

design. We collect the following information in conjunction with the account setup process and survey data submission:

- Account setup process:
  - Email address,
  - Username,
  - Photo (optional),
  - Option for other users to contact the registrant,
  - Time zone,
  - First and last name,
  - Phone number, and
  - Start date.
- Survey data submission:
  - Data submission location via online map,
  - Date and time of observation,
  - Number of cranes,
  - Method (ground count or point count),
  - Habitat (agricultural field, sandbar, wetland, or mixed-wetland agricultural field), and
  - Any additional notes the user would like to submit.

We received OMB approval to conduct usability testing of the data entry portal in 2019 under Interior's generic clearance process "DOI Generic 'Fast Track' Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery" (OMB Control No. 1090-0011). After conducting the usability testing of the data entry portal for 1 year, we are now ready to seek OMB's full approval of this information collection under the PRA.

*Title of Collection:* Online Eastern Population Sandhill Crane Survey Data Entry Portal.

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-New.  
*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals and State agencies.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 112.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 157.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Varies from 3 minutes to 5 minutes, depending on activity.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 11.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* One time for the initial registration, and on occasion for survey submission.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to

respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: June 8, 2021.

**Madonna Baucum,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments by July 12, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Document availability and comment submission:* Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (*e.g.*, TE123456):

- *Email:* [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov).
- *U.S. Mail:* Marjorie Nelson, Chief, Division of Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 134 Union Blvd., Suite 670, Lakewood, CO 80228.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Konishi, Recovery Permits Coordinator, Ecological Services, 303-236-4224 (phone), or [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov) (email). Individuals who are

hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

### Background

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. 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.

### Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public to submit written data, view, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Take activity	Permit action
TE054237-4 .....	U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, Lake-wood, CO.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).</li> <li>Uncompahgre fritillary butterfly (<i>Boloria acrocneuma</i>).</li> </ul>	CO .....	Pursue to survey, capture, banding, presence/absence surveys.	Amend/renew.
PER0004552 .....	U.S. National Park Service, Zion National Park, Springdale, UT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shivwits milkwetch (<i>Astragalus ampullarioides</i>).</li> <li>Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).</li> </ul>	UT .....	Remove and reduce to possession; seeds, fruits, tissue, and voucher specimens; presence/absence surveys.	Amend/renew.
PER0005119 .....	U.S. National Park Service Heartland Network, Republic, MO.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Topeka shiner (<i>Notropis topeka</i>).</li> </ul>	KS, MO .....	Harass by survey/monitor, capture, handle.	Amend/renew.
CS0076731 .....	University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>)</li> <li>Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>).</li> <li>Ozark big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i>).</li> </ul>	AL, AR, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TA, TX, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY.	Capture with mist-nets and harp traps, handle, band.	New.

*Public Availability of Comments*

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

**Next Steps**

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority**

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Stephen Small,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Draft Recovery Plan for *Cirsium scariosum* var. *loncholepis* (La Graciosa thistle)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of the Draft Recovery Plan for *Cirsium scariosum* var. *loncholepis* (La Graciosa thistle) for public review and comment. The draft recovery plan includes objective, measurable criteria, and site-specific management actions as may be necessary to ameliorate threats, such that the species can be removed from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants.

**DATES:** We must receive any comments on the draft recovery plan on or before July 12, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** *Document availability:* You may obtain a copy of the recovery plan from our website at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/species/recovery-plans.html>. Alternatively, you may contact the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003 (telephone 805-644-1766).

*Comment submission:* If you wish to comment on the draft recovery plan, you may submit your comments in writing by any one of the following methods:

- *U.S. mail:* Field Supervisor, at the above address; or
- *Email:* [r8ventura-recoverycomments@fws.gov](mailto:r8ventura-recoverycomments@fws.gov).

For additional information about submitting comments, see the Request for Public Comments section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Henry, Field Supervisor, at the above street address above or telephone 805-644-1766.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Recovery of endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of our endangered species program and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Recovery means improvement of the status of listed species to the point at which listing is no longer necessary under the criteria specified in section 4(a)(1) of the Act. The Act requires the development of recovery plans for listed species, unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species.

Pursuant to section 4(f) of the Act, a recovery plan must, to the maximum extent practicable, include (1) a description of site-specific management actions as may be necessary to achieve the plan's goals for the conservation and survival of the species; (2) objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would support a determination under section 4(a)(1) that the species should be removed from the List of Endangered and Threatened Species; and (3) estimates of the time and costs required to carry out those measures needed to achieve the plan's goal and to achieve intermediate steps toward that goal.

The Service has revised its approach to recovery planning; the revised process is called Recovery Planning and Implementation (RPI). The RPI process is intended to reduce the time needed to develop and implement recovery