DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), 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 requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive any written comments on or before July 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments by U.S. mail to the Regional Director, Attn: Lisa Mandell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437–1458; or by electronic mail to permitSr3ES@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Mandell, (612) 713–5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

We invite public comment on the following permit applications for certain activities with endangered species authorized by section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and our regulations governing the taking of endangered species in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. Submit your written data, comments, or request for a copy of the complete application to the address shown in ADDRESSES.

Permit Applications

Permit Application Number: TE06873B.
Applicant: Drew R. Carson, Cincinnati, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats (Myotis sodalis) and Gray bats (Myotis grisescens) throughout the range of the species in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE07292B.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats within the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE07293B.
Applicant: Daniel J. Call, Dubuque, IA.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Higgins eye pearl mussel (Lampropila higginsii), winged mapleleaf mussel (Quadrula frugosa), fat pocketbook (Potamilus capax), Scaleshell (Leptoda leptodon), Sheepnose (Plethobasus cyphus), and Spectaclecase (Cumberlandia monodonta) within the Upper Mississippi River, Pool 12 (Illinois). The proposed activity is for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE07294B.
Applicant: Ecological Specialties, LLC, Symsonia, KY.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats, gray bats, Virginia big-eared bats (Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus), Ozzark big-eared bats (Corynorhinus townsendii ingens), Mexican long-nosed bat (Leptonycteris nivalis), and Sanborn’s long-nosed bat (Leptonycteris sanborni (=verbobuenae)) throughout the States of Alabama, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. Proposed activities are for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE07295B.
Applicant: Blue Creek Wind Farm, LLC, Van Wert, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harm, harass, kill) Indiana bats in Paulding and Van Wert Counties, Ohio. Proposed activities include a research study of methods to reduce bat fatality rates and a study of the meteorological conditions associated with casualty rates at the Blue Creek Wind Farm. Proposed activities are aimed at conservation of the species through reductions of impacts at wind energy facilities.

Public Comments

We seek public review and comments on these permit applications. Please refer to the permit number when you submit comments. Comments and materials we receive are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section. 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.

Dated: May 24, 2013.

Lynn M. Lewis, Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Hunting of Migratory Birds

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service or we) has prepared a final supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the issuance of annual regulations permitting the hunting of migratory birds. We published a draft environmental impact statement in July 2010. We considered over 280 public comments in revising the document. The SEIS analyzes a range of management alternatives for addressing the hunting of migratory birds. The analysis provided in the final SEIS is intended to: inform the public of the proposed action and alternatives; address public comments we received on the draft SEIS; and disclose the
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ADDRESSES: You may inspect comments during normal business hours at the office of the Pacific Flyway Representative, 911 NE 11th Ave., Portland, OR 97232. The final SEIS is available by either writing to the street address indicated above or by viewing it on our Web site at http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Trost, Pacific Flyway Representative, Division of Migratory Bird Management, (503) 231–6162; or Brad Bortner, Chief, Division of Migratory Bird Management, (703) 358–1714.

Finally, the final SEIS provides and analyzes alternatives for each of these seven components with regard to their potential impacts on migratory bird species, other wildlife species, special status species, vegetation, outdoor recreational activities, physical and cultural resources, and the socioeconomic/administrative environment.

On July 9, 2010 (75 FR 39527), the Environmental Protection Agency published a notice of availability of our draft SEIS. On July 9, 2010 (75 FR 39527), we also published our own notice of availability of the draft SEIS.
We published a notice of intent to prepare an SEIS on September 8, 2005 (70 FR 53376) and a notice of meetings on the SEIS on March 9, 2006 (71 FR 12216). Comments were accepted until May 30, 2006.

We received public comments on the draft SEIS from three private individuals, eight State wildlife resource agencies, three nongovernmental organizations, four Flyway Councils, the National Flyway Council, and two Federal agencies. For six of the seven components outlined in the draft SEIS, the Service’s preferred alternative was supported by the majority.

We modified the draft SEIS to respond to concerns and issues expressed by individuals, agencies, and organizations.


Daniel M. Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. [FR Doc. 2013–12443 Filed 5–30–13; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action, Segregation Terminated, Direct Sale of Public Land in San Bernardino County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Needles Field Office, proposes to sell a parcel of public land totaling approximately 133.19 acres in San Bernardino County, California. The public land would be sold to the California Department of Transportation for the appraised fair market value of $55,000. The California Department of Transportation wishes to purchase the public land described above for construction of a facility to inspect agricultural products and commercial vehicles entering California. The BLM has determined that the sale of the land for this purpose would serve an important public objective which cannot be achieved prudently or feasibly on other lands. The BLM has concluded that a competitive sale is not appropriate and that the public interest would best be served by a direct sale to the California Department of Transportation. A portion of the public land described above was not identified for sale in the 1980 California Desert Conservation Area Plan, as amended, and a plan amendment is required to sell the land. The BLM has released a proposed plan amendment and environmental assessment that identifies the land as suitable for sale pursuant to Section 203 of FLPMA. Information on the proposed plan amendment is available at the location identified in ADDRESSES above. The BLM has completed a mineral potential report that concluded that there are no known mineral values in the land proposed for sale and the BLM is proposing to convey all mineral interests. Conveyance of all Federal mineral interests would occur simultaneously with the sale of the land. The purchaser would be required to pay a $50 nonrefundable filing fee for processing the conveyance of the mineral interests. The BLM previously segregated the above described land from appropriation under the public land laws and the general mining laws in a Notice published in the Federal Register on February 10, 2010 (75 FR 6702). This previous segregation will terminate on May 31, 2013 and be replaced with a segregation which would allow sale of the land as described in the next section.

On May 31, 2013, the above described land will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except for the sale provisions of the FLPMA.

Until completion of the sale, the BLM will no longer accept land use applications affecting the identified public lands, except applications for the amendment of previously filed right-of-way applications or existing authorizations to increase the term of the grants in accordance with 43 CFR 2802.15 and 2886.15. The segregation terminates upon issuance of a patent, publication in the Federal Register of a termination of the segregation, or on June 1, 2015, unless extended by the BLM State Director in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.1–2(d) prior to the termination date. The land would not be sold until at least July 30, 2013. Any conveyance document issued would contain the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. A reservation of a right-of-way (ROW) to the United States for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States under the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C 945).

2. Subject to a ROW for a buried fiber optic cable issued to U.S. Sprint Communications under serial number CACA 2105.

3. Subject to a ROW for a buried fiber optic cable issued to AT&T under serial number CACA 2160.

4. A condition that the conveyance be subject to all valid existing rights of record.

5. An appropriate indemnification clause protecting the United States from claims arising out of the patentee’s use, occupancy, or operations on the patented lands.

6. Additional terms and conditions that the authorized officer deems appropriate.

Detailed information concerning the proposed sale including the appraisal, planning and environmental documents, and mineral report are available for review at the location identified in ADDRESSES above.

Public comments regarding the proposed sale may be submitted in writing to the attention of the BLM Needles Field Manager (see ADDRESSES above) on or before July 15, 2013.

Comments received in electronic form, such as email will not be considered. Any adverse comments regarding the