

be developed. The Sandhill Crane Festival would remain a priority. Fish stocking would continue in some lakes; however, to support northern leopard frog recovery, we would discontinue fish stocking in lakes that have the highest likelihood of the species recovery success, as determined by an interdisciplinary team of experts.

Public Availability of Documents

We encourage you to review and comment on the proposals we have developed in the Draft CCP/EA. The Draft CCP/EA is available on our Web site or by request from the Refuge (see **ADDRESSES**).

Next Steps

After this comment period ends, we will analyze the comments and address them in the final CCP and decision document.

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.

Dated: May 20, 2011.

Richard Hannan,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Proposed Safe Harbor Agreement for California Red-Legged Frog, at Swallow Creek Ranch, San Luis Obispo County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; receipt of permit application.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received, from Swallow Creek Ranch (Applicant), an application for an enhancement of survival permit for the Federally threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*), under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as

amended (Act). This permit application includes a proposed Safe Harbor Agreement (Agreement) between the Applicant and the Service. The Agreement and permit application are available for public comment.

DATES: To ensure we are able to consider your comments, please send them to us by August 29, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The documents are available on our Web site: <http://www.fws.gov/ventura>. A limited number of printed copies are available by request. You may request the documents or submit comments by any of the following methods.

- *E-mail:*

fw8SHA_swallowcreekranch@fws.gov.

Include "Swallow Creek Ranch SHA" in the subject line of the message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Field Supervisor; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office; 2493 Portola Road, Suite B; Ventura, CA 93003.

- *Fax:* Attn: Field Supervisor, (805) 644-3958.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Morrisette, Safe Harbor Coordinator, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office at the address above or by telephone at (805) 644-1766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

You may obtain copies of the documents for review by using one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**, or by contacting the individual named in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. You also may make an appointment to view the documents at the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**) during normal business hours.

Background

Under a Safe Harbor Agreement, participating landowners voluntarily undertake management activities on their property to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat benefiting species listed under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Safe Harbor Agreements, and the subsequent permits that are issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act, encourage private and other non-Federal property owners to implement conservation efforts for listed species by assuring property owners that they will not be subjected to increased land use restrictions as a result of efforts to attract or increase the numbers or distribution of a listed species on their property. Application requirements and issuance criteria for permits through Safe Harbor Agreements are found in 50 CFR 17.32(c).

We have worked with the Applicant to develop this proposed Agreement for the conservation of the California red-legged frog on the property subject to the Agreement (Enrolled Property), which is owned and managed by the Applicant. The Enrolled Property is Swallow Creek Ranch in San Luis Obispo County, California. Within the 620 acres of land comprising the Enrolled Property, habitat for the California red-legged frog will be restored, enhanced, and managed under a written agreement between the Applicant and Service. We expect that the activities proposed in the Agreement will result in an increase in suitable habitat for this species and provide for its increase in number and its expansion into additional areas that are currently not occupied, thus resulting in a net conservation benefit for the species.

This Agreement provides for the restoration, enhancement, and management of aquatic, riparian, and upland habitat suitable for the California red-legged frog on the Enrolled Property. The proposed duration of the Agreement is 30 years, and the proposed term of the enhancement of survival permit is 30 years. The Agreement fully describes the proposed management activities to be undertaken by the Applicant and the net conservation benefits expected to be gained for the California red-legged frog.

Upon approval of this Agreement and satisfactory completion of all other applicable legal requirements, and consistent with the Service's Safe Harbor Policy published in the **Federal Register** on June 17, 1999 (64 FR 32717), the Service would issue a permit to the Applicant authorizing take of the California red-legged frog incidental to the implementation of the management activities specified in the Agreement; incidental to other lawful uses of the Enrolled Property, including normal, routine land management activities; and incidental to the return to pre-Agreement conditions (baseline).

Management activities included in the Agreement will provide for the restoration, enhancement, and management of native riparian habitats within the Enrolled Property. The objective of such activities is to enhance the population of California red-legged frogs by increasing the quality and quantity of suitable habitat on the Enrolled Property. Take of California red-legged frogs incidental to the aforementioned activities is unlikely; however, it is possible that in the course of such activities or other lawful activities on the Enrolled Property, the Applicant could incidentally take California red-legged frog, thereby

necessitating take authority under the permit.

Baseline conditions have been determined for the Enrolled Property based on the occurrence of California red-legged frog and the extent of suitable habitat as provided in the Agreement. The Applicant must maintain baseline on the Enrolled Property in order to receive coverage regarding incidental take of California red-legged frogs. The Agreement and requested permit would allow the Applicant to return the Enrolled Property to baseline conditions after the end of the term of the Agreement and prior to the expiration of the 30-year permit, if so desired by the Applicant.

Public Review and Comments

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the proposed Agreement and permit application are eligible for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). We explain the basis for this determination in an Environmental Action Statement, which also is available for public review.

Individuals wishing copies of the permit application, copies of our draft Environmental Action Statement, and copies of the Agreement, including a map of the proposed permit area, should contact the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

If you wish to comment on the permit application or the Agreement, you may submit your comments to one of the addresses listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Comments and materials received, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section above and will become part of the public record, under section 10(c) of the Act.

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.

We will evaluate this permit application, associated documents, and comments we receive to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act and NEPA regulations. If we determine that the requirements are

met, we will sign the proposed Agreement and issue an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act to the Applicant for take of the California red-legged frog incidental to otherwise lawful activities in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. We will not make our final decision until after the end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments we receive during the comment period.

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Act and under implementing regulations for NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6).

Diane K. Noda,

Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request for the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP)

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (1028-0078).

SUMMARY: We (the U.S. Geological Survey) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection request (ICR) for the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP). As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this ICR. This ICR is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2011.

DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC we must receive them on or before August 29, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments on this ICR to the OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior via e-mail to oir_docket@omb.eop.gov or fax at 202-395-5806; and reference Information Collection 1028-0078 in the subject line. Please also submit a copy of your comments to the USGS, Information

Collection Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, Mail Stop 807, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192. Please reference *Information Collection 1028-0078* in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Weir at 301-497-5932 or by mail at U.S. Geological Survey, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, 12100 Beech Forest Road, Laurel, Maryland 20708-4038. To see a copy of the entire ICR submitted to OMB, go to <http://www.reginfo.gov> (Information Collection Review, Currently under Review).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This information collection pertains to volunteers who contribute their time to conduct frog call surveys at assigned survey routes that are part of the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program. Volunteers use an on-line data entry system to submit their data. This information is used by scientists and Federal, state, and local agencies to monitor amphibian populations and detect population trends. Responses are voluntary. Please go to: <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/naamp> for more information about the NAAMP.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028-0078.

Title: North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP).

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: General public; individual households.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: 3 times per year.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,700.

Annual Burden Hours: 5,100 hours.

We estimate an average of 3 hours per response. This includes driving time to and from the survey route locations; listening periods at each sampling station; and data entry.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"

Burden: The estimated non-hour cost for this collection includes: A thermometer (a one-time cost per respondent) and mileage. The thermometer is needed to record air temperature during the survey. The cost of such thermometers is approximately \$15. The total operational costs consist of a mileage estimate in accomplishing a survey, calculated by using the mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.50 cents per mile (as used in travel reimbursement for Federal employees) times 15 miles (the approximate distance of a calling survey route), for a total of \$7.50 per survey.