

record data on eggs collected opportunistically during a nest visit.

(3) FWS Form 3–2309 (Peregrine Falcon Feather Contaminants Data Sheet) addresses the reporting requirements to record data on feathers collected opportunistically during a nest visit. Once collected, the eggs and feathers are archived in a deep freeze for analysis at a later time.

Comments Received and Our Responses

On July 14, 2014, we published in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 40776) a notice of our intent to request that OMB renew approval for this collection of information. We solicited comments for 60 days, ending on September 12, 2014. We received four comments. One comment was from the State of Montana, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and the other three were from participants in and organizers of peregrine falcon monitoring in Montana. All commenters:

- Agreed that the collection of information is necessary and has practical utility.
- Stated that this information collection is not simply necessary, but is our obligation under the ESA.
- Argued for continuing post-delisting monitoring of peregrine falcons in 2015.
- Expressed concern that we terminated post-delisting monitoring prematurely.
- Elaborated on the reasons why the Service should continue monitoring the falcons; i.e., that the data will serve as a baseline by which to measure future breeding performance; that peregrine falcons are indicators of environmental health, and continued monitoring may reveal the presence of destructive environmental contaminants, the negative effects of climate change, or of emerging avian diseases.

Two commenters mentioned that monitoring peregrines in Montana will be challenging without the financial assistance that the Service has given in previous post-delisting monitoring years.

Response: The original design of the post-delisting monitoring plan called for monitoring the species five times at 3-year intervals from 2003 through 2015. Fiscal conservatism forced us to critically evaluate expenditures in every program, including peregrine falcon post-delisting monitoring. The monitoring results from 4 monitoring years, spanning a 9-year period, show that in most regions and nationally the species is doing well; e.g., meeting or exceeding targets for territory occupancy, nesting success, and productivity. Other data show that the

numbers of breeding birds continue to increase in most States. We believe peregrine falcons have been monitored effectively for more than 5 years, and the data show that the species is not in danger of being relisted as threatened or endangered. Therefore, we have met our obligations under the ESA, and post-delisting monitoring was concluded in 2012.

We may continue to monitor peregrine falcons less intensively in the future, with periodic national or regional monitoring efforts. In 2015, for example, we, with State partners, will monitor peregrine falcons in the southwestern United States (Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico). We plan to monitor approximately 130 territories, or 20 percent of the number of territories monitored nationally during post-delisting monitoring.

The 4 years of post-delisting monitoring data provide us with an adequate baseline against which future monitoring efforts may be compared regionally and nationally. Monitoring from each year met our goals for statistical rigor, each of the 4-year datasets stands alone, and together these datasets provide us with a justification to conclude delisting monitoring of this species. Peregrines are sensitive indicators of some environmental changes, particularly, as history has shown, to some chemical contaminants. For this reason, we will consider, with partners, a strategy to continue some level of monitoring in the future so we can detect potential problems before they become critical.

Request for Public Comments

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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 OMB in your comment to

withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: September 22, 2014.

Tina A. Campbell,

Chief, Division of Policy and Directives Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before October 27, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; fax (703) 358–2281; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358–2104 (telephone); (703) 358–2281 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. 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.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications

Applicant: James Cole, Tyler, TX; PRT–29192B.

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for Broad-snouted caiman (*Caiman latirostris*) and African dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis tetraspis*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Saint Louis Zoo, St. Louis, MO; PRT–677588.

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families and species, to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Family:

Bovidae
Callithricidae
Camelidae
Cebidae
Cercopithecidae
Cervidae
Equidae
Felidae (does not include jaguar, margay, or ocelot)
Hominidae
Hylobatidae
Lemuridae
Rhinocerotidae
Suidae
Tapiridae
Anatidae (does not include Hawaiian goose or Hawaiian duck)
Cathartidae
Gruidae
Threskiornithidae

Species:

Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*)
African wild dog (*Lycaon pictus*)
Applicant: Ryan Blakley, Lubbock, TX; PRT–27473B.

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species, to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Species:

Galapagos giant tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*)
Radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*)
Yellow-spotted side-necked turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*)
Spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*)
Nile crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus*)
Broad-snouted caiman (*Caiman latirostris*)

Dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis*)
Yacare caiman (*Caiman yacare*)
Grand Cayman iguana (*Cyclura lewisi*)
Cayman Brac ground iguana (*Cyclura nubila caymanensis*)
Cuban rock iguana (*Cyclura nubila nubila*)
San Esteban island chuckwalla (*Sauromalus varius*)
Ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*)
Black-and white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata*)
Red ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*)
Cottontop tamarin (*Saguinus oedipus*)

Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: William Farrar; Draper, UT; PRT–43444B

Applicant: Robert Brocchini; Ripon, CA; PRT–43445B

Applicant: Richard Lane; Yankton, SD; PRT–43448B

Applicant: Michael Telich, Baton Rouge, LA; PRT–45388B

Brenda Tapia,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Revision of Agency Information Collection for Reporting Systems for Public Law 102–477 Demonstration Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for approval for the collection of information for the Reporting System for Public Law 102–477 Demonstration Project. The information is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0135, which expires January 31, 2017.