

the existing equipment fleet, replacing obsolete equipment as needed. There would be three additional portable toilets positioned along the road system. Finally, we would install three pumps and would add farm and fire management equipment, such as a corn planter, all-terrain vehicles, and a pumper truck.

#### Next Step

After the comment period ends, we will analyze the comments and address them.

#### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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 ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105-57.

Dated: March 16, 2009.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before June 1, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species Program Manager, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825 (*telephone:* 916-414-6464; *fax:* 916-414-6486). 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:** Daniel Marquez, Fish and Wildlife Biologist; *see ADDRESSES* (*telephone:* 760-431-9440; *fax:* 760-431-9624).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). We seek review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public on the following permit requests. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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 ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### Permit No. TE-208907

*Applicant:* Thomas Juhasz, Pasadena, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

#### Permit No. TE-147553

*Applicant:* Jeffrey J. Mitchell, San Francisco, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit (April 9, 2007, 72 FR 17576) to take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the

San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

#### Permit No. TE-210233

*Applicant:* Leslie L. Koenig, Livermore, California.

The permittee requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

#### Permit No. TE-210229

*Applicant:* Katherine J. Pettigrew, Santee, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species within the jurisdiction of the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, in California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

#### Permit No. TE-210235

*Applicant:* Matthew McDonald, Idylwild, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species within the jurisdiction of the San Jacinto Ranger District of the San Bernardino National Forest, Riverside County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

#### Permit No. TE-807078

*Applicant:* Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Petaluma, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to an existing permit (January 5, 2001, 66 FR 1150), in order to extend the geographic area and take (survey, locate, monitor nests, capture, measure, band, and release) the California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*) in conjunction with monitoring throughout the range of the species in Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties, California, and to extend the geographic area and take (capture, measure, band and release) the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) in conjunction with monitoring throughout the range of the species in Sonoma, Mendocino, and Lake

Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-146039**

*Applicant:* Hildegard N. Spautz, El Ceritto, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit (April 9, 2007, 72 FR 17576) to take (harass by survey, capture, handle and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. TE-211099**

*Applicant:* Kenneth A. Glass, Oakhurst, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**Permit No. TE-212445**

*Applicant:* Robert A. Schell, San Rafael, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle and release) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*); and take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

We invite public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Dated: April 22, 2009.

**Diane Elam,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 8, Sacramento, California.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Lincoln County Land Act Groundwater Development and Utility Right-of-Way Project, Nevada**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior; Cooperating Agencies—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior; State of Nevada Department of Wildlife.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) that analyzes proposed rights-of-way for groundwater development, conveyance, and utility facilities in Lincoln County, Nevada. This notice announces its availability.

**DATES:** The BLM will not issue a final decision on the Lincoln County Land Act (LCLA) Groundwater Development and Utility Right-of-Way Project for a minimum of 30 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the FEIS will be mailed to individuals, agencies, organizations, or companies who previously requested copies or who responded to the BLM on the Draft EIS. Copies of the FEIS are available on request from the BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520, phone 775-861-6681 or e-mail to: [nvgwprojects@blm.gov](mailto:nvgwprojects@blm.gov). You may request a hard copy or a compact disc (CD). The document will be available electronically at: <http://www.blm.gov/nv/>. Copies of the FEIS will be available for review at the following locations in Nevada:

- BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502.
- BLM Ely Field Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, NV 89301.
- Public Library, Caliente, NV 89008.
- Public Library, 93 Main Street, Pioche, NV 89043.
- Public Library, 121 W. First North Street, Mesquite, NV 89027.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Penny Woods, BLM Project Manager, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520, telephone 775-861-6466, or e-mail: [nvgwprojects@blm.gov](mailto:nvgwprojects@blm.gov) with "Lincoln

County Land Act Information Request" in the subject line.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS describes and analyzes a proposal for groundwater development and utility rights-of-way in the Clover Valley and Tule Desert hydrographic basins as submitted by the Lincoln County Water District (LCWD). The FEIS addresses the proposal as submitted by LCWD; an alternative alignment of pipelines, power lines and facilities; and a no action alternative. Under the proposed action, BLM would issue rights-of-way to LCWD for facilities to develop and convey groundwater in Tule Desert and Clover Valley hydrographic basins to private land for community development on the Lincoln County Land Act tract (identified as the Toquop Planning Area in the Lincoln County Master Plan) north of Mesquite, Nevada. The volume of water to be transported through the proposed facilities could be up to 24,000 acre-feet per year, as authorized by the State of Nevada Water Engineer for appropriation and use by LCWD.

LCWD has applied to the BLM for rights-of-way in accordance with the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004, Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and 43 CFR Part 2800 for the following features: the proposed project would be located in unincorporated portions of southeastern Lincoln County, Nevada, and consist of approximately 47 miles of a main transmission pipeline; approximately 54 miles of lateral pipelines; up to 30 production wells; water storage tanks, booster stations, and access roads; 138 kV, 22.8 kV, and 4.16 kV power lines and a power substation; a natural gas pipeline; underground telephone lines; and a telemetry system utilizing a fiber optic line.

On May 23, 2008, the BLM published the Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS for this project in the **Federal Register**. Nineteen comments were received from individuals, organizations, agencies, and a Native American tribe. Specific comment responses are provided in the FEIS, and issues and concerns raised during the review are addressed in the FEIS.

**Authority:** 43 CFR Part 2800.

**John F. Ruhs,**

*Ely District Manager.*

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