

- Form 3–2532, *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Geographic Area: Alaska Bat Reporting Form*;
- Form 3–2533, *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Geographic Area: Northwestern Bat Reporting Form*; and
- Form 3–2534, *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Geographic Area: Western Bat Reporting Form*.

Annual reporting of the results subsequent to the activity authorized by the permit is required in most cases (under the authority of section 10(a)(1)(A) and 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA and its implementing regulations at 50 CFR 17). The Service designed the forms to facilitate the electronic reporting specifically for each species. The Service will use the reported data to evaluate the success of the permitted project, formulate further research, and develop and adjust management and recovery plans for the species. The data will also inform 5-year reviews and Species Status Assessments conducted under the ESA.

#### *ePermits Initiative*

The Service's new ePermits initiative is an automated permit application system that will allow the agency to move toward a streamlined permitting process to reduce public burden. Public burden reduction is a priority for the Service; the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; and senior leadership at the Department of the Interior. The intent of the ePermits initiative is to fully automate the permitting process to improve the customer experience and to reduce time burden on respondents. This new system will enhance the user experience by allowing users to enter data from any device that has internet access, including personal computers (PCs), tablets, and smartphones. It will also link the permit applicant to the *Pay.gov* system for payment of associated permit application fees, where applicable.

Upon completion of the new ePermits system, applicants applying for Recovery, Interstate Commerce, Habitat Conservation Plan Incidental Take Permits, Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances, and Safe Harbor Agreements Enhancement of Survival Permits will have the opportunity to apply directly online through a secure, web-based platform.

*Title of Collection:* Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports—Native Endangered and Threatened Species; 50 CFR 10, 13, and 17.

*OMB Control Number:* 1018–0094.  
*Form Numbers:* FWS Forms 3–200–54, 3–200–56, 3–200–59, 3–200–60, 3–202–55a through 3–202–55g, 3–2523

(new), 3–2526 (new), 3–2530 (new), and 3–2532 through 3–2534 (new).

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals; private sector; and State/local/Tribal governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 4,258.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 4,258.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Varies from 30 minutes to 2,080 hours, depending on activity.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 119,949.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion, annually, one time.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* \$54,910 for fees associated with permit applications and amendments.

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 OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: November 30, 2020.

**Madonna Baucum,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R6–ES–2020–N138;  
FXES11130600000–201–FF06E00000]

#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments by January 4, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** *Document availability and comment submission:* Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., TE123456):

- *Email:* [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov).
- *U.S. Mail:* Marjorie Nelson, Chief, Division of Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 134 Union Blvd., Suite 670, Lakewood, CO 80228.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kathy Konishi, Recovery Permits Coordinator, Ecological Services, 303–236–4224 (phone), or [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov) (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

#### **Background**

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. 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.

#### **Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment**

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

Accordingly, we invite local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public to submit written data, view, or

arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most

useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Application number	Applicant	Species	Location	Take activity	Permit action
TE067482-2 .....	Colorado Department of Transportation, Durango, CO.	• Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ).	NE	Pursue for presence/absence surveys, nest monitoring, habitat management.	Renew.
TE059369-3 .....	Colorado Natural Heritage Program, Fort Collins, CO.	• New Mexico meadow jumping mouse ( <i>Zapus hudsonius luteus</i> ).	CO	Pursue, capture, handle, measure, and release for presence/absence surveys.	Renew.
TE81397D-0 .....	University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO.	• <i>Eriogonum pelinophilum</i> (Clay-loving wild buckwheat). • <i>Astragalus osterhoutii</i> (Osterhout milkvetch). • <i>Penstemon penlandii</i> (Pendland beardtongue).	CO	Remove and reduce to possession; seed, fruit collection for genetic studies; voucher sample collection.	New.
TE085324-3 .....	Wyoming Natural Diversity Database, Laramie, WY.	• <i>Penstemon haydenii</i> (Blowout penstemon)	WY	Remove and reduce to possession; seed, fruit collection for genetic studies; voucher sample collection; propagation and seed bank research; habitat restoration and enhancement prior to reintroduction activities.	Amend.
TE053961-2 .....	Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, Omaha, NE.	• Salt Creek tiger beetle ( <i>Cicindela nevadica lincolniiana</i> ). • Wyoming toad ( <i>Anaxyrus baxteri</i> ).	NE, WY	Hold in captivity for captive breeding and propagation; pursue, capture, handle, measure, and release for presence/absence surveys; reintroduction activities.	Amend.
TE35101D-0 .....	Schmueser Gordon Meyer, Inc. (SGM), Glenwood Springs, CO.	• Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ).	CO	Pursue for presence/absence surveys, nest monitoring, habitat management.	New.
PER0001907 .....	Vosburgh, Timothy, Anaconda, MT.	• Black-footed ferret ( <i>Mustela nigripes</i> ) .....	MT	Presence/absence surveys, capture, handle, chip implant, tattoo, measure, vaccinate, and release for reintroduction activities.	New.

### Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative 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 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.

### Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

### Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of

1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

#### Stephen Small,

Assistant Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior Unified Regions 5 and 7.

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Watercraft Inspection Decontamination Regional Data-Sharing for Trailered Boats

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Department of the Interior (Interior), are proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 1, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Mr. Jeffrey Parrillo, Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, by phone 202-208-7072; or by email to [DOI-PRA@ios.doi.gov](mailto:DOI-PRA@ios.doi.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1090-NEW in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Jeffrey Parrillo by email at [DOI-PRA@ios.doi.gov](mailto:DOI-PRA@ios.doi.gov), or by telephone at (202) 208-7072. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 for TTY assistance. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.