and wildlife practices benefiting migratory species and other wildlife would not be expanded or changed. The staff would perform limited, issue-driven research and only monitor long-term vegetation change. No new species management would be initiated, including black-tailed prairie dogs. No new funding or staff levels would occur, and programs would follow the same direction, emphasis, and intensity as they do at present. The staff would continue to manage the WMD through monitoring and enforcing easements.

Alternative B—Integrated Restoration (Proposed Action): This alternative is the proposed action for the Refuge and WMD Draft CCP/EA. Through an integrated restoration approach, the Refuge would strive to restore ecological processes and achieve habitat conditions that require reduced management over time while recognizing the place of the Refuge in the overall landscape and community. An emphasis on monitoring the effects of habitat management practices and use of the research results to direct ongoing restoration would be a priority. Current levels of priority public uses and activity would increase. New species management would be initiated for black-tailed prairie dogs to facilitate prairie restoration efforts and reduce damage to adjacent private lands. The staff would continue to manage the WMD through monitoring and enforcement of easements.

Alternative C—Comprehensive Grassland Restoration: Under this alternative, the Refuge staff would focus management on restoration of grassland habitat and its associated species. Current levels of priority wildlife-dependent public uses would increase with educational priorities placed on habitat restoration. Research activities would focus on management practices on targeted grassland species. No new species management would be initiated, including black-tailed prairie dogs. The staff would continue to manage the WMD through monitoring and enforcement of easements.

The review and comment period is 30 calendar days commencing with publication of this Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. After the review and comment period for this Draft CCP/EA, all comments will be analyzed and considered by the Service. All comments received from individuals on the Draft CCP/EA become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with Freedom of Information Act and other Service and Departmental policies and procedures.

Dated: November 28, 2005.

Ralph O. Morgenweck,
Regional Director, Region 6, Denver, CO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Application of Endangered Species Recovery Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: We announce our receipt of applications to conduct certain activities pertaining to enhancement of survival of endangered species.

DATES: Written comments on this request for a permit must be received by February 13, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225–0486; facsimile 303–236–0027.

Availability of Documents: Documents and other information 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], by any party who submits a request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to Kris Olson, by mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at 303–236–4256. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicants have requested issuance of enhancement of survival permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Applicant: TE–038221, Mark Peyton, Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, Gothenburg, Nebraska. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take American burying beetles (Nicrophorus americanus) and Interior least terns (Sterna antillarum) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species’ range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–038970, Bill Krise, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bozeman Fish Technology Center, Bozeman, Montana. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Pallid sturgeons (Scaphirhynchus albus) and June suckers (Chasmistes liorius) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species’ range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–039100, Rockford Plettner, Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Interior least terns (Sterna antillarum) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species’ range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–040241, Roger Boyd, Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Interior least terns (Sterna antillarum athalassos) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species’ range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–040242, Harold Tyus, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Bonytails (Gila elegans), Colorado pikeminnows (Ptychocheilus lucius), Humpback chubs (Gila cypha), and Razorback suckers (Xyrauchen texanus) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species’ range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–040748, Randy Barker, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Colorado Springs, Colorado. The applicant requests a renewed permit to display Black-footed ferrets (Mustela nigripes) and Wyoming toads (Bufo baxteri) in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–044780, Peter Smith, Smith Environmental, Broomfield, Colorado. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Southwestern willow flycatchers (Empidonax trailli extimus) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species’ range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.
Applicant: TE–044836, Melvin Coonrod, Environmental Industrial Services, Helper, Utah. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Southwestern willow flycatchers (Empidonax traillii extimus) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species’ range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–047288, David Peitz, National Park Service, Republic, Missouri. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Topeka shiners (Notropis topeka) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species’ range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–047381, Jim Friedley, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ignacia, Colorado. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Southwestern willow flycatchers (Empidonax traillii extimus) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species’ range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–047529, Stan Johnson, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Grand Junction, Colorado. The applicant requests a renewed permit to display Bonytails (Gila elegans), Colorado pikeminnows (Pyctotherius lucius), Humpback chubs (Gila cypha), and Razorback suckers (Xyrauchen texanus) in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–049748, Todd Crowl, Utah State University, Logan, Utah. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take June suckers (Chasmistes liorus) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species’ range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–051814, Dan Miller, Bramble Park Zoo, Watertown, South Dakota. The applicant requests a renewed permit to display Black-footed ferrets (Mustela nigripes) in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–051835, Randy Riches, San Diego Wild Animal Park, Escondido, California. The applicant requests a renewed permit to display Black-footed ferrets (Mustela nigripes) in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–051845, Rene Hodgekin, Zoo Montana, Billings, Montana. The applicant requests a renewed permit to display Black-footed ferrets (Mustela nigripes) in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: TE–051847, Richard Lattis, Wildlife Conservation Center, Central Park Zoo, New York, New York. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Wyoming toads (Bufo baxteri) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species’ range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Dated: December 27, 2005.

Mary G. Henry, 
Acting Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Incidental Take of Threatened Species for the Livermore County Landowners Group, Larimer County, CO

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has issued the following permits.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: On January 13, 2004, the Service published a notice in the Federal Register (69 FR 998) of receipt of an application from the Livermore Area Landowners Group, The Nature Conservancy, and the State of Colorado for permits to incidentally take, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), the following endangered species: Xyrauchen texanus (Black-footed ferret); Bonytails (Gila elegans); Wyoming toads (Bufo baxteri); and Gila cypha (Humpback chub). The service determined that these species are not likely to come into contact with human activities associated with the development of the Perdido Key in Escambia County, Florida (Projects).

The Applicants’ Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) describes the mitigation and minimization measures proposed to address the effects of both Projects to the Perdido Key beach mouse. These measures are outlined in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below. We announce the availability of habitat conservation plan (HCP) and an environmental assessment (EA) for the ITP applications. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10 of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the ITP applications, EA, and HCP should be sent to our Regional Office (see ADDRESSES) and should be received on or before March 14, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the applications, HCP, and EA may obtain a copy by writing the Fish and Wildlife Service’s Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Please reference permit numbers TE–103097–0, Searenity and TE–103099–0, Retreat in such requests. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Regional Office, 1875