

TABLE 2—CONTACTS—Continued

Species	Contact person, email, phone	Contact address
Virginia round-leaf birch	Emily Argo, <i>Emily_Argo@fws.gov</i> , (804) 404–8184 ...	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061–4410.
American hart's-tongue fern	New York Field Office, <i>fw5es_nyfo@fws.gov</i> , (607) 753–9334.	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045–9385.
Shenandoah salamander	Emily Argo, <i>Emily_Argo@fws.gov</i> , (804) 404–8184 ...	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061–4410.

Authority

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

Sharon Marino,

Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region, 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 scientific research to promote conservation or other activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). 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 on or before November 3, 2025.

ADDRESSES:

Document availability and comment submission: Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents, as well as any comments, by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., ESXXXXXX; see table in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**):

- *Email (preferred method):* *permitsR3ES@fws.gov*. Please refer to the respective application number (e.g., Application No. ESXXXXXX) in the subject line of your email message.
- *U.S. Mail:* Regional Director, Attn: Nathan Rathbun, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437–1458.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathan Rathbun, 612–713–5343 (telephone); *permitsR3ES@fws.gov* (email). 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite review and comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies on applications we have received for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the

Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Background

The ESA 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 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

The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, 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. Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
PER19855675	Aimee-Christine Bjornstad; Elkhart, IN.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>) and northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>).	IA, MI, OH, PA, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist net, band, radio telemetry, and release.	New.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
PER20106311	Aaron Crank; Lucasville, OH.	Copperbelly watersnake (<i>Nerodia erythrogaster neglecta</i>) and eastern massasauga rattlesnake (<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>).	IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release.	New.
PER20208946	Stephanie Schubel; Pellston, MI.	Piping plover (<i>Charadrius melodus</i>).	IL, IN, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, band, bio-sample, erect nest exclosures, salvage, captive rear, release.	New.
PER18694675	Jane DeClerck; Mount Healthy, OH.	Clubshell (<i>Pluerobema clava</i>), fanshell (<i>Cyprogenia stegaria</i>), rabbitsfoot (<i>Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica</i>) northern riffleshell (<i>Epioblasma rangiana</i>), and longsolid (<i>Fusconaia subrotunda</i>).	IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, relocate due to stranding, salvage.	New.
ES35973D	Alex Patterson; Beckley, WV.	Add new species—Virginia big eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i>), gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), tri-colored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>)—to existing authorized species: Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), and northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>).	Add new states—AL, AR, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OK, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VT, VA, WI, WY—to existing authorized states: IL, OH, PA, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, band, radio transmitter, release.	Renew and amend.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative 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 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. Moreover, 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. 1539(c)).

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Acting-Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Service, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Implementing Section 50203 of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of land available for coal leasing.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 50203 of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), enacted on July 4, 2025, the Secretary of the Interior is making available for coal leasing approximately 13,103,000 acres of Federal mineral estate. The OBBBA directs the Secretary of the Interior to make available for coal leasing a minimum of 4,000,000 additional acres

of the Federal mineral estate within 90 days of enactment. This notice identifies the additional acreage that is available for leasing. All future coal lease applications will be subject to existing regulatory requirements that apply to leasing Federal coal.

DATES: Lands identified in this notice are available for coal leasing effective October 2, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Indra Dahal, Deputy Division Chief, Solid Minerals Division, at *idahal@blm.gov* or by phone at (202) 742–0601. For technical or regulatory questions, you may reach out to Thomas Huebner, Coal Program Lead, at *thuebner@blm.gov* or by phone at (307) 775–6195.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed into law H.R. 1 (Pub. L. 119–21), also known as the OBBBA. Section 50203 of the