

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following application to conduct activities intended to enhance the survival of endangered or threatened species.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by November 7, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments or requests for copies or more information by any of the following methods. Alternatively, you may use one of the following methods to request hard copies or a CD-ROM of the documents.

- *Email:* permitsR7ES@fws.gov.

Please refer to the respective permit number (e.g., Permit No. TE-778102) in the subject line of the message.

- *U.S. Mail:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 361, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Drew Crane, Endangered Species Coordinator, Ecological Services, (907) 781-3323 (phone); permitsR7ES@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. Along with our implementing regulations at 50 CFR 17, the Act provides for permits and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits for endangered species.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the permittees to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or interstate commerce (the latter only in the event that it facilitates scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival). 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.

Application Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies and the public to comment on the following application. Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with their applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit Application Number TE778102

Applicant: Assistant Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anchorage, AK

The applicant requests renewal of an existing permit to purposefully take (display, photograph, harass by survey, capture, handle, weigh, measure, mark, obtain biological samples, breed in captivity, reintroduce, relocate, remove from the wild, kill, and, for plant species only, remove and reduce to possession) all threatened and endangered species listed in the State of Alaska for recovery or scientific purposes or for the enhancement of propagation or for enhancing the species' survival. This permit will allow Fish and Wildlife Service employees and volunteers to lawfully conduct threatened and endangered species activities, in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range, as outlined in Fish and Wildlife Service employees' and volunteers' position descriptions.

National Environmental Policy Act

The proposed activities in the requested permits qualify as categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act, as provided by Department of the Interior implementing regulations in part 46 of title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (43 CFR 46.205, 46.210, and 46.215).

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to these requests will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in

ADDRESSES.

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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 21, 2016.

Mary Colligan,

Assistant Regional Director, Alaska Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of the Secretary**

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Statement of Findings: Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is publishing this notice in accordance with section 509(f) of the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act, Public Law 111-291 (Settlement Act). Congress enacted the Settlement Act as Title V of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010. The publication of this notice causes the Settlement Agreement entered in accordance with Section 509 of the Settlement Act to become enforceable and causes certain waivers and releases of claims executed pursuant to sections 510 and 511(a) of the Settlement Act to become effective.
DATES: This notice is effective October 7, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Address all comments and requests for additional information to Mr. John E. Peterson II, Chair, Taos Pueblo Water Rights Settlement Implementation Team, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Native American and International Affairs Office, Denver Federal Center, P.O. Box 25007 (86-43200), Denver, Colorado 80225-0007, (303) 445-2122.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Settlement Act was enacted to resolve the water rights claims of Taos Pueblo (Pueblo) on the Rio Pueblo de Taos and Rio Hondo stream systems and interrelated groundwater and tributaries in the State of New Mexico subject to an adjudication in the U.S. District Court (Court) in *State of New Mexico ex rel. State Engineer v. Abeyta and Arellano*, Nos. 69cv07896 BB and 69cv07939 BB

(D.N.M. filed Feb. 4, 1969). The Settlement Parties include the Pueblo; Taos Valley Acequia Association (representing 55 historic community ditches); Town of Taos; El Prado Water and Sanitation District; 12 Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Associations; the State of New Mexico (State); and the United States (Settlement Parties). The non-federal Settlement Parties submitted a signed Settlement Agreement to Congress prior to enactment of the Settlement Act. As described in section 502 of the Settlement Act, the purposes of the Settlement Act are:

- (1) To approve, ratify, and confirm the Settlement Agreement;
- (2) to authorize and direct the Secretary to execute the Settlement Agreement and to perform all obligations of the Secretary under the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement Act; and
- (3) to authorize all actions and appropriations necessary for the United States to meet its obligations under the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement Act.

Statement of Findings

In accordance with section 509(f) of the Settlement Act, I find as follows:

- (1) The President has signed into law the Settlement Act;
- (2) to the extent that the Settlement Agreement conflicted with the Settlement Act, the Settlement Agreement has been revised to conform with the Settlement Act;
- (3) the Settlement Agreement, so revised, including waivers and releases pursuant to section 510 of the Settlement Act, has been executed by the Settlement Parties and the Secretary prior to the Settlement Parties' motion for entry of the Partial Final Decree;
- (4) Congress has fully appropriated all funds made available under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 509(c) of the Settlement Act;
- (5) the State Legislature has fully appropriated the funds for the State contributions as specified in the Settlement Agreement, and those funds have been deposited in appropriate accounts;
- (6) the State has enacted legislation that amends New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) 1978, section 72-6-3 to state that a water use due under a water right secured to the Pueblo under the Settlement Agreement or the Partial Final Decree may be leased for a term, including all renewals, not to exceed 99 years; and
- (7) a Partial Final Decree that sets forth the water rights and contract rights to water to which the Pueblo is entitled

under the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement Act and that substantially conforms to the Settlement Agreement and Attachment 5 of the Settlement Agreement has been approved by the Court and has become final and non-appellable.

Sally Jewell,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Colorado.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado State Office is publishing this notice to inform the public of the intent to officially file the survey plats listed below and afford a proper period of time to protest this action prior to the plat filing. During this time, the plats will be available for review in the BLM Colorado State Office.

DATES: Unless there are protests of this action, the filing of the plats described in this notice will happen on November 7, 2016.

ADDRESSES: BLM Colorado State Office, Cadastral Survey, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215-7093.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Bloom, Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado, (303) 239-3856.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 16 South, Range 72 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on August 26, 2016.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 49 North, Range 9 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on September 8, 2016.

The plat, in 2 sheets, and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 49 North, Range 8 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on September 20, 2016.

The supplemental plat of section 7 in Township 7 South, Range 73 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted on September 27, 2016.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 36 North, Range 7 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on September 28, 2016.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 37 North, Range 7 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on September 28, 2016.

Randy A. Bloom,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Land Use Plan Amendments for Segments 8 and 9 of the Gateway West 500-kV Transmission Line Project, Idaho

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 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Management Framework Plan (MFP) Amendments for the right-of-way (ROW) application for Segments 8 and 9 of the Gateway West 500-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project in Idaho. By this notice the BLM is announcing its availability and the opening of a protest period concerning the proposed RMP/MFP amendments.

DATES: A person who meets the conditions for protesting an RMP/MFP amendment outlined in 43 CFR 1610.5-2 and wishes to file a protest must do so within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.