DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

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Proposed American Burying Beetle Habitat Conservation Plan and Low-Effect Screening Form; NS–374 Bridge Over Leader Creek, Hughes County, OK

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of several documents related to an incidental take permit (ITP) application under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Circuit Engineering District #4 applied for the requested ITP, which would be in effect for a 3-year period in Hughes County, Oklahoma. If granted, the permit would authorize American burying beetle incidental take resulting from construction of a bridge and off-set alignment of the road over Leader Creek. The documents available for comment include the low-effect screening form that supports a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, a draft low-effect habitat conservation plan, and the ITP application.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received or postmarked on or before 11:59 p.m. eastern time on September 28, 2020. We may not consider any comments we receive after the closing date in the final decision on this action.

ADDRESSES: Accessing Documents:

• Internet: NEPA screening form, HCP, and the permit application: You may obtain electronic copies of these documents at https://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/oklahoma/.

• U.S. Mail: You may obtain the documents at the following addresses. In your request for documents, please reference “NS–374 Bridge over Leader Creek HCP.”

● Draft CatEx form and HCP: A limited number of CD-ROM and printed copies of the Draft CatEx form and HCP are available, by request, from the Field Supervisor, Oklahoma Ecological Services Field Office (ES FO), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9014 E 21st St., Tulsa, OK 74129; telephone 918–382–4504; fax 918–581–7467.

● ITP application: The ITP application is available by mail from the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103. Attention: Environmental Review Branch.

SUBMITTING COMMENTS: Regarding any of the documents available for review, you may submit written comments by one of the following methods. In your comments, please reference “NS–374 Bridge over Leader Creek HCP.”

• Email: OKES_NEPA@fws.gov.

• Fax: 918–581–7467.

• U.S. Mail: Field Supervisor, Oklahoma ES FO (see ACCESSING DOCUMENTS).

We request that you send comments by only one of the methods described above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonna Polk, by U.S. mail at the Oklahoma ES FO (see ACCESSING DOCUMENTS), or by phone at 918–581–7458. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8337 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and its implementing regulations prohibit the “take” of animal species listed as endangered or threatened. Take is defined under the ESA as to “harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed animal species, or to attempt to engage in such conduct” (16 U.S.C. 1538). However, under section 10(a) of the ESA, we may issue permits to authorize incidental take/the enhancement of survival of listed/candidate species, or to attempt to engage in such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We will also evaluate whether issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would comply with section 7 of the ESA by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our final analysis to determine whether to issue an ITP. If all necessary requirements are met, we will issue the ITP to the applicant.

Background

Circuit Engineering District #4 has proposed to mitigate the impacts to 0.75 ac of suitable American burying beetle habitat, including 0.5 ac of permanent cover change impacts and 0.25 ac of permanent change. These habitat acres will be mitigated in perpetuity according to Service approved mitigation ratios through purchasing credits at an approved conservation bank. Avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to the American burying beetle include reducing motor vehicle, machinery, and heavy equipment use areas, reducing soil erosion, increasing soil stability, providing education to on-site personnel, limiting the use of artificial lighting, and preventing invasive species establishment.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the HCP and comments we receive to determine whether the ITP application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We will also evaluate whether issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would comply with section 7 of the ESA by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our final analysis to determine whether to issue an ITP. If all necessary requirements are met, we will issue the ITP to the applicant.

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 that 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 authority of section 10(c) of the ESA and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Geological Survey**

**Draft National Spatial Data Infrastructure Strategic Plan; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) is soliciting public comments on the draft strategic plan for the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). The draft strategic plan, along with instructions for submitting comments, is posted at: www.fgdc.gov/nsdi-plan.

The FGDC is the interagency committee that serves as the lead entity in the executive branch for the development, implementation, and review of policies, practices, and standards relating to geospatial data. The FGDC operates under the authority of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (GDA) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–16. One of the FGDC’s responsibilities under the GDA is to “prepare and maintain a strategic plan for the development and implementation of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure in a manner consistent with national security, national defense, and emergency preparedness program policies regarding data accessibility.” The GDA describes the NSDI as “the technology, policies, criteria, standards, and employees necessary to promote geospatial data sharing throughout the Federal Government, State, tribal, and local governments, and the private sector (including nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education).”

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 17, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may provide comments by either of the following methods:

- Submit comments electronically to: nsdicomments@fgdc.gov.
- Submit comments by mail to: Federal Geographic Data Committee, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 590, Reston, VA 20192.

Instructions for submitting comments are posted at: www.fgdc.gov/nsdi-plan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Mahoney, U.S. Geological Survey (206–220–4621).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The draft NSDI strategic plan has been developed with inputs from a variety of sources, including FGDC member agencies, the National Geospatial Advisory Committee, and geospatial partner organizations. The plan describes a broad national vision for the NSDI and includes goals and objectives for the sustainable development of the NSDI. Following the public comment period, a revised draft of the plan will be prepared for final review and adoption by the FGDC Steering Committee. Following adoption of the strategic plan, the FGDC will develop more detailed project plans for the goals and objectives in the strategic plan.

Additional information about the FGDC is available at www.fgdc.gov. Additional information about the NSDI strategic plan is available at: www.fgdc.gov/nsdi-plan.

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**[Investigation No. 332–579]**

**Lobsters: Effects of the Canada-EU Trade Agreement on the U.S. Industry; Institution of Investigation and Scheduling of Hearing**

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of investigation and scheduling of a public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Following receipt of a request dated July 29, 2020 from the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)), the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission), instituted investigation No. 332–579: Lobsters: Effects of the Canada-EU Trade Agreement on the U.S. Industry.

**DATES:**

- **September 15, 2020:** Deadline for filing requests to appear at the public hearing.
- **September 17, 2020:** Deadline for filing pre-hearing briefs and statements.
- **September 28, 2020:** Deadline for filing electronic copies of oral hearing statements.
- **October 1, 2020:** Public hearing.
- **October 16, 2020:** Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs and statements.
- **January 29, 2021:** Transmittal of Commission report to the USTR.

**ADDRESSES:** All Commission offices, including the Commission’s hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC. All written submissions must be submitted electronically and should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at https://edis.usitc.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Project Leader Christopher Robinson (202–205–2602 or christopher.robinson@usitc.gov) or Deputy Project Leader Amelia Shister (202–205–2047 or amelia.shister@usitc.gov) for information specific to this investigation. For information on the legal aspects of these investigations, contact William Gearhart of the Commission’s Office of the General Counsel (202–205–3091 or william.gearhart@usitc.gov). The media should contact Margaret O’Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202–205–1819 or margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (https://www.usitc.gov). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000.

**Background:** In his letter, the USTR stated that the President, on June 24, 2020, issued a Memorandum on Protecting the United States Lobster