

elements, including: (1) Conservation of the Refuge's fish and wildlife populations and habitats in their natural diversity; (2) facilitation of subsistence use by local residents; (3) access for traditional activities; and (4) conservation of resource values, including cultural resources, wilderness, and rivers. The final revised CCP will detail programs, activities, and measures necessary to best administer the Refuge to protect these values and fulfill Refuge purposes over the next 15 years. Until the revised CCP is completed, management will continue to be guided by the original CCP, Federal legislation regarding management of National Wildlife Refuges, and other legal, regulatory, and policy guidance. The original CCP was approved in 1988.

#### Public Involvement

We plan to hold public involvement activities in communities within the Refuge. We plan to visit every one of the occupied villages within the Refuge at least once during plan revision. With appropriate advance notice, scoping meetings will be held between October 15, 2007, and the end of February 2008, as weather and other conditions permit. We will also be accepting comments via mail, e-mail, telephone, and through personal contacts throughout the planning process.

#### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail 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.

Dated: May 8, 2007.

**Thomas O. Melius,**

*Regional Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Anchorage, Alaska.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

**DATES:** We must receive any written comments on or before June 14, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Regional Director, Attn: Peter Fasbender, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Peter Fasbender, (612) 713-5343.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Endangered Species

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) (Act), with some exceptions, prohibits activities affecting endangered species unless authorized by a permit from the Service. Before issuing a permit, we invite public comment on it. Accordingly, we invite public comment on the following applicant's permit application for certain activities with endangered species authorized by section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act and the regulations governing the taking of endangered species (50 CFR part 17). Submit your written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications to the address shown in **ADDRESSES**.

**Permit Number:** TE049738

**Applicant:** Third Rock Consultants, Lexington, Kentucky.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take listed fish, mussel, and bat species throughout New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. The applicant also requests to take the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) throughout the range of the species. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

**Permit Number:** TE151107

**Applicant:** Redwing Ecological Services, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky.

The applicant requests a permit to take the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*M. grisescens*), Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), and Virginia big-eared bat (*C. t. virginianus*) throughout the range of the species. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

**Permit Number:** TE151109

**Applicant:** Ohio Division of Wildlife, Columbus, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) for the purpose of establishing captive colonies to be used for release into the wild. The

scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

**Permit Number:** TE151117

**Applicant:** Sarah Bradley, Salem, Missouri.

The applicant requests a permit to take the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and gray bat (*M. grisescens*) throughout the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

**Permit Number:** TE152002

**Applicant:** FMSM Engineers, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky.

The applicant requests a permit to take 5 listed fish species, 23 species of listed mussels, 4 species of listed bats, and 2 listed reptile species throughout 28 states. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

**Permit Number:** TE152216

**Applicant:** Marlin Bowles, The Morton Arboreteum, Lisle, Illinois.

The applicant requests a permit to take Mead's milkweed (*Asclepias meadii*) throughout Illinois. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

#### Public Comments

We solicit public review and comment on this permit application. Please refer to the respective permit number when you submit comments. We make all comments we receive, including names and addresses, part of the official administrative record, and may make them available to the public. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment, but you should be aware that we may be required to disclose your name and address pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available

for public inspection in their entirety. Comments and materials we receive are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section.

#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the activities proposed by this permit are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: April 17, 2007.

Lynn Lewis,

Deputy Assistant Regional Director,  
Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling,  
Minnesota.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on the following application to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

**DATES:** We must receive written data or comments on the application at the address given below, by June 14, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with the application are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, HCP Coordinator).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Dell, telephone 404/679-7313; facsimile 404/679-7081.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et*

*seq.*). If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) or via electronic mail (e-mail) to [david\\_dell@fws.gov](mailto:david_dell@fws.gov). Please include your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service office listed above (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

*Applicant:* Jackson Environmental Consulting Services, LLC, Jeremy Lynn Jackson, Richmond, Kentucky, TE102292-3.

The applicant requests authorization to renew and amend an existing permit authorization to take (capture, identify, release) the gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), and Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) while conducting presence/absence surveys in West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Dated: April 9, 2007.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Proposed Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for the Bay Checkerspot Butterfly for the Metcalf-El Patio Recondutor and Metcalf-Hicks/Vasona Recondutor, Santa Clara County, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; receipt of application; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (applicant) for a 3-year incidental take permit for the federally threatened bay checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha bayensis*) under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The application addresses the potential for "take" of the butterfly incidental to proposed recondutoring and conservation management activities at the Metcalf-El Patio 115 kV and Metcalf-Hicks/Vasona 230 kV transmission line site in Santa Clara County, California (plan area). We request comments on the applicant's application and low-effect habitat conservation plan (plan), and on our preliminary determination that the Plan qualifies as a "low-effect" habitat conservation plan eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). We discuss our basis for this determination in our environmental action statement (EAS), which is also available for review.

**DATES:** We must receive any written comments on or before June 14, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Please address written comments to Lori Rinek, Chief, Conservation Planning and Recovery Division, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825. Alternatively, you may send comments by facsimile to (916) 414-6713.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Tattersall, Chief, Conservation Planning Branch, or Cori Mustin, Senior Biologist, at the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, at (916) 414-6600 (telephone).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Availability of Documents

You may obtain copies of the permit application, plan, and EAS from the individuals named under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Documents will