

comments and other materials that we receive, will be available for public inspection online in Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2022-0050 at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submitting Comments: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Online:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2022-0050.
- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2022-0050; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 777 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 208, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

We request that you send comments by only one of the methods described above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karin Cleary-Rose, Division Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 760-322-2070. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), received an application from Blossom Trails (Tract 20090) Project Owner, S-P Deerfield, LLC (applicant), for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permit would authorize take of the federally endangered San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) incidental to grading, subdividing, and developing approximately 137 single-family dwelling units and open space, a recreational pool area, a water quality management plan basin, and a public services and facilities plan on approximately 25.5 acres in San Bernardino County, California.

The proposed project will impact an estimated 2.85 acres of habitat occupied by at least four San Bernardino kangaroo rats. Although not likely to support breeding of the species, an additional 19.15 acres of disturbed designated critical habitat will also be permanently impacted; however, of those additional acres of critical habitat, only 11.65 acres may support San Bernardino kangaroo rat foraging and sheltering.

We are requesting comments on the permit application and on our preliminary determination that the proposed HCP qualifies as a low-effect

HCP, eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). The basis for this determination is discussed in our draft NEPA compliance documentation, which is also available for public review.

Project

The project area is located on a 25.5-acre site in the City of Highland Hills in San Bernardino County, California. The applicant requests a 5-year incidental take permit for take associated with permanent impacts to 2.85 acres of occupied San Bernardino kangaroo rat habitat and 11.65 acres of unoccupied San Bernardino kangaroo rat habitat. The applicant proposes to mitigate impacts through the conservation of 11.5 acres of San Bernardino kangaroo rat occupied sage scrub habitat off site at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District property in San Bernardino County. The off-site mitigation area provides higher quality habitat than that found on the project site and will be conserved, managed, and monitored in perpetuity. In addition, the off-site mitigation area is within designated San Bernardino kangaroo rat critical habitat.

The applicant's proposed HCP also contains measures to minimize the effects of construction activities on the San Bernardino kangaroo rat, including the following:

- Erecting an exclusion fence around the project site to exclude San Bernardino kangaroo rats;
- Providing a qualified biologist on site to ensure that San Bernardino kangaroo rats will not be harmed during fence construction, capture, and translocation activities; and
- Monitoring and reporting to the Service upon project completion.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the project, including grading, subdividing, construction, and the proposed mitigation, would individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the San Bernardino kangaroo rat and the environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily concluded that the HCP is low effect and that the issuance of an incidental take permit for this project would qualify for a categorical exclusion under our NEPA regulations at 43 CFR 46.205 and 46.210.

A low-effect HCP is one that would result in:

- Minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats;

- Minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and
- Impacts that, when considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not over time result in significant cumulative effects to environmental values or resources.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the proposed HCP and any comments received to determine whether to issue the requested permit. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the above findings, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, we will issue the permit to the applicant for incidental take of the San Bernardino kangaroo rat.

Public Availability of Comments

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 may 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) (16 U.S.C. 1539 *et seq.*) of the ESA and NEPA regulations at 40 CFR 1506.6.

Scott Sobiech,

Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, Carlsbad, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R2-ES-2022-N027; FXES1113020000-223-FF02ENEH00]

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 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, invite the public to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct activities

intended to recover and enhance endangered species survival. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act prohibits certain activities that may impact endangered species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please submit your written comments by July 6, 2022.

ADDRESSES:

Document availability: Request documents by phone or email: Marty Tuegel 505-248-6651, marty_tuegel@fws.gov.

Comment submission: Submit comments by email to fw2_te_permits@fws.gov. Please specify the permit application you are interested in by number (e.g., Permit Record No. PER1234567).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marty Tuegel, Supervisor, Environmental Review Division, 505-248-6651. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA's definition of "take" includes hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing, and also such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting.

The ESA and our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at title 50, part 17, provide for issuing such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving listed species.

A recovery permit we issue under the ESA, section 10(a)(1)(A), authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or enhance the species' propagation or survival. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. 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

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a request as specified in

ADDRESSES. Our release of documents is subject to Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) requirements.

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, 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. Please refer to the permit record number when submitting comments.

Permit record No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
PER0040480	Green, Dana; Flagstaff, Arizona.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>).	Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia.	Presence/absence surveys, capture.	Harass, harm, capture.	Renew/Amend.
PER0039980	Green, Eric; Flagstaff, Arizona.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>).	Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia.	Presence/absence surveys, capture.	Harass, harm, capture.	Renew/Amend.
PER0036360	Aztec Engineering Inc.; Phoenix, Arizona.	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>), Yuma Ridgway's rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus yumanensis</i>).	California, Nevada	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm.	Amend.
PER0040491	Velardi, Milu; Santa Fe, New Mexico.	New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius luteus</i>), Jemez Mountains salamander (<i>Plethodon neomexicanus</i>), Mexican long-nosed bat (<i>Leptonycteris nivalis</i>).	New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys, habitat assessment, nest monitoring, capture.	Harass, harm, capture.	New.
PER0040910	Henson, Jeremy; Round Rock, Texas.	Golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>), Northern Applomado Falcon (<i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i>), Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>), Houston toad (<i>Bufo houstonensis</i>), Texas hornshell (<i>Popenaias popei</i>), Sheepnose mussel (<i>Plethobasus cyphyus</i>).	Arizona, Illinois, New Mexico, Texas.	Presence/absence surveys, habitat assessment, quantitative surveys, qualitative surveys.	Harass, harm, capture.	Renew/Amend.

Permit record No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
PER0041635	Gregory, Cody; San Antonio, Texas.	Golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>).	Texas	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm.	New.
PER0042593	Gielow, Kurt; Escondido, California.	Golden-cheeked warbler (<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>).	Texas	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm.	New.
PER0042604	Malaney, Jason; Albuquerque, New Mexico.	New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius luteus</i>).	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm, capture.	New.
PER0042610	Marshall, Bryce; Flagstaff, Arizona.	New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius luteus</i>), southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>), spiketail (<i>Meda fulgida</i>), loach minnow (<i>Tiaroga cobitis</i>).	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah.	Presence/absence surveys.	Harass, harm.	Renew/Amend.
PER0043053	ZoOceanarium Group; St. Louis, Missouri.	Hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>).	Texas	Rehabilitation, display for educational purposes.	Harass, harm.	New.

Public Availability of Comments

All comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Requests for copies of comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and Service and Department of the Interior policies and procedures. 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 to 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.

Authority

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

Amy L. Lueders,

Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0033; FXIA1671090000-223-FF09A30000]

Marine Mammal Protection Act; Receipt of 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 (Service), invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and foreign or native species for which the Service has jurisdiction under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). With some exceptions, the ESA and the MMPA prohibit activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. These Acts also require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity they otherwise prohibit with respect to any species.

DATES: We must receive comments by July 6, 2022.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The application, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0033.

Submitting Comments: When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- **Internet:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0033.

- **U.S. Mail:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0033; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703-358-2185, or via email at DMAFR@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I comment on submitted applications?

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.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).