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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The Act and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the permitees 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. Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with their 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 TE047250

Applicant: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Helena, MT.

The applicant requests the renewal of their permit to continue surveying and monitoring activities for black-footed ferrets (*Mustela nigripes*) and pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) in Montana for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival. The applicant further requests that the pallid sturgeon portion of the permit be assigned a new number to separate the aquatic activities from the terrestrial activities.

Permit Application Number TE06447C

Applicant: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Helena, MT.

The applicant requests the renewal and assignment of a new recovery permit number for presence/absence surveys of pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*). Presence/absence surveys for the species are currently authorized under recovery permit TE047250. The request for a new permit number allows the applicant to
separate authorized aquatic survey/monitoring activities and reporting from the authorized terrestrial activities. Newly assigned permit number TE06447C would allow for the continuation of presence/absence surveys for pallid sturgeon in Montana for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Permit Application Number TE052627**

**Applicant:** Toledo Zoological Gardens, Toledo, OH.

The applicant requests a renewal to propagate and rear Wyoming toad (*Bufo hemiophrys* ssp. *baxteri*) for reintroduction purposes to enhance the species’ survival.

**Permit Application Number TE04585C**

**Applicant:** Fort Belknap Fish and Wildlife Department, Harlem, MT.

The applicant requests the renewal of their permit to continue presence/absence surveys for black-footed ferrets (*Mustela nigripes*) in Montana for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Permit Application Number TE056003**

**Applicant:** Detroit Zoological Society, Royal Oak, MI.

The applicant requests a renewal to propagate and rear Wyoming toad (*Bufo hemiophrys* ssp. *baxteri*) for reintroduction purposes to enhance the species’ survival.

**Permit Application Number TE06556C**

**Applicant:** Bowen Collins and Associates, Draper, UT.

The applicant requests a recovery permit for presence/absence surveys for Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Utah to enhance the species’ survival.

**National Environmental Policy Act**

The proposed activities in the requested permits qualify as categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act, as provided by Department of the Interior implementing regulations in part 46 of title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (43 CFR 46.205, 46.210, and 46.215).

**Public Availability of Comments**

All comments and materials we receive in response to these requests will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed above in **ADDRESSES.** Be sure to 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.).

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Indian Gaming Commission**

**Submission of Information Collections Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

**AGENCY:** National Indian Gaming Commission, Interior.

**ACTION:** Second notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission) is announcing its submission, concurrently with the publication of this notice or soon thereafter, of the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

The Commission is seeking comments on the renewal of information collections for the following activities: (i) Compliance and enforcement actions under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act as authorized by OMB Control Number 3141–0001; (ii) tribal gaming ordinance approvals, background investigations, and issuance of licenses as authorized by OMB Control Number 3141–0003; (iii) National Environmental Policy Act submissions as authorized by OMB Control Number 3141–0006; and (iv) issuance to tribes of certificates of self-regulation for class II gaming as authorized by OMB Control Number 3141–0008. These information collections all expire on October 31, 2016.

**DATES:** The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection requests, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by no later than October 27, 2016 in order to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments directly to OMB’s Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Policy Analyst/Desk Officer for the National Indian Gaming Commission. Comments can also be emailed to OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov, include reference to “NIGC PRA Renewals” in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including copies of the proposed collections of information and supporting documentation, contact Tim Osumi at (202) 632–7054; fax (202) 632–7066 (not toll-free numbers). You may also review these information collection requests by going to http://www.reginfo.gov (Information Collection Review, Currently Under Review, Agency: National Indian Gaming Commission).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

I. **Abstract**

The gathering of this information is in keeping with the purposes of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA or the Act), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2701, *et seq.*, which include: Providing a statutory basis for the operation of gaming by Indian tribes as a means of promoting tribal economic development, self-sufficiency, and strong tribal governments; ensuring that the Indian tribe is the primary beneficiary of the gaming operation; and declaring that the establishment of independent federal regulatory authority for gaming on Indian lands, the establishment of federal standards for gaming on Indian lands, and the establishment of the Commission, are necessary to meet congressional concerns regarding gaming and to protect such gaming as a means of generating tribal revenue. 25 U.S.C. 2702. The Act established the Commission and laid out a comprehensive framework for the regulation of gaming on Indian lands.

II. **Data**

**Title:** Indian Gaming Compliance and Enforcement.

**OMB Control Number:** 3141–0001.

**Brief Description of Collection:** Although IGRA places primary responsibility with the tribes for regulating their gaming activities, 25 U.S.C. 2706(b) directs the Commission to monitor gaming conducted on Indian lands on a continuing basis. Amongst other actions necessary to carry out the Commission’s statutory duties, the Act authorizes the Commission to access and inspect all books, records and reports relating to gross revenues of a gaming operation. The Act also requires