

V. Marketing, Outreach and Capacity Building Plan

Marketing, outreach and building the capacity of participants implementing the pilot will play an important role in the success of the pilot. In the past, HUD has used conference calls, written communications, the Internet, question and answer sessions and roundtables to expand operations and communicate guidance to its partners. HUD expects to augment these efforts with additional training and capacity building toolkits, especially in the areas of revenues for housing counseling, post-purchase housing counseling content, and marketing the program by real estate professionals. With this notice, HUD solicits comments and suggestions on the methods HUD should use to promote marketing, outreach and capacity building.

VI. Environmental Review

This notice does not direct, provide for assistance or loans and mortgage insurance for, or otherwise govern or regulate, real property acquisition, disposition, leasing, rehabilitation, alteration, demolition, or new construction, or establish, revise or provide for standards for construction or construction materials, manufactured housing, or occupancy. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(1), this notice is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

Dated: May 9, 2014.

Carol J. Galante,

Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R2–ES–2013–N069;
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Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications; request for public 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 or threatened species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits activities with

endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activities. Both the Act and the National Environmental Policy Act require that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before June 16, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Wendy Brown, Chief, Recovery and Restoration Branch, by U.S. mail at Division of Classification and Recovery, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103; or by telephone at 505–248–6920. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Jacobsen, Chief, Division of Classification and Restoration, by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103; or by telephone at 505–248–6665.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Availability of Comments

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activities. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17, the Act provides for permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes applicants to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of survival or propagation, or interstate commerce. Our regulations regarding implementation of section 10(a)(1)(A) 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.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the appropriate permit number (e.g., Permit No. TE–123456) when requesting application documents and when submitting comments.

Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit TE–053083

Applicant: Julie Kutz, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within New Mexico.

Permit TE–30430B

Applicant: University of Houston—Clear Lake, Houston, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*) and collect leaf clippings of Texas wild-rice (*Zizania texana*) within Texas.

Permit TE–71870A

Applicant: Western Area Power Administration, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) within California and Nevada.

Permit TE–060125

Applicant: Salt River Project, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*), and Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis*) within Arizona.

Permit TE–071287

Applicant: Bruce Christman, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a renewal to an expired permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of Jemez Mountains salamander (*Plethodon neomexicanus*) within New Mexico.

Permit TE–037155

Applicant: Bio-West, Inc., Round Rock, Texas.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of the following species in various States, including California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah (where appropriate):

- Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*).

- Comal Springs dryopid beetle (*Stygoparnus comalensis*).
- Comal Springs riffle beetle (*Heterelmis comalensis*).
- Fountain darter (*Etheostoma fonticola*).
- Peck's Cave amphipod (*Stygobromus pecki*).
- Razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*).
- Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*).
- San Marcos gambusia (*Gambusia georgei*).
- San Marcos salamander (*Eurycea nana*).
- Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*).

Permit TE-830213

Applicant: EcoPlan Associates, Inc., Mesa, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) within California and Nevada.

Permit TE-798998

Applicant: Horizon Environmental Services, Inc., Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of the following species within Texas:

- Bee Creek Cave harvestman (*Texella reddeni*).
- Black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*).
- Bone Cave harvestman (*Texella reyesi*).
- Braken Bat Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina venii*).
- Coffin Cave mold beetle (*Batrises texanus*).
- Cokendolpher Cave harvestman (*Texella cokendolpheri*).
- Golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*).
- Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina vespera*).
- Government Canyon Bat Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta microps*).
- Ground beetle (Unnamed) (*Rhadine exilis*).
- Ground beetle (Unnamed) (*Rhadine infernalis*).
- Helotes mold beetle (*Batrises venyivi*).
- Interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*).
- Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle (*Texamaurops reddeni*).
- Madla Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina madla*).

- Robber Baron Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina baronia*).
- Tooth Cave ground beetle (*Rhadine persephone*).
- Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (*Tartarocreagris texana*).
- Tooth Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta (=Leptoneta) myopica*).

Permit TE-084473

Applicant: Pueblo of Santa Ana, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within New Mexico.

Permit TE-819541

Applicant: Ecosystems Management, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of the following species within New Mexico and Arizona:

- Black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*).
- Interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*).
- Northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis*).
- Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*).

