

following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until April 13, 2009.

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this notice, and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Joseph M. Gerhart, Chief, Records Management Branch, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 500 12th Street, SW., Room 3138, Washington, DC 20024; (202) 732-6337.

Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until April 13, 2009. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Designation of Attorney in Fact.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-312, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individual or Households. The I-312 is the instrument the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) uses to provide immigration bond obligors a

means to designate an Attorney to accept on the Obligor's behalf, the return of cash or United States bonds or notes deposited to secure an immigration bond upon the cancellation of the bond or the performance of the Obligor.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 12,500 responses at 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 6,250 annual burden hours.

Comments and/or questions; requests for a copy of the proposed information collection instrument, with instructions; or inquiries for additional information should be directed to: Joseph M. Gerhart, Chief, Records Management Branch, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 500 12th Street, SW., Room 3138, Washington, DC 20024; (202) 732-6337.

Dated: February 9, 2009.

Joseph M. Gerhart,

Chief, Records Management Branch, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: We must receive written comments on or before March 16, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Regional Director, Attn: Peter Fasbender, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056; electronic mail, permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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 Fish and Wildlife Service. Before issuing a permit, we invite public comment on it. Accordingly, we invite public comment on the following applicants' permit applications 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 17). Submit your written data, comments, or request for a copy of the complete application to the address shown in **ADDRESSES**.

Permit Number: TE113009

Applicant: Steven A. Ahlstedt, Norris, Tennessee.

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of his permit to take White Cat's Paw (*Epioblasma sulcata perobliqua*) and Purple Cat's Paw (*Epioblasma obliquata obliquata*) pearlymussel within the States of Ohio and Indiana. Amendment is requested to add the geographic area of Indiana in conjunction with renewal of the permit term. Proposed activities are to carry out presence/absence surveys, assess habitat characteristics, collect and translocate specimens, and to participate in otherwise legal reintroduction efforts aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number: TE105320.

Applicant: Tragus Environmental Consulting, Inc., Akron, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and minor amendment to take Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) and Gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) throughout the States of Oklahoma, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia. The activities proposed involve capture using mist nets and bat traps, handling, tagging, tissue sampling, and release. A minor amendment has been requested to identify additional qualified individuals to work under the authority of this permit. Data obtained under this permit will be used to assist with development of project design features aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number TE049738

Applicant: Third Rock Consultants, Lexington, Kentucky.

The applicant requests a renewal and minor amendment to a permit to take Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*), Gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*), Virginia big eared

bats (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*), and Ozark big eared bats (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*). The renewal request also includes endangered mussels, fish, and the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*). The applicant's projects are in the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Ongoing studies that are proposed to continue under this permit include presence/absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, population monitoring, and the evaluation of potential impacts of proposed projects. Activities are proposed for enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number TE809227

Applicant: BHE Environmental, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of a permit to take Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*), Gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*), and fish and mussel species throughout the ranges of the species within Regions 2–6 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The ongoing studies that are proposed under this permit include presence/absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, population monitoring, and evaluation of potential impacts of proposed projects. Activities are proposed for enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number TE831774

Applicant: U.S. Geological Survey, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take gray wolf (*Canis lupis*) throughout the continental United States. Proposed activities include capture, immobilization, radio tracking, implantation of isotopes, health assessment, and salvage of dead specimens. The long-term scientific research allowed under this permit is aimed at enhancement of recovery and survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number TE106220

Applicant: Brianne L. Walters, Terre Haute, Indiana.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) and Gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) within the States of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio. The ongoing studies that are proposed under this permit include presence/absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, population monitoring, and evaluation of potential impacts of proposed

projects. Activities are proposed to enhance the survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number TE839763

Applicant: John O. Whitaker, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) and Gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) throughout the range of the species. Ongoing studies include presence/absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, population monitoring, health assessment, and evaluation of project impacts. The applicant seeks to continue ongoing scientific research aimed at recovery and enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number 809630

Applicant: Dr. Allen Kurta, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) throughout Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Ongoing studies include presence/absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, population monitoring, health assessment, and evaluation of project impacts. The applicant seeks to continue ongoing scientific research aimed at recovery and enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number TE839777

Applicant: Don R. Helms, Bellevue, Iowa.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) Clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*), Northern riffleshell (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*), Orange-footed pimpleback pearl mussel (*Plethobasus cooperianus*), Pink mucket pearl mussel (*Lampsilis orbiculata*), Rough pigtoe (*Pleurobema plenum*), Purple cat's paw pearl mussel (*Epioblasma obliquata obliquata*), White cat's paw pearl mussel (*Epioblasma obliquata perobliqua*), Fanshell (*Cyporzenia stegaria*), Fat pocketbook (*Potamilus capax*