

Green Diamond Resource's routine forest-related management activities for a period of 29 years should the fisher become federally listed in the future under the ESA. The permit application is associated with a template candidate conservation agreement with assurances (CCAA) previously developed for the conservation of the fisher.

### Background

A CCAA is a voluntary agreement whereby landowners agree to manage their lands to remove or reduce threats to species that may become listed under the ESA (64 FR 32726; June 17, 1999). CCAAs are intended to facilitate the conservation of proposed and candidate species, and species likely to become candidates in the near future by giving non-Federal property owners incentives to implement conservation measures for declining species by providing certainty with regard to land, water, or resource use restrictions that might be imposed should the species later become listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA. In return for managing their lands to the benefit of the covered species, enrolled landowners receive assurances that additional regulatory requirements pertaining to the covered species will not be required if the covered species becomes listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA, so long as the CCAA remains in place and is being fully implemented.

A CCAA serves as the basis for the Service to issue enhancement of survival permits to non-Federal participants pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Application requirements and issuance criteria for permits under CCAAs are found in the Code of Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.22(d) and 17.32(d). The Service developed a template CCAA for the West Coast Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of the fisher in Oregon and a draft EAS for future permit issuance under the finalized template to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). The template CCAA and the EAS were noticed for comment in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 15737; March 24, 2016). The template CCAA and EAS were finalized and signed by the Service on June 20, 2018.

The CCAA template established general guidelines and identified minimum conservation measures for potential participants in the CCAA. Interested participants can voluntarily enroll their property under the CCAA through individual "site plans" that are submitted as part of their permit applications. The permits would authorize incidental take with

assurances to qualifying landowners who carry out conservation measures that would benefit the West Coast DPS of the fisher.

### Proposed Action

Pursuant to the ESA, we have received an application for an enhancement of survival permit from Green Diamond Resource Company under the template CCAA for their lands in Oregon. The requested permit would authorize the incidental take of fisher, should it become federally listed, during Green Diamond Resource's routine forest-related management activities on their properties in Jackson, Klamath, and Lake Counties, Oregon for a period of 29 years, which is the current time remaining under the template CCAA. Approximately 491,544 acres of Green Diamond Resource lands would be covered under the CCAA. The permit application includes a (1) proposed site plan that describes the lands to be covered by the permit and (2) the required conservation measures of the template CCAA.

We are making the permit application package, including the site plan, as well as the draft EAS, available for public review and comment (see **ADDRESSES**). The final template CCAA and prior EAS are also available for reference.

### Public Comments

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. We request data, comments, new information, or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, Tribes, industry, or any other interested party on our proposed Federal action, including adequacy of the site plan in relation to the template CCAA pursuant to the requirements for permits at 50 CFR parts 13 and 17.

### Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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. Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation, will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at our Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

### Authority

We provide this notice in accordance with the requirements of section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and their implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22, and 40 CFR 1506.6, respectively).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R2-ES-2019-N152;  
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### Incidental Take Permit Application To Participate in American Burying Beetle Amended Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan in Oklahoma

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Endangered Species Act, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on a federally listed American burying beetle incidental take permit (ITP) application. The applicant anticipates American burying beetle take as a result of impacts to Oklahoma habitat the species uses for breeding, feeding, and sheltering. The take would be incidental to the applicant's activities associated with oil and gas well field and pipeline infrastructure (gathering, transmission, and distribution), including geophysical exploration (seismic), construction, maintenance, operation, repair, decommissioning, and reclamation. If approved, the permit would be issued under the approved *American Burying Beetle Amended Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan (ICP) Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit Issuance in Oklahoma*.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, we must receive written comments on or before March 21, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain copies of all documents and submit comments on the applicant's ITP application by one of the following methods. Please refer to the proposed permit number when requesting documents or submitting comments.

- *Email:* [fw2\\_hcp\\_permits@fws.gov](mailto:fw2_hcp_permits@fws.gov).
- *U.S. Mail:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species—HCP Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6093, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marty Tuegel, Branch Chief, by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Review Division, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6078, Albuquerque, NM 87103; by telephone at 505-248-6651; or via the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Introduction**

Under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on an incidental take permit (ITP) application to take the federally listed American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) during oil and gas well field infrastructure geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning, as well as oil and gas gathering, transmission, and distribution pipeline infrastructure construction, maintenance, operation, repair, decommissioning, and reclamation in Oklahoma.

If approved, the permit would be issued to the applicant under the *American Burying Beetle Amended Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan (ICP) Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit Issuance in Oklahoma*. The original ICP was approved on May 21, 2014, and the “no significant impact” finding notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 25, 2014 (79 FR 43504). The draft amended ICP was made available for comment on March 8, 2016 (81 FR 12113), and approved on April 13, 2016. The ICP and the associated environmental assessment/finding of no significant impact are available on our website at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/oklahoma/ABBICP>. However, we are no longer taking comments on these finalized, approved documents.

**Application Available for Review and Comment**

We invite local, state, Tribal, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following application

under the ICP for incidentally taking the federally listed American burying beetle. Please refer to the proposed permit number (TE14926D) when requesting application documents and when submitting comments. Documents and other information the applicant submitted are available for review, subject to Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) requirements.

*Permit No. TE14926D*

*Applicant:* DCP Operating Company, LP, Denver, CO

Applicant requests a permit for oil and gas upstream and midstream production, including oil and gas well field infrastructure geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning, as well as oil and gas gathering, transmission, and distribution pipeline infrastructure construction, maintenance, operation, repair, decommissioning, and reclamation in Oklahoma.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the public 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 your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we 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.

**Authority**

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22), and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: November 20, 2018.

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

[Investigation No. TPA-105-003]

**United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement: Likely Impact on the U.S. Economy and on Specific Industry Sectors**

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Change in date for transmittal of Commission report to the President and Congress.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission has changed the date for transmittal of its report to the President and Congress from no later than 105 days after the President entered into the agreement, to no later than 105 days plus an additional 35 days due to the lapse of appropriation between December 22, 2018 and January 25, 2019.

**DATES:** February 11, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Project Leader Serge Shikher (202-205-2393 or [serge.shikher@usitc.gov](mailto:serge.shikher@usitc.gov)) or Co-Project Leader Mihir Torsekar (202-205-3350 or [mihir.torsekar@usitc.gov](mailto:mihir.torsekar@usitc.gov)) for information specific to these investigations. For information on the legal aspects of these investigations, contact William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091 or [william.gearhart@usitc.gov](mailto:william.gearhart@usitc.gov)). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819 or [margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov](mailto:margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov)). Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for these investigations may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission published notice of institution of the above referenced investigation in the **Federal Register** on October 16, 2018 (83 FR 52232, October 16, 2018). In that notice the Commission stated that it would transmit its report to the President and Congress no later than 105 days after the President enters into the agreement. However, due to the lapse in appropriation (December 22, 2018 to January 25, 2019), the Commission will transmit its report to