Permit TE-37047A

Applicant: Sea World San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct husbandry and holding of green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) within the facility in Texas.

Permit TE-022329

Applicant: Mike Warton and Associates, Cedar Park, Texas.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of the following species within Texas.

- Bee Creek Cave harvestman (*Texella reddeni*).
- Bone Cave harvestman (*Texella reyesi*).
- Braken Bat Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina venii*).
- Coffin Cave mold beetle (*Batrises texanus*).
- Cokendolpher Cave harvestman (*Texella cokendolpheri*).
- Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina vespera*).
- Government Canyon Bat Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta microps*).
- Ground beetle (*Rhadine exilis*).

- Ground beetle (Unnamed) (*Rhadine infernalis*).
- Helotes mold beetle (*Batrises venyivi*).
- Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle (*Texamaurops reddeni*).
- Madla Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina madla*).
- Robber Baron Cave meshweaver (*Cicurina baronia*).
- Tooth Cave ground beetle (*Rhadine persephone*).
- Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (*Tartarocreagris texana*).
- Tooth Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta (=Leptoneta) myopica*).

Permit TE-33889B

Applicant: Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of diminutive amphipod (*Gammarus hyalleloides*) and Noel's amphipod (*Gammarus desperatus*) within New Mexico and Texas.

Permit TE-30425B

Applicant: David Hagyard, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Oklahoma and Arkansas.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

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 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

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: May 1, 2014.

Benjamin N. Tuggle,

Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS–R5–R–2013–N267; BAC–4311–K9–S3]

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuge, Accomack County, Virginia; Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a draft comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and environmental impact statement (EIS) for Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and Wallops Island NWR for public review and comment. In this single draft CCP/EIS, we describe how we propose to manage both the staffed 14,032-acre Chincoteague NWR and the unstaffed 373-acre Wallops Island NWR over the next 15 years.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments by July 14, 2014. We will hold a public meeting and an open house-style meeting during the comment period to receive comments and provide information on the draft plan. In addition, we will use special mailings, newspaper articles, internet postings, and other media announcements to inform people of opportunities for input.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments or requests for more information by any one of the following methods:

- *Email:* northeastplanning@fws.gov. Include “Chincoteague Draft CCP/EIS” in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* Attention: Thomas Bonetti, Refuge Planner, 413–253–8468.
- *U.S. Mail:* Attention: Thomas Bonetti, Refuge Planner, USFWS, Northeast Regional Office, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035.
- *In-Person Drop Off:* You may drop off comments during regular business hours at the refuge headquarters, 8231

Beach Road, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336.

You will find the draft CCP/EIS, as well as information about the planning process and a summary of the CCP, on the planning Web site: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/planning/Chincoteague/ccphome.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Bonetti, Planning Team Leader, 413–253–8307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Introduction**

With this notice, we continue the CCP process for Chincoteague NWR and Wallops Island NWR, which we began by publishing a notice of intent in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 57056) on September 17, 2010. For more about the initial process and the history of this refuge, see that notice.

Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Administration Act), requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS), consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Each unit of the NWRS was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the NWRS mission, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each refuge’s establishing purposes and the mission of the NWRS.

Additional Information

The draft CCP/EIS, which includes detailed information about the planning process, refuge, issues, and management alternatives considered and proposed, may be found at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/planning/Chincoteague/ccphome.html>. There are three alternative refuge management options considered in the EIS. The Service’s preferred alternative is reflected in the draft CCP/EIS.

The alternatives analyzed in detail include:

- **Alternative A: Current Management (No Action):** Alternative A is the status quo and current management alternative as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. This alternative, referred to as our “No Action” alternative, continues current management strategies as established by the Chincoteague NWR Master Plan approved in 1992, and serves as a baseline for comparing alternatives B and C.
- **Alternative B** would continue established habitat and wildlife management strategies but focus them in light of the new goals and vision established by the CCP. This alternative balances habitat management, public use and access, and administration of the refuge. Alternative B is our preferred alternative.
- **Alternative C** would direct staffing and funding towards maximizing habitat and wildlife management strategies. As a result of prioritizing habitat and wildlife management, public use activities and access may be reduced.

Public Involvement

We will give the public an opportunity to provide input at a public meeting. You can obtain the schedule from the address or Web site listed in this notice (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also submit comments anytime during the comment period.

Public Availability of Comments

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