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Service Approves Lower Colorado River Authority Transmissions Services Corporation Habitat Conservation Plan for Two Federally Listed Species

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announced today the availability of the final Lower Colorado River Authority Transmissions Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The Service will issue a 30-year incidental take permit to LCRA authorizing the incidental take of two federally listed species in seven Texas counties.

The LCRA HCP contains conservation measures to minimize and mitigate the effects of incidental take of two federally listed species – the golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and the black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*). The HCP provides LCRA with a streamlined process for Endangered Species Act compliance for activities associated with the construction, maintenance, operation and repair of two Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) transmission lines and their associated access roads.

“The LCRA HCP will help balance the protection and management of habitat for the black-capped vireo and golden-cheeked warbler. The HCP will allow LCRA to maintain the efficiency of its operations, while preserving protected species and their habitat.” stated Adam Zerrenner, Austin Field Supervisor.

You may obtain copies of the final Environmental Assessment and HCP online at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas>.

America’s fish, wildlife and plant resources belong to all of us, and ensuring the health of imperiled species is a shared responsibility. We’re working to actively engage conservation partners and the public in the search for improved and innovative ways to conserve and recover imperiled species. To learn more about the Endangered Species program, go to <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/>.

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