

prompting Federal disaster relief for farmers in 2001 and for fishermen in 2006.

In November 2008 the U.S. Government, the States of Oregon and California, and the utility company PacifiCorp signed an agreement in principle (AIP) to remove four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River by 2020. Dam removal is being considered a viable alternative to volitional fish passage (ladders and screens), which was being considered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as a condition for relicensing of PacifiCorp's hydroelectric project. Parties to the AIP are working with stakeholders (including tribes, fishers, farmers, conservation groups, and local governments) to reach a final agreement that would result in the largest dam removal project in U.S. history. If achieved, this agreement will be part of a comprehensive solution to species recovery, water allocation, and water quality problems in the Klamath Basin.

In October 2011 the Secretary of the Interior is expected to make a final determination regarding dam removal, contingent on results of an economic analysis that will address benefits, costs, and distributional effects of dam removal relative to volitional fish passage. Dam removal is expected to have positive long-term effects on the viability of fish populations and other aspects of the Klamath Basin ecosystem. Benefits of these environmental improvements include "non-use values," which accrue to members of the public who value such improvements regardless of whether they ever consume Klamath fish or visit the Klamath Basin. An information collection is planned in order to implement a state-of-the-art non-use valuation survey of the U.S. public that addresses the incremental environmental improvements of dam removal relative to volitional fish passage. This data collection is intended to address one component of an economic analysis that will include all costs and benefits of dam removal relative to volitional fish passage.

## II. Data

*Title:* Klamath Non-Use Valuation Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 1090-0010.  
*Type of Review:* Revision of an approved collection.

*Affected Entities:* Households.  
*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.  
*Frequency of Response:* One time.  
*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 10,885 households who will receive the survey (3,389

respondents and 7,496 non-respondents).

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 3,389.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The base for this survey is 10,885 households. The households will be divided into two mailing groups, at a 10/90 split. The first wave of mailings will be to 10% of the households. 17% of households are estimated to respond, which will take 30 minutes. Non-respondents will take 3 minutes. The second mailing will be sent to the remaining 83% of non-respondent households. 10% of the households are estimated to respond to the second mailing, taking 30 minutes. The second group of non-respondents are estimated to spend 3 minutes. The Department will then conduct preliminary analysis.

The second wave of mailings will be to the remaining 90% of the households. 17% of households are estimated to respond, which will take 30 minutes. Non-respondents will take 3 minutes. The second phase will be sent to the remaining 83% of non-respondent households. 10% of the households are estimated to respond to the second mailing, taking 30 minutes. The second group of non-respondents are estimated to spend 3 minutes.

The remaining non-respondents from the second mailings will be split into two groups in a 80/20 split. It is assumed that 65% of the non-respondent households will have a phone number. Both groups will be sent another copy of the survey. For the households with a phone number, a non response bias call will be made, taking an estimated 2 to 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,205 hours.

## III. Request for Comments

On June 9, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 27340) a request for public comments on this proposed survey. No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the proposed information collection activity. The Department of the Interior invites comments on:

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

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection and 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) Ways to 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or prove information to or for a Federal agency.

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 Office of Management and Budget control number.

Dated: August 25, 2010.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Act requires that we invite public comment on these permit applications.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before September 29, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave., SW., Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Susan Jacobsen, Chief, Endangered Species Division, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103; (505) 248-6920.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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.

**Permit TE-13850A**

*Applicant:* Jarrod Edens, Fort Worth, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas.

**Permit TE-037155**

*Applicant:* Bio-West, Inc., Round Rock, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*) and southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) along the Rio Grande.

**Permit TE-17497A**

*Applicant:* Christa Weise, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris yerbabuena*) within Arizona and New Mexico and Mexican long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris nivalis*) within New Mexico and Texas.

**Permit TE-17509A**

*Applicant:* University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to obtain seeds of Welsh's milkweed (*Asclepias welshii*) from the Arboretum at Flagstaff (Permit TE-226653) at the University's greenhouse where biological control agent testing will be conducted inside their quarantine facility.

**Permit TE-236730**

*Applicant:* Timothy Bonner, San Marcos, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for fountain darter (*Etheostoma fonticola*), San Marcos gambusia (*Gambusia georgei*), Comal Springs riffle beetle (*Heterelmis comalensis*), Texas wild-rice (*Zizania texana*), and Texas blind salamander (*Eurycea rathbuni*) within Texas.

**Permit TE-20166A**

*Applicant:* Trinity Bey, Boerne, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) within Texas.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: August 18, 2010.

*Regional Director, Southwest Region, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Genesis Solar, LLC Genesis Solar Energy Project and Proposed California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Proposed California Desert Conservation Act Plan Amendment/Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Genesis Solar LLC's Genesis Solar Energy Project (GSEP) and by this notice is announcing its availability.

**DATES:** The publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Notice of Availability (NOA) of this Final EIS in the **Federal Register** initiates a 30-day public comment period. In addition, the BLM's planning regulations state that any person who meets the conditions as described in the regulations may protest the BLM's Proposed CDCA Plan Amendment. A

person who meets the conditions and files a protest must file the protest within 30 days of the date that EPA publishes its NOA in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Proposed Plan Amendment/Final EIS for the GSEP have been sent to affected Federal, state, and local government agencies and to other stakeholders. Copies of the Proposed Plan Amendment/Final EIS are available for public inspection at the Palm Springs South Coast Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, California 92262. Interested persons may also review the document at the following Web site: [http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/Solar\\_Projects/Genesis\\_Ford\\_Dry\\_Lake.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/Solar_Projects/Genesis_Ford_Dry_Lake.html). Submit comments on the Final EIS to the Palm Springs South Coast Field Office at the address above or e-mail them to [CAPSSolarNextEraFPL@blm.gov](mailto:CAPSSolarNextEraFPL@blm.gov).

All protests must be in writing and mailed to one of the following addresses:

Regular Mail: BLM Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20035.

Overnight Mail: BLM Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, 1620 L Street, NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Allison Shaffer, BLM Project Manager, telephone (760) 833-7100; address (*see ADDRESSES*, above); or e-mail [CAPSSolarNextEraFPL@blm.gov](mailto:CAPSSolarNextEraFPL@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Genesis Solar, LLC has submitted an application to the BLM for development of the proposed GSEP, which would consist of two independent solar electric generating facilities with a nominal net electrical output of 125 megawatts (MW) each, resulting in a total net electrical output of 250 MW. The Proposed Action would be designed to utilize solar parabolic trough technology to generate electricity.

Genesis Solar, LLC is seeking a right-of-way (ROW) grant for approximately 4,640 acres of land. Construction and operation of the Proposed Action would disturb a total of about 1,800 acres within the site boundaries, and approximately 90 acres for linear facilities and drainage features outside the site boundaries.

The proposed GSEP would be approximately 27 miles east of the unincorporated community of Desert Center and 25 miles west of the Arizona-California border city of Blythe in Riverside County, California.

The Applicant proposes to construct the GSEP in two phases, which would