

Manual. A “low-effect” incidental take permit is one that would result in (1) minor or negligible effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) nonsignificant effects on the human environment; and (3) impacts that, when added together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonable foreseeable actions, would not result in significant cumulative effects to the human environment.

**Next Steps**

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments to determine whether to issue the requested ITP. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the preceding and other matters, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue ITP number PER 0124344 to Lake County.

**Authority**

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508 and 43 CFR 46).

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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 May 30, 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 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
PER1896698 .....	Caleb Knerr, Jefferson City, MO.	Eleven species of freshwater mussels.	AR, IA, IL, KS, KY, MO, NE, OK, TN.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release, and relocate due to stranding.	New.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
PER2362555 .....	Daniel Symonds, Orient, OH.	Twenty-two species of freshwater mussels.	AL, AR, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MI, MO, MN, MS, NE, NY, NC, OK, OH, PA, TN, VA, VT, WV, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release, collect tissue samples, and relocate due to stranding.	New.
PER0009122 .....	Emily Grossman, O'Fallon, MO.	Add new species:—round hickorynut ( <i>Obovaria subrotunda</i> ) and longsolid ( <i>Fusconaia subrotunda</i> )—to existing authorized 22 species of freshwater mussels.	AR, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, NE, NY, NC, OK, OH, PA, SD, WV, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release, and relocate due to stranding.	Amend.
ES194099 .....	Michael Hoggarth, Galena, OH.	Add new species:—round hickorynut ( <i>Obovaria subrotunda</i> ) and longsolid ( <i>Fusconaia subrotunda</i> )—to existing 30 authorized of freshwater mussels.	IN, KY, MI, NY, OH, PA, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release, and relocate.	Amend.
PER2372507 .....	Matthew Gilkay, Kent, OH.	Twelve species of freshwater mussels.	IA, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, WV, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release, and relocate due to stranding.	New.
ES38821A .....	Stantec Consulting Services, Louisville, KY.	Add new species:—round hickorynut ( <i>Obovaria subrotunda</i> ), longsolid ( <i>Fusconaia subrotunda</i> ), and Cumberland darter ( <i>Etheostoma susanae</i> )—to existing authorized species: 41 freshwater mussel species, 6 freshwater fish species, 5 bat species, copperbelly water snake ( <i>Nerodia erythrogaster neglecta</i> ), and Big Sandy River crayfish ( <i>Cambarus callianus</i> ).	AL, AR, CO, CT, DE, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OK, OH, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, tag, radio track, release, relocate due to stranding.	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. 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.*).

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Public Land Order No. 7921; Withdrawal of Public Land for Satellite Calibration in Railroad Valley; Nye County, Nevada**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public Land Order.

**SUMMARY:** This Public Land Order (PLO) withdraws 22,684.07 acres of public lands within the Railroad Valley (RRV) area, Nye County, Nevada, from

settlement, sale, location, or entry under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, and disposal of mineral materials under the Materials Act of 1947, subject to valid existing rights, for a period of 20 years, and reserves them for National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) satellite calibration activities. Jurisdiction over the public lands remains with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

**DATES:** This PLO takes effect on April 27, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edison Garcia, Land Law Examiner, BLM, by telephone at (775) 861-6530; by email: [edisongarcia@blm.gov](mailto:edisongarcia@blm.gov), during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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 for contacting Mr. Garcia. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-