

recipient's line of credit. The reports are used to monitor cash transfers to the recipients and obtain expenditure data from the recipients. (2 CFR 200.327)

The regulations at 24 CFR part 200 require that grantees and sub-grantees take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. Consistent with these regulations, 24 CFR 1003.506(b) requires that ICDBG

grantees report on these activities on an annual basis, with Contract and Subcontract Activity Report being due to HUD on October 10 of each year (HUD-2516).

The regulations at 24 CFR 1003.506 instruct recipients to submit to HUD an Annual Status and Evaluation Report (ASER) that describes the progress made in completing approved activities with a listing of work to be completed; a breakdown of funds expended; and

when the project is completed, a program evaluation expressing the effectiveness of the project in meeting community development needs. The ASER is due by November 15 each year and at grant closeout. The information collected will allow HUD to accurately audit the program.

*Respondents:* Federally recognized Native American Tribes, Alaska Native communities and corporations, and tribal organizations.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS, RESPONSES, AND BURDEN HOURS PER ANNUM

Type of submission	Number of respondents	Frequency of submissions	Total responses	Estimate average time (hours)	Estimate annual burden (hours)	Hourly rate *	Total annual cost
Federal Financial Report (SF-425) .....	240	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contract and Subcontract Activity Report (HUD-2516) .....	240	1	240	0.5	120	\$43.55	\$5,226
Annual Status and Evaluation Report (ASER) ..	240	1.25	300	4	1,200	43.55	52,260
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>720</b>	.....	<b>1,500</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1,320</b>	.....	<b>57,486</b>

**B. Solicitation of Public Comment**

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

**C. Authority**

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

**Sylvia Whitlock,**

*Acting Director, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives.*

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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 scientific research to promote conservation or other activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened 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 on or before November 20, 2024.

**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 ESA 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 Number	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
ES809630 .....	Allen Kurta, Ypsilanti, MI.	Add new species—tricolored bat ( <i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> )—to existing authorized species: Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ) and northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ).	IL, IN, MI, OH .....	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist nets or harp traps, identify, handle, collect non-intrusive measurements, band, radio tag, enter hibernacula, and release.	Renew and amend.
ESPER0009122 .....	Emily Grossman, O'Fallon, MO.	Add new species—western fanshell ( <i>Cyprogenia aberti</i> ) and Ouachita fanshell ( <i>Cyprogenia sp. cf. aberti</i> ) to the list of 21 freshwater mussel species.	AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NY, OH, OK, PA, SD, WI, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, identify, handle, collect non-intrusive measurements, tag, and relocate in special circumstances.	Amend.
ES64081B .....	Joseph Hoyt, Blacksburg, VI.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ) and northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	IL, MI, NY, WI .....	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Add harp trapping to mist netting, pit tagging, capture, handle, enter hibernacula, bio sample and release.	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.*).

**Lori Nordstrom,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Service, Midwest Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Eastern Indigo Snake; Decatur County, GA; Categorical Exclusion**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments and information.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Tri-State II Solar Project, LLC (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed threatened eastern indigo snake incidental to the construction and operation of a solar facility in Decatur