

Permit No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Permit action
ES59243C	Revive & Restore, Sausalito, CA.	• Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>).	Laboratories in CA, NY, TX, and IA.	Genetics research in lab settings using cell lines; store and transfer genetic material; cell culturing; and use of interspecies somatic cell nuclear transfer technique with surrogate domestic ferrets.	Renewal.
ES26376D	Steve Forrest, Truckee, CA.	• Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>).	MT, SD, and KS ...	Capture, handle, mark, vaccinate, release, reintroduce, and monitor populations.	Renewal.
PER0012679	University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO.	• Knowlton's cactus (<i>Pediocactus knowltonii</i>). • San Rafael cactus (<i>Pediocactus despainii</i>). • Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>).	CO, NM, and UT ..	Remove and reduce to possession from lands under Federal jurisdiction.	Renew and amend.
ES66330D	Martin & Nicholson Environmental Consultants, LLC.	• Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).	CO and UT	Survey and play taped vocalizations.	Renew and amend.
PER22707976	Donald Gilbert, Loveland, OH.	• Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).	AZ, CA, CO, NV, NM, TX, UT, MT, and WY.	Survey and play taped vocalizations.	New.
PER17870208	Watershed Institute, Inc., Belton, MO.	• Neosho Mucket (<i>Lampsilis rafinesqueana</i>).	KS	Survey, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, capture, handle, release, and relocate under special circumstances.	New.
ES79842A	Jeremy White, Omaha, NE.	• Northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>). • Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>) • Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>)	NE and IA	Capture, handle, band, tag, collect tissue samples, and conduct radio telemetry for research studies and population monitoring.	Renew.
ES232905	Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, Saint Paul, MN.	• Wyoming toad (<i>Anaxyrus baxteri</i>)	MN and WY	Survey, capture, handle, transport, captive rear and breed, tag, swab, release, research, and conduct habitat restoration.	Renew.
ES67251D	Kelly Haun, Durango, CO.	• Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).	CO	Survey and play taped vocalizations.	Renew.
ES42721B	City of Fort Collins, Natural Area Department, Fort Collins, CO.	• Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>).	CO	Survey, capture, anesthetize, vaccinate, mark, tag, collect biological samples, research, and monitor populations.	Renew.
PER19682189	Melissa Giuffre, Kanab, UT.	• Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).	UT	Survey and play taped vocalizations.	New.

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 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. 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 a permit to an applicant 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.*).

Marjorie Nelson,

Assistant Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

[Docket No. USGS–2026–0034; OMB Control Number 1028–0133; GX26GB00H7G3D00]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (Earth MRI) Competitive Cooperative Agreement Program With State Geological Surveys

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 18, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- **Internet:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. USGS–2026–0034.

- **U.S. Mail:** USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina Hamalak by email at earthmri@usgs.gov, or by telephone at 303–236–5766.

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: In accordance with the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. An agency may not

conduct or sponsor, nor is an individual required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comments addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility.

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: Public Law 117–58, Section 40201, “Earth Mapping Resources Initiative” contained in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) authorizes and accelerates the mapping efforts of the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (Earth MRI).

Earth MRI is a component of the USGS Mineral Resources Program and is a national effort to carry out the fundamental resources and mapping mission of the USGS. The goal of Earth MRI is to modernize the surface and subsurface geologic mapping of the

United States, with a focus on identifying areas that may have the potential to contain mineral resources.

The IIJA directed the USGS to accelerate efforts to carry out fundamental integrated topographic, geologic, geochemical, and geophysical mapping and provide interpretation of subsurface and above-ground (mine waste) critical-mineral resources data at a funding level of \$320,000,000 annually for five years (FY2022–FY2026). Additionally, Executive Order 14154, “Unleashing American Energy” (January 20, 2025), directed the Department in section 9(d) to “accelerate the ongoing, detailed geological mapping of the United States, with a focus on locating previously unknown deposits of critical minerals.”

IIJA Section 40201 stipulates that the USGS may enter into cooperative agreements with State geological surveys to carry out the efforts of Earth MRI. The USGS developed a new competitive cooperative agreement program with the State geological surveys to support mine-waste activities authorized by the IIJA. State geological surveys apply for funds through an annual competitive agreement process. Individual State projects last for up to two years.

The IIJA requires the USGS to collect information necessary to ensure that cooperative-agreement funds authorized by this legislation are used in accordance with the IIJA and Federal assistance requirements under 2 CFR 200. Information collected by Earth MRI as part of the consolidated workplan is described below. The USGS seeks Office of Management and Budget approval to continue to collect this information to manage and monitor cooperative agreement awards and comply with the IIJA and Federal assistance requirements.

Title of Collection: Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (Earth MRI) Competitive Cooperative Agreement Program with State Geological Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 1028–0133.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State Geological Surveys.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 25.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 125.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Applications: 25 × 60 hrs. = 1,500 hrs.

Progress Reports: 25 recipients × (3 reports × 8 hrs.) = 600 hrs.

Final Reports: 25 × 20 hrs. = 500 hrs.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,500 + 600 + 500 = 2,600 hrs.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

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

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Acting Associate Director of Geology, Energy, and Minerals Mission Area, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain-Prairie Region, Denver, CO

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Mountain-Prairie Region has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after April 17, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Jennifer Kolise, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225, email jennifer_kolise@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the USFWS, Mountain-Prairie Region, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its