DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Renewing an Expired Golden-Cheeked Warbler Incidental Take Permit in Travis County, Texas

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for public comments on the application.

SUMMARY: Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, intend to reissue an expired golden-cheeked warbler (GCWA) incidental take permit (ITP) in Travis County, Texas. The ITP, which would be in effect for 10 years from the issuance date, if granted, would reauthorize GCWA incidental take. We will not accept comments on the previously approved Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received or postmarked on or before January 12, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Document Availability: You may obtain copies of the final EA/HCP by the following means:

• Internet: http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/.

• In-Person: The following locations, by appointment and written request only, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:

  U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Avenue SW., Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

  U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758.

  • U.S. Mail: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758.

The ITA application is available by mail from the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attention: HCP Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103. Comment submission: You may submit written comments by one of the following methods:

• Email: FWS2_AUES_Consult@fws.gov. Please note that your request is in reference to the Aaron Ross Permit (TE010556–2).

• Hard copy: Via U.S. mail to Mr. Adam Zerrenner, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758–4460; or via fax to 512–490–0974. Please note that your request is in reference to the Aaron Ross Permit (TE 010556–2).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam Zerrenner, Field Supervisor, by U.S. mail at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758; or via telephone at (512) 490–0057.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, intend to reissue an expired golden-cheeked warbler (GCWA) incidental take permit (ITP) for single-family residence construction and occupation. The ITP would cover GCWA “take” associated with developing a 0.75-acre site located on 10.39 acres.

The requested permit term is 10 years. To meet section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP requirements, the applicant proposes to implement the previously approved Hunt HCP. The HCP describes the conservation measures to minimize and mitigate for the proposed GCWA incidental take to the maximum extent practicable, and ensures that incidental take will not appreciably reduce the species’ survival and recovery likelihood in the wild. The applicant will mitigate for the proposed impacts to GCWA habitat by perpetually protecting, managing, and monitoring approximately 9.4 acres under a Travis County conservation easement.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.
Authority

We provide this notice under the Act, section 10(c), and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Joy E. Nicholopoulos,
Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
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Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of survey; Colorado

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado State Office is publishing this notice to inform the public of the intent to officially file the survey plats listed below and afford a proper period of time to protest this action prior to the plat filing. During this time, the plats will be available for review in the BLM Colorado State Office.

DATES: Unless there are protests of this action, the filing of the plats described in this notice will happen on January 12, 2017.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Bloom, Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado, (303) 239–3856.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey in Township 32 North, Range 6 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on November 4, 2016.

The plat incorporating the field notes of the dependent resurvey in Township 49 North, Range 9 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted on November 14, 2016.

Randy A. Bloom,
Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Reclamation
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Announcement of Requirements and Registration for a Prize Competition Titled: Arsenic Sensor Challenge—Stage 1

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Challenge seeks to identify new or improved sensors, devices, or test kits to test for arsenic in water within natural and engineered systems. Solutions must improve on the current arsenic measurement methods. Areas of needed improvement include: performance, ease of use, reduction in hazardous waste production, data interpretation, and cost. This is Stage 1 of a planned two-stage Challenge, with the second stage consisting of a prototype demonstration and a larger prize purse. The Bureau of Reclamation is the Seeker for this Challenge.

DATES: Listed below are the specific dates pertaining to this prize competition:

1. Submission period begins on December 13, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The Arsenic Sensor Challenge—Stage 1 Prize Competition will be posted on the following crowdsourcing platforms where Solvers can register for this prize competition:


InnoCentive, Inc. is administering this challenge under a challenge support services contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. Challenge.gov will re-direct the Solver community to the InnoCentive Challenge Center as the administrator for this prize competition. Additional details for this prize competition, including background information, figures, and the Challenge Agreement specific for this prize competition, can be accessed through either of these prize competition web addresses. The Challenge Agreement contains more details of the prize competition rules and terms that Solvers must agree with to be eligible to compete.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Challenge Manager: Dr. David Raff, Science Advisor, Bureau of Reclamation, (202) 513–0516, draff@usbr.gov; Andrew Tiffenbach, (303) 245–2393, atiffenbach@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is announcing the following prize competition in compliance with 15 U.S.C. 3719, Prize Competitions.

Prize Competition Summary: Measuring arsenic in the environment and in drinking water is important for protecting human health. Drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities are subject to arsenic regulations in order to limit human exposure and environmental contamination. Privately-owned drinking water wells are tested for arsenic in order to prevent exposure. Contaminated site cleanup requires screening to know where arsenic contamination occurs. Regulatory compliance includes collecting and analyzing samples using approved methods with results available days to weeks later. While current analytical methods are suitable for ensuring regulatory compliance, there is a need for rapid, low-cost monitoring of arsenic that would benefit water treatment plant operations, wastewater monitoring, contaminated site remediation, private well owners, scientific research, and other interested parties.

Routine arsenic monitoring can identify changes in process performance and improve operations. Rapid, on-site monitoring of arsenic in the field can help identify hot spots for more targeted sampling and remediation. Potential barriers to the widespread implementation of on-site arsenic monitoring include the generation of hazardous waste, the unreliability of analytical methods that rely on color charts, the high level of operator effort required to conduct monitoring, and the cost of on-site analyzers. Collectively, Reclamation and our collaborators hope to stimulate innovation in water sensing...