

defined by the ESA as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing such take of endangered and threatened, respectively, are found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.22 and 50 CFR 17.32, and would cover candidates should they become listed.

Proposed Action

The LCRA and LCRA TSC applied to the Service for an EOS permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Such EOS permits authorize take that is incidental to otherwise lawful activities (50 CFR 17.3). The requested EOS permit would authorize incidental take of the Texas pimpleback, Texas fawnsfoot, Texas fatmucket, and Balcones spike (Covered Species), should they become listed under the ESA. The proposed incidental take would result from activities associated with otherwise lawful activities associated with implementation of the proposed CCAA including the conservation measures, and ongoing and continuing operations, inspections, repairs, construction, and maintenance activities.

The LCRA and LCRA TSC would implement a voluntary conservation strategy for freshwater mussels in the CCAA, supporting the EOS permit, which was informed by the National Strategy for the Conservation of Native Freshwater Mussels developed by the Freshwater Mollusk Conservation Society. The conservation strategy includes conservation measures to minimize and avoid direct and indirect impacts to proposed mussels and their habitats; a comprehensive monitoring and adaptive management program; compliance with existing environmental flow standards; conducting routine water quality monitoring of sites near existing mussel populations; conducting invasive species monitoring and spread prevention programs; conducting applied research on mussel physiological tolerances, survivability in the Colorado River downstream of Austin, and assess restoration potential in the Colorado River basin for Texas fatmucket and Texas pimpleback; support for development of short-term refugia and propagation methods; public outreach and education about the resource needs affecting freshwater mussels; and, leading a conservation workgroup for Texas fatmucket in the Onion Creek basin. The expected result of the implementation of the conservation strategy and conservation measures is a net conservation benefit to the Covered Species.

The CCAA and associated EOS permit would provide the LCRA and LCRA TSC with the opportunity to voluntarily conserve freshwater mussel species and their habitat, while carrying out their existing and ongoing water supply and water delivery operations and providing a net conservation benefit to the species. If approved, the EOS permit would be for a 20-year period following the signature of the CCAA, and would authorize incidental take of the Covered Species if the species come to be listed under the ESA during the life of the CCAA and EOS permit. The terms of the CCAA and EOS permit would also ensure that the proposed action will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild.

Alternatives

We have considered one alternative to the proposed action as part of this process: No Action. Under a No Action alternative, the Service would not issue the requested EOS permit and the applicant would either not implement the CCAA for the conservation strategy of freshwater mussels or implement the CCAA without regulatory assurances and future take authorization, should the species be listed, for on-going operations, inspections, repairs, construction, and maintenance activities of their infrastructure, or conduct those activities in a manner that avoids incidental take. Therefore, the applicant would not implement the conservation measures described in the CCAA.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the permit application, CCAA, NEPA screening form, and comments we receive to determine whether the application meets the requirements of the ESA, NEPA, and implementing regulations. If we determine that all requirements are met, we may approve the CCAA and issue the EOS permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) to the applicant in accordance with the terms of the CCAA and specific terms and conditions of the authorizing EOS permit. We will not make our final decision until after the 30-day comment period ends and we have fully considered all comments received during the public comment period.

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 section 10(c) of the ESA and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

[GX.23.DJ73.UAC10.00, OMB Control Number 1028-New]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Science and Data for Water-Hazards Response

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 22, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to gs-info_collections@usgs.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-NEW Water Hazards Response in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Jennifer Rapp by email at jrapp@usgs.gov or by telephone at 804-261-2635. 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. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the USGS; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how the USGS might enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how the USGS might minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The United States is facing growing challenges related to water availability and quality due to shifting demographics, aging water-delivery infrastructure, the impacts of climate change, and increasing hazards risk, like floods and drought. Working with incomplete knowledge, managers must consider the needs of various demographic groups and economic sectors when making management decisions and responding to emergencies. To improve delivery of

effective science to support decision-making, the USGS must adapt to meet the evolving needs of stakeholders in the water-hazard space. We will collect information regarding the decision-making process, data, and data-format needs to support daily, long-term, and emergency management decision-making. Information will also be sought on gaps in data delivery and coverage. A lack of decision-support data within water institutions can lead to poor decision-making and outcomes that may increase the risk to life, property, and environmental health resulting from a hazard event. This information will support the delivery of appropriate data, in appropriate formats, at the right time for decision-making and emergency management. The information will guide USGS support of water-resource institutions, enhancing resilience in the face of the Nation's many water-resources challenges.

Title of Collection: Science and Data for Water-Hazards Response.

OMB Control Number: 1028–NEW.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: New.

Respondents/Affected Public: State and local water-resource managers and water-hazard responders; Tribal Nations or Tribal Serving Organizations; non-governmental organizations and community groups that use water-hazard information.

State and Local Water Resource Managers and Responders

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 650.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 650.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Once per year.

Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

Tribal Nations or Tribal Serving Organizations

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 200.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Once per year.

Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

Non-governmental Organizations and Community Groups

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 150.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 150.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Once per year.

Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1000.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1000.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, nor is a person required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Joseph Nielsen,

Director, Integrated Information Dissemination Division, USGS Water Mission Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is soliciting electronic comments on the significance of properties nominated before June 10, 2023, for listing or related actions in the National Register of Historic Places.

DATES: Comments should be submitted electronically by July 10, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments are encouraged to be submitted electronically to National_Register_Submissions@nps.gov with the subject line “Public Comment on <property or proposed district name, (County) State>.” If you have no access to email, you may send them via U.S. Postal Service and all other carriers to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, MS 7228, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherry A. Frear, Chief, National Register of Historic Places/National Historic Landmarks Program, 1849 C Street NW, MS 7228, Washington, DC 20240, sherry_frear@nps.gov, 202–913–3763.