DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service


Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

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 (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given below, by December 26, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with the 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 to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Cameron Shaw, Permit Coordinator).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cameron Shaw, telephone 904/731–3191; facsimile 904/731–3045.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service’s Regional Office (see ADDRESSES section) or via electronic mail (email) to: permitsR4ES@fws.gov. Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service office listed above (see ADDRESSES section).

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Permit Application Number: TE–13844A

Applicant: Aquatic Resources Management, Lexington, Kentucky.

Applicant requests amendment to authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for three (3) bat species, one (1) freshwater fish species, twelve (12) fresh-water mussel species, one (1) snake species, one (1) insect species and two (2) plant species in the State of Tennessee.

Permit Application Number: TE–7747


Applicant requested renewed authority to conduct scientific surveys on the red-cockaded woodpecker (Picoides borealis). These surveys will be conducted to determine the range of this species. The applicant requests renewed authority to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following freshwater fish species: Etowah Darter (Etheostoma antesella) and Gray darter (Etheostoma etowahae). These surveys will be conducted to determine the historic range of this species.

Permit Application Number: TE–88074A

Applicant: Christopher Haggerty, Homosassa, Florida.

The applicant requests authorization to conduct scientific research involving capture and handling of reticulated flatwoods salamanders (Ambystoma bishop) and frosted flatwoods salamanders (Ambystoma cingulatum). This study will be conducted in Escambia, Okaloosa, Walton, Washington, Jackson, Liberty, Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, Baker and Alachua Counties, Florida.

Permit Application Number: TE–63633A

Applicant: Biodiversity Research Institute, Gorham, Maine.

The applicant requested permission to conduct scientific research on Indiana bats (Myotis sodalis) and Gray bats (Myotis grisescens) and to examine non-active nests throughout the historic range of this species.

Permit Application Number: TE–834056

Applicant: North Florida Wildlife LLC, Crawfordville, Florida.

Applicant requested permission to translocate red-cockaded woodpeckers (Picoides borealis) to the historic range of this species. These activities will be conducted in the historic range of this species.

Permit Application Number: TE–88083A

Applicant: Robert Bahn, Eatonton, Georgia.

The applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following freshwater fish species: Etowah Darter (Etheostoma etowahae) and Amber Darter (Percina antesella) and Conasauga Logperch (Percina jenkinsi). These surveys will be conducted in the historic range of this species.
Permit Application Number: TE–114069

Applicant: Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Miami, Florida.

The applicant requests amended authorization to collect seeds and cuttings for scientific research from the following plant species:

- Buxus vahlii Vahl’s boxwood
- Calyptrethanes thomaisiana
- Catesbaea melanocarpa Tropical lilythorn
- Zanthoxylum thomasianum St. Thomas pricklyash

Collection will be done in Miami-Dade County, Florida and Saint John, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Dated: November 9, 2012.

Mark J. Musaus,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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[FWS–R6–ES–2012–N272; FXES11130600000D2–123–FF06E00000]
Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following application 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 activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by December 26, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments or requests for copies or more information by any of the following methods. Please refer to the respective permit number (e.g., Permit No. TE–123456) for each application. A limited number of CD-ROMs and hard copies are also available.

- Email: permitsR6ES@fws.gov
  Please refer to the respective permit number (e.g., Permit No. TE–123456) in the subject line of the message.
- U.S. Mail: Kris Olsen, Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486–DFC, Denver, CO 80225.
- In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or Pickup: Call (303) 236–4256 to make an appointment during regular business hours at 134 Union Blvd., Suite 645, Lakewood, CO 80228.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kris Olsen, Permit Coordinator Ecological Services, (303) 236–4256 (phone); permitsR6ES@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. 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 propagation or survival, or interstate commerce (the latter only in the event that it facilitates scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival). Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these 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, 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) for the application 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 Application Number: TE–180540

Applicant: Lisa Church, Bureau of Land Management, Kanab Field Office, Kanab, Utah

The applicant requests renewal of an existing permit to take (harass by survey and transport) Utah prairie dog (Cynomys parvidens) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring activities in Utah for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

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: November 16, 2012.

Michael G. Thabault,
Assistant Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Request of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

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, marine mammals, or both. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) prohibit activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.