

Authority: Section 1868 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ee); 5 U.S.C. App. 2; and 45 CFR part 11.
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Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a list of information collection requests under OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Evaluation of High-Risk Youth Substance Abuse Prevention

Initiatives—0930-0178 (Extension, no change)—The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is conducting a cross-site evaluation of 47 demonstration projects targeting high-risk youth to assess the effectiveness of the demonstration program in: (1) preventing and/or reducing substance abuse among at-risk youth; and (2) intervention strategies for reducing selected risk factors and enhancing protective factors. Youth participating in the programs and comparison group youth complete self-administered questionnaires at four points in time: baseline; at program exit; 6 months after program exit; and 18 months after program exit. The project annual burden estimate, annualized over the 5-year project period, is shown below:

	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Average burden/response (hours)	Annualized burden hours
Youth Questionnaires *	11,100	4	.64	4,522
Tracking Form	11,100	1	.05	111
Total				4,633

* Burden estimate based on an average of 45 minutes for baseline and exit questionnaires and 30 minutes for each follow-up questionnaire. Annualized estimates reflect actual attrition rates.

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Daniel Chenok, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: November 3, 1998.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Management of Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge in Collier County, Florida, and Notice of Meeting To Seek Public Comments

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, has made available

for public review a draft comprehensive conservation plan for the management of a national wildlife refuge in Collier County, Florida, and plans to hold a public meeting in the vicinity of the refuge to solicit public comments on the draft plan. A copy of the plan is available at local libraries in Collier and Lee counties, Florida. A copy may also be obtained by contacting the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office in Atlanta, Georgia, at the address given below.

DATES: The Service will hold a public meeting on December 5, 1998, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Fish and Wildlife Service office located in the Comfort Inn, 3860 Tollgate Boulevard, Naples, Florida 34114. In addition, written comments on the draft plan should be sent no later than December 21, 1998, to the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Charles R. Danner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Regional Office, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Telephone 1-800-419-9582).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The refuge covers approximately 26,400 acres and lies within the Big Cypress Swamp physiographic region of Florida. The plan presents three alternatives for the protection and management of the refuge including a "no action" alternative. The refuge's mission is to

conserve and manage lands and waters in concert with other agency land efforts within the Big Cypress Watershed, primarily for the Florida panther, other endangered and threatened species, natural diversity, and cultural resources for the benefit of the American people.

Dated: November 4, 1998.

Sam D. Hamilton,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit No. TE 003208-0

Applicant: Frances Prevost, Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Applicant requests authorization to purchase in interstate commerce masked bobwhites (*Colinus virginianus*)

ridgwayi) to conduct captive propagation activities.

Permit No. PRT-830213

Applicant: EcoPlan Associates, Inc., Mesa, Arizona

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in Arizona.

Permit No. PRT-813088

Applicant: Bureau of Land Management, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to sample, identify, measure, and immediately release unharmed Comanche Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon elegans*), and Pecos gambusia (*Gambusia nobilis*) in various sites on the Rio Grande River, and on the Rio Grande River Drainage, Phantom Lake Spring Refugium near Balmorhea, Texas.

Permit No. TE004131-0

Applicant: Steiner C. Kierce, Castroville, Texas

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following endangered and threatened species in south Texas from I-10 to San Antonio, Texas, to Ozona, Texas, south on the Rio Grande River to the Gulf of Mexico:

Mammals—

jaguarundi (*Felis yagouaroundi*)
ocelot (*Felis pardalis*)

Birds—

interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*)
black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*)
golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*)

Amphibian—

Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*)

Plants—

South Texas ambrosia (*Ambrosia cheiranthifolia*)
Tobusch fishhook cactus (*Ancistrocactus (=Echinocactus mamillaria) tobuschii*)
Texas ayenia (*Ayenia limitaris*)
black lace cactus (*Echinocereus reichenbachii* var. *albertii* (= *E. melanocentrus*)
Johnston's frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*)
slender rush-pea (*Hoffmannseggia tenella*)
Walker's manioc (*Manihot walkerae*)
Navasota ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*)
Texas snowbells (*Styrax texanus*)

ashy dogweed (*Thymophylla (=Dyssodia) tephroleuca*)
star cactus (*Astrophytum (=Echinocactus) asterias*)

Permit No. TE-004401-0

Applicant: Robert J. Schmalzel, Oracle, Arizona

Applicant request authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to collect 5 plants of the Nichol's Turk's Head cactus (*Echinocactus horizonthalonius* var. *nicholii* L. Benson) from the Tohono O'odham Nation with written permission.

Permit No. TE-004439-0

Applicant: Albuquerque Biological Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Applicant request authorization to obtain and hold Loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*), green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's ridley sea turtles (*Lepidochelys kempi*), and Hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), for public display and educational purposes.

Permit No. TE-004472-0

Applicant: James R. Dixon, Bryan, Texas

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to collect a blood sample, mark (by pit tag, toe clip, or cold brand), weigh, measure and release unharmed back into the wild the following endangered and threatened amphibians and reptiles: Barton Springs salamander (*Eurycea sosorum*), San Marcos salamander (*Eurycea nana*), Texas blind salamander (*Typhlomolge rathbuni*), Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*), American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*), American crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*), and the Concho water snake (*Nerodia harteri paucimaculata*).

Permit No. TE-004510-0

Applicant: William D. Boyett, Greenville, Wisconsin

Applicant request authorization for research and recovery purposes to live-trap, mark, and immediately release unharmed unlimited numbers of Hualapai Mexican vole (*Microtus mexicanus hualapaiensis*) in the Hualapai Mountains in northwest Arizona.

Permit No. TE-TE004573-0

Applicant: Raven Ecological Services, Huntsville, Texas

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis*), black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*), and golden-cheeked

warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), and Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*).

Permit No. TE-004654-0

Applicant: Dennis J. Abbate, Tucson, Arizona

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in Pima, Pinal, and Maricopa Counties, Arizona.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before December 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, to the address above.

Steven M. Chambers,

ARD-Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Fall 1999 field trip and meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The focus of the field trip and meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**