

Permit No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Permit action
ES-056079 .....	Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bonytail (<i>Gila elegans</i>) .....</li> <li>Colorado pikeminnow (<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>).</li> <li>Razorback sucker (<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>)</li> <li>Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).</li> </ul>	Arizona, Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming.	Survey, capture, handle, electrofish, tag, and release.	Renew and amend.
ES-054317 .....	Interwest Wildlife & Ecological Services, Inc., Richmond, UT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).</li> <li>Shivwits milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus ampullarioides</i>).</li> </ul>	Colorado and Utah .....	Play taped vocalizations for surveys.	Renew.
ES-057485 .....	Zion National Park, Springdale, UT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).</li> <li>Shivwits milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus ampullarioides</i>).</li> </ul>	Utah .....	Play taped vocalizations for surveys and collect plants and parts.	Renew and amend.
ES-00484C .....	Keith Geluso, Kearney, NE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>) .....</li> <li>Northern Long-Eared Bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>).</li> </ul>	Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota.	Survey, capture, handle, band, and track.	Amend.
ES-98708A .....	South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Rapid City, SD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Topeka shiner (<i>Notropis topeka</i> (=tristis)).</li> </ul>	South Dakota .....	Survey, capture, handle, collect vouchers, and release.	Renew.
ES-210754 .....	Lincoln Children's Zoo, Lincoln, NE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salt Creek Tiger beetle (<i>Cicindela nevadica lincolniiana</i>).</li> </ul>	Nebraska .....	Survey, capture, handle, propagate in captivity, monitor populations, and release.	Renew.
ES-68706C .....	Christopher Guy, Bozeman, MT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pallid sturgeon (<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>)</li> </ul>	Montana .....	Capture, collect biological samples for research, and release.	Renew and amend.
ES-067486 .....	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pallid sturgeon (<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>)</li> </ul>	Nebraska .....	Capture, handle, tag, collect biological samples, and release.	Renew and amend.
PER0009566 ...	Colorado Natural Heritage Program, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius luteus</i>).</li> </ul>	Colorado, New Mexico .....	Capture, handle, tag, collect biological samples, attach radio-transmitters, and release.	Amend.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative 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 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. 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.

**Next Steps**

If we decide to issue a permit to an applicant listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority**

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of

1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Thomas McDowell**,  
Acting Assistant Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS-R3-ES-2023-N031;  
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**Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the ESA. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments on or before April 24, 2023.

**ADDRESSES: Document availability and comment submission:** Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents, as well as any comments, by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (*e.g.*, ESXXXXXX; see table in

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- Email (preferred method):* [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov). Please refer to the respective application number (*e.g.*, Application No. ESXXXXXX) in the subject line of your email message.

- U.S. Mail:* Regional Director, Attn: Nathan Rathbun, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nathan Rathbun, 612-713-5343 (phone); [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov) (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite

review and comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies on applications we have received for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

**Background**

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits certain activities with

endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA 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 recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. 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.

**Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment**

The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies. Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE30471C .....	Randy Mitchell, Akron, OH.	Rusty patched bumble bee ( <i>Bombus affinis</i> ).	OH, WI .....	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, and release.	Renew and amend.
PER1867075 .....	Jackson County Conservation Board, Maquoketa, IA.	Rusty patched bumble bee ( <i>Bombus affinis</i> ).	IA .....	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, and release.	New.
ES181256 .....	Lewis Environmental Consulting, Murray, KY.	Add—Round hickorynut ( <i>Obovaria subrotunda</i> ) and longsolid ( <i>Fusconaia subrotunda</i> )—to existing authorized species—60 freshwater mussel species.	AL, AR, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KY, MI, MO, MS, OH, PA, TN, WV, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, and release.	Amend.
PER1896698 .....	Caleb Knerr, Jefferson City, MO.	Eleven species .....	AR, IA, IL, KS, KY, MO, NE, OK, TN.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release, and relocate due to stranding.	New.
TE11145C .....	Lisa Kleinschmidt, Syracuse, NY.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>M. grisescens</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	AL, AR, CT, DE, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VA, VT, WV, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, band, radio-track, collect bio-samples, release.	Renew.
ES28570D .....	Midwest Natural Resources, St. Paul, MN.	Rusty patched bumble bee ( <i>Bombus affinis</i> ), Dakota skipper ( <i>Hesperia dacotae</i> ).	IL, IN, IA, ME, MD, MA, MN, NC, NY, OH, TN, VA, WV, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, temporary hold, release, salvage.	Renew and amend.
PER0039255 .....	Ryan Schwegman, College Corner, OH.	Add—Round hickorynut ( <i>Obovaria subrotunda</i> ) and longsolid ( <i>Fusconaia subrotunda</i> )—to existing authorized species—11 freshwater mussel species.	AR, DE, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MD, MI, MN, MO, NY, OK, OH, PA, TX, VA, WV, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, tag, release.	Amend.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative 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. Moreover, 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.

**Next Steps**

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority**

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Lori Nordstrom,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, USFWS Region 3.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

**DATES:** We must receive any written comments on or before April 24, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant’s name and application number (e.g., PER0001234):

- *Email:* [permitsR5ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR5ES@fws.gov).
- *U.S. Mail:* Abby Gelb, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Dr., Hadley, MA 01035.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Abby Gelb, 413-253-8212 (phone), or [permitsR5ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR5ES@fws.gov) (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services.

Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered under the ESA.

**Background**

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species, unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA’s definition of “take” includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting, in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. 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.

**Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment**

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public to comment on the following applications.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
1540434 .....	Steve Tanguay, Hot Springs, VA.	Rusty patched bumble bee ( <i>Bombus affinis</i> ).	Virginia, West Virginia .....	Presence/absence survey	Capture .....	New.
60434D-1 ...	Sea Turtle Recovery, West Orange, NJ. William Deerr.	Kemp’s ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> ), hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> ), leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermodochelys coriacea</i> ), loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> ), green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ).	New Jersey .....	Add: stranding response, nest monitoring and relocation, telemetry.	Salvage, capture, collect.	Amend.
20359D-1 ...	Add: Roseate tern ( <i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i> ).	Add: New York .....	Survey, capture, band, release.	Capture .....	Amend.	