DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications; 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-19805

Applicant: Angela M.D. Barclay, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum) in Arizona.

Permit No. TE-800052

Applicant: Southern Nevada Environmental Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum) in various counties in Arizona.

Permit No. TE-819451

Applicant: Travis County Transportation & Natural Resources, Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following karst invertebrates in Texas:
- Tooth Cave spider (Neoleptoneta myopica)
- Bee Creek Cave harveaster (Tecella reddelli)
- Bone Cave harveaster (Tecella reyesi)
- Tooth Cave ground beetle (Rhadinoporus persephone)
- Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle (Texamaurops reddelli)
- Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (Tartaroecagris texana)

Permit No. TE-819451

Applicant: Janine Spencer, Prescott, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum), southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus), and Yuma clapper rail (Rallus longirostris yumanensis) in Arizona.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before January 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, PO 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: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, PO 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.

Richard Kopanda,
Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16–105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: December 8, 1999.

Richard Kopanda,
Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for Incidental Take Permit for Houston Toad During Construction of a Single Family Residence on 0.5 Acre of the 6.517-acre Lot 7 in the Overlook Subdivision in Bastrop County, Texas

SUMMARY: Tamera Smith (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE–020079–0. The requested permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad (Bufo houstonensis). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction of a single family residence on Lot 7 of the...
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Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for Incidental Take Permit for Houston Toad (Bufo houstonensis) During Construction of a Single Family Residence on 5.068 Acres on Lot 13 in the Circle D Country Estates Subdivision in Bastrop County, Texas

SUMMARY: Shelby Gregory (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE-020080-0.

The requested permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad (Bufo houstonensis). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction of a single family residence on Lot 3 of the Circle D Country Estates Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before January 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP should submit a request to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Austin, Texas at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-020080-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tannika Engelhard at the above Austin Ecological Services Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the “taking” of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Applicant

Shelby Gregory plans to construct a single family residence on 5.068 acres platted as Lot 13 in the Circle D Country Estates Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate less than one acre of habitat. The applicant proposes to mitigate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by donating $1,500 into the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat, as identified by the Service.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible and alteration of the project design would not alter the level of impacts.

Thomas L. Bauer,
Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for Incidental Take Permit During Construction of a Single Family Residence on 0.75 acres of the 3.88 Acres on Lot 14, Westcliff Subdivision, 8004 Two Coves Drive, Austin, Texas

SUMMARY: David Anderson (Applicant) has applied for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Austin, Texas at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-020080-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Rowin at the above Austin Ecological Services Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the “taking” of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Applicant

David Anderson (Applicant) proposes to mitigate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by donating $1,500 into the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat, as identified by the Service.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible and alteration of the project design would not alter the level of impacts.

Thomas L. Bauer,
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