

**Subordination Agreements**

Usually, mortgages do not affect easement transactions. If the mortgage holder needs to consent to the easement, we will ask the mortgage holder for a signed statement known as a subordination agreement, which subordinates the rights of the mortgage to those of the easement. Payment of easements where there is a mortgage or contract for deed is dependent on the mortgage holder or the contract seller and the terms of the landowner's agreement with them. They may require that all or part of the money be applied to the mortgage or contract balance, or they may allow the entire payment to go to the landowner.

**Requests for Approval—Other Improvements**

Existing farm sites and other permanent structures are excluded from grassland easements. Planning for future improvements or expansions of existing farm sites or structures is important and should be considered at the time the easement is executed, when practical. Requests for improvements may be allowed and will require prior Service

approval. To avoid easement violations, landowners must contact their local Service representative before manipulating permanent vegetative cover on easement lands.

**Requests for Approval—Mowing Before July 15th**

Mowing before July 15 to control weeds is prohibited without prior written approval by the Service.

**Notification Requirement—Sale or Transfer of Lands**

Easements, and the associated covenants and agreements, run with the land and are binding on all persons and entities who come into ownership or possession of the lands subject to the easement. The landowner must notify the Regional Director in writing of any sale or transfer at least 30 days following the sale or transfer of any portion of the lands subject to this easement.

**Recordkeeping Requirements**

Landowners may be required to maintain and/or furnish documentation such as records of ownership, sales, property characteristics, and

corresponding assessed values of record, upon request, as part of the application process or associated information collections.

**Non-Hour Cost Burdens on Landowners**

Landowners are responsible for the management of and costs associated with noxious weed and pest control, and must also pay any fees associated with subordination agreements. They may file a claim for reimbursement from the Government.

*Title of Collection:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Grassland Easements.  
*OMB Control Number:* 1018-New.

*Form Number:* None.  
*Type of Review:* New information collection in use without OMB approval.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals/households and private sector.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* \$2,100,000 (associated with noxious and pest control requirements).

Requirement	Average number of annual respondents	Average number of responses each	Average number of annual responses	Average completion time per response	Estimated annual burden hours
<i>Application Process:</i>					
Individuals .....	525	1	525	2	1,050
Private Sector .....	525	1	525	4	2,100
<i>Correction of Title Defects:</i>					
Individuals .....	525	1	525	3	1,575
Private Sector .....	525	1	525	5	2,625
<i>Subordination Agreements:</i>					
Individuals .....	500	1	500	2	1,000
Private Sector .....	500	1	500	5	2,500
<i>Request for Approval—Other Improvements:</i>					
Individuals .....	175	1	175	3	525
Private Sector .....	200	1	200	2	400
<i>Request for Approval—Mowing Before July 15th:</i>					
Individuals .....	50	1	50	1	50
Private Sector .....	50	1	50	1	50
<i>Notification Requirement—Sale or Transfer of Lands:</i>					
Individuals .....	20	1	20	2	40
Private Sector .....	20	1	20	2	40
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>3,615</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>3,615</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>11,955</b>

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.*).

**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-R1-ES-2023-N018; FXES11130100000-234-FF01E00000]**

**Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Application**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received an application for a permit to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation and survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on this application. Before issuing the requested permit, 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 April 19, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Document availability and comment submission:* Submit a request for a copy of the application and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name and application number (*i.e.*, Zoological Society of San Diego, ES060179):

- *Email:* [permitsR1ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR1ES@fws.gov).
- *U.S. Mail:* Marilet Zablan, Regional Program Manager, Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Karen Colson, Acting Regional Recovery Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (208) 685-6956 (telephone); [permitsR1ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR1ES@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 the public to comment on an application for a permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permit would allow the applicant to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered under the ESA.

**Background**

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA's definition of "take" includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting, in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 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 request 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 this permit. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to this application. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Application No.	Applicant, city, state	Species	Location	Take activity	Permit action
ES060179 .....	Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA.	ʻĀkohekohe ( <i>Palmeria dolei</i> ), Maui Parrotbill/Kiwikiu ( <i>Pseudonestor xanthophrys</i> ), Akikiki ( <i>Oreomystis bardi</i> ).	Hawaii .....	Increase in the number of individuals taken from the wild for captive holding and breeding.	Amend.

**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. 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 a permit to the applicant 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.*).

**Marilet A. Zablan,**

*Regional Program Manager for Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Pacific Region.*

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**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Experimental Populations**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service