to minimize and mitigate the effects of the proposed incidental take of the listed species.

Background

The planning area includes 403 acres of right of way (ROW) and easements within Hine's emerald dragonfly critical habitat units 1-7 in Cook, DuPage, and Will Counties, Illinois. ComEd operates and maintains approximately 7 miles of electric transmission lines and approximately 12 miles of ROW within the planning area. The permit period is 20 years, with annual updates of information to assess if the HCP needs to be updated or amended.

ComEd's activities within the planning area include continuing line maintenance; routine inspections; performing switching operations; repairing, replacing, removing and relocating power lines and structures; and managing vegetation under power lines. Specifically, all distribution and transmission structures located in the planning area will be either (1) relocated outside of critical habitat or (2) replaced in kind over the next 20 years as part of normal operations and planned replacement. Although all ComEd structures in the planning area have been included as part of the covered activities in this HCP, ComEd does not anticipate replacing each structure, but has provided them as a reference for planning and to determine appropriate mitigation. No work will occur within Hine's emerald dragonfly larval habitat areas. Existing and proposed paths will be used to access structures, and matting will be used in wetland areas to minimize impacts. Proposed work includes plans for access to all structures and facilities within the planning area. Measures will be implemented to mitigate take from the proposed activities.

Planned work that will occur year round without restrictions includes:

(1) Access and visual line inspections conducted on foot in wetland and upland areas.

(2) Access by foot or operational vehicles along existing trails or paths to structures or lines in upland areas.

(3) Vegetation management in upland and wetland areas that can be completed on foot.

(4) Utilizing brush hogs or similar equipment in upland areas.

(5) Stockpiling or burning piles of cut vegetation in uplands. Stockpiles will be burned as soon as possible after cutting to avoid potential impacts to turtles and other species.

(6) Spot applying herbicides on cut-stumps within wetlands within 65 feet (20 meters) of Hine's emerald dragonfly larval habitat. The only accepted herbicide within the 65-foot buffer will be one formulated for aquatic use. No surfactants or adjuvants of any kind will be added to the commercial herbicide formula that has been approved for aquatic use. Herbicide will be applied to cut-stump immediately after cutting and will be dripped onto the stump with the head of the nozzle touching the stump. Herbicides will not be applied within 72 hours of forecasted precipitation events.

(7) Maintenance of existing roads and access paths in upland areas.

Planned work that will occur outside the Hine's emerald dragonfly flight season (i.e., May 15 through September

15) each year includes: (1) Boom spraying herbicide over woody vegetation in wetland and upland areas with amphibious vehicles or all-terrain vehicles outside of Hine's emerald larval habitat; (2) Use of a helicopter to conduct inspections, maintenance, repairs and structure removal; and (3) Utilizing an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle to remotely inspect ComEd structures and equipment. These units are typically less than 4 feet across, fly between 25 and 35 mph, and weigh only a few pounds.

Planned work that will occur year round but not within Hine's emerald dragonfly larval habitat (65-foot established buffer) or within the vicinity of known leafy prairie clover and Lakeside daisy plants includes: (1) Foliar spot treatment of invasive woody species and tall-growing woody vegetation within wetlands; (2) Mowing woody vegetation with mower weighing +/- 14,000 pounds in upland areas; (3) Access by amphibious vehicles and boats at wetland locations with water levels deeper than 12 inches; (4) Crossing wetlands with amphibious vehicles (e.g., wide track vehicle) to reach a structure; (5) Access by operational vehicles on matting in wetland areas; (6) Installation and removal of matting by cranes in wetland areas; (7) Installation and removal of silt fence or other temporary sediment controls; (8) Relocation, removal, or replacement of structures; (9) Installation of structures in new locations; and (10) Ground disturbing activities.

Planned work located within 65 feet of Hine's emerald dragonfly larval habitat areas or within the vicinity of known leafy prairie clover and Lakeside daisy plants that will be limited to November 1 through March 15 includes: (1) Mowing woody vegetation with mower weighing +/- 14,000 pounds; (2) Access by operational vehicles on matting in wetland areas; (3) Use of a bridge that spans the Hine's emerald dragonfly larvae occupied rivulet; (4) Installation and removal of matting by cranes; (5) Installation and removal of silt fence or other temporary sediment controls; (6) Relocation, removal, or replacement of structures; (7) Installation of structures in new locations; and (8) Ground-disturbing activities.

Proposed Action

Section 9 of the ESA prohibits the "taking" of threatened and endangered species. However, provided certain criteria are met, we are authorized to issue permits under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA for take of federally listed

species when, among other things, such a taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Under the ESA, the term "take" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect endangered and threatened species, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. Our implementing regulations define "harm" as significant habitat modification or degradation that results in death or injury to listed species by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering (50 CFR 17.3). Harass, as defined, means "an intentional or negligent act or omission which creates the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavioral patterns which include, but are not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering" (50 CFR 17.3). However, under specified circumstances, the Service may issue permits that allow the take of federally listed species, provided that the take that occurs is incidental to, but not the purpose of, an otherwise lawful activity.

Regulations governing permits for endangered and threatened species are at 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32, respectively. Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act contains provisions for issuing such incidental take permits to non-Federal entities for the take of endangered and threatened species, provided the following criteria are met: (1) The taking will be incidental; (2) The applicant will, to the maximum extent practicable, minimize and mitigate the impact of such taking; (3) The applicant will develop a proposed HCP and ensure that adequate funding for the HCP will be provided; (4) The taking will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild; and (5) The applicant will carry out any other measures that the Service may require as being necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the HCP.

The applicant seeks an incidental take permit for proposed covered activities within 403 acres of ROW and easement within the planning area. The draft HCP analyzes take attributable to the applicant's proposed activities. If issued, the ITP would authorize potential incidental take of the listed species consistent with the applicant's HCP. To issue the permit, the Service must find that the application, including its HCP, satisfies the criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA and the Service's implementing regulations at 50 CFR Part 13, 17.22, and 17.32.

The FWS has determined that the ComEd HCP qualifies as a low-effect HCP, as defined by our Habitat

Conservation Planning Handbook (November 1996). Determination of low-effect HCP is based on the following three criteria: (1) Implementation of the proposed HCP would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) implementation of the proposed HCP would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) impacts of the HCP, considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources that would be considered significant.

We request comments on the ComEd permit application, including the HCP, and our preliminary determination that the HCP qualifies as a low-effect HCP, eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). We explain the basis for this determination in our Low Effect Screening Form, which is also available for public review, upon request. Based upon our preliminary determinations, we do not intend to prepare further NEPA documentation.

Reviewing Documents and Submitting Comments

Please refer to permit number TE28464B when submitting comments. The permit application and supporting documents (ITP application, HCP) may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/permits/hcp/r3hcps.html>.

Persons without access to the Internet may obtain copies of the draft HCP by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office given under **ADDRESSES**, above. The draft document will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) at the office given under **ADDRESSES** above.

Written comments will be accepted as described under **ADDRESSES**, above.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that the entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made 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(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and its' implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22), and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.) and its' implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6; 43 CFR Part 46).

Dated: March 12, 2014.

Lynn Lewis,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.

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

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Endangered 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, invite the public to comment on the following applications for recovery permits to conduct activities with the purpose of enhancing the survival of endangered species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits certain activities with endangered species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing such permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by April 23, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Program Manager for Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181. Please refer to the permit number for the application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Henson, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address or by telephone (503-231-6131) or fax (503-231-6243).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) prohibits certain activities with respect to 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 17, the Act provides for certain permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits for endangered species.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the permittee to conduct activities (including take or interstate commerce) with respect to U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act 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 for the application when submitting comments.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by request from the Program Manager for Restoration and Endangered Species Classification at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit Number: TE-08913A

Applicant: Greg S. Fitzpatrick, Corvallis, Oregon

The applicant requests an amendment of a recovery permit to take (pursue, capture, and establish new populations) the Fender's blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides fenderi*) in conjunction with surveys and establishment of new populations throughout its range in Oregon for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-096741

Applicant: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

The applicant requests an amendment to an existing recovery permit to take (collect eggshells, monitor nests and nest temperature, locate with taped-playback calls, capture, band, measure, mark, collect blood and feather samples, radio-tag, and release) the Micronesian megapode (*Megapodius laperouse laperouse*) in conjunction with scientific research in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Permit Number: TE-043638

Applicant: Directorate of Public Works, U.S. Army, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

The applicant requests an amendment to an existing recovery permit to take (collect for captive propagation) Hawaiian picture-wing flies *Drosophila aglaia*, *D. hemipeza*, *D. montgomeryi*, *D. obatai*, *D. substenoptera*, and *D. tarphytrichia*, and to remove and reduce to possession *Tetramolopium lepidotum* ssp. *Lepidotum* (no common name) on Oahu Island, Hawaii, in conjunction with life-history studies for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

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: March 13, 2014.

Jason Holm,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Application for Job Placement and Training Services

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is seeking comments on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collection of information for the Application for Job Placement and Training Services