

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 5,020 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$437,330.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**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 or threatened species under the ESA. 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 on or before January 26, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Document availability and comment submission:* Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents, as well as any comments, by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., ESXXXXXX; see table in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**):

- *Email (preferred method):* [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov). Please refer to the respective application number (e.g., Application No. ESXXXXXX) in the subject line of your email message.
- *U.S. Mail:* Regional Director, Attn: Nathan Rathbun, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nathan Rathbun, 612-713-5343 (phone); [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov) (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite review and comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies on applications we have received for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. Documents and other information submitted with the

applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

**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**

The ESA requires that we invite the public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, 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. Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE 38087B .....	Jessica Miller, Northfield, OH.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ), and gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ).	AL, AR, CT, DC, DE, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VA, VT, WI, WV, WY.	Conduct presence/absence. surveys, document ..... habitat use, conduct ..... population monitoring, ... and evaluate impacts ....	Capture with mist-nets, handle, identify, radio-tag, band, collect noninvasive measurements, ..... and release .....	Renew and amend.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE 234121 .....	Western Ecosystem Technology, Inc., Cheyenne, WY.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ), Ozark big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i> ), and Virginia big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i> ).	AL, AR, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VA, VT, WI, WV, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts	Capture with mist-nets and harp traps, handle, identify, radio-tag, band, collect noninvasive measurements, and release	Renew and amend.
ES26854C .....	Brenna Hyzy, Minneapolis, MN.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ).	AL, AR, CT, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, ME, MN, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WI, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts	Capture with mist-nets and harp traps, handle, identify, radio-tag, collect noninvasive measurements, and release	Renew.
ES30970B .....	Jefferey Miller, Newnan, GA.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ), Ozark big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i> ), and Virginia big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i> ).	AR, CT, DE, D.C., IA, IL, IN, KY, MA, MD, MI, ME, MN, MO, ND, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SD, TN, VT, VA, WI, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist-nets and harp traps, handle, identify, radio-tag, band, enter hibernacula, collect noninvasive measurements, and release.	Renew.
PER0036813 .....	Adam Benschhoff, Kent, OH.	Roanoke logperch ( <i>Percina rex</i> ); 32 freshwater mussel species.	AL, AR, CT, DC, GA, IA, KS, KY, IL, IN, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, TN, VA, VT, WI, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release, and relocate due to stranding.	New.
TE70488C .....	Scott Bergeson Fort Wayne, IN .....	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ), and gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ).	AL, AR, CT, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, ME, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WI, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist-nets and harp traps, handle, identify, radio-tag, band, enter hibernacula, collect noninvasive measurements, and release.	Renew.
ES64081B .....	Joseph Hoyt, Blacksburg, VA.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ) and northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ).	IL, MI, WI .....	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Enter hibernacula, capture, handle, collect skin swabs.	Renew.
ES40247C .....	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Saint Paul, MN.	Rusty patched bumble bee ( <i>Bombus affinis</i> ).	MN .....	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release	Renew/ Amend.
ES62286A .....	Jason Whittle, Richfield, OH.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ) and northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ).	AL, AR, CN, GA, IL, IN, IA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OK, OH, PA, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist nets, harp trap, handle, radio-tag, band, collect non-invasive measurements, collect biological samples and release.	Renew.
ES02651A .....	Ohio Department of Transportation, Columbus, OH.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ), American burying beetle ( <i>Nicrophorus americanus</i> ).	OH .....	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, radio-tag, release.	Renew.
ES38793A .....	Kenneth Mierzwa, Eureka, CA.	Hine's emerald dragonfly ( <i>Somatochlora hineana</i> ).	AL, IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, release, collect exuviae.	Renew.

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ES151107 .....	Resource Environmental Solutions, Louisville, KY.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ), Ozark big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i> ), and Virginia big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i> ).	AL, AR, CN, DE, GA, IL, IN, IA, KY, MD, MA, MS, MI, MO, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OK, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist nets, harp trap, handle, radio-tag, band, enter hibernacula, collect non-intrusive measurements, collect biological samples and release.	Renew.

### Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative 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 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. Moreover, 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.*).

### Lori Nordstrom,

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Geological Survey

[GX23LR000F60100; OMB Control Number 1028-0059/Renewal]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

**AGENCY:** Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to renew an Information Collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 26, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov); or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-0059 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Elizabeth S. Sangine by email at [escottsangine@usgs.gov](mailto:escottsangine@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 703-648-7720. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make

international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the PRA, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provides the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on October 18, 2022, 87 FR 63085. We did not receive any public comments in response to that notice.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comments addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the USGS minerals information mission; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the USGS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the USGS minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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 (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review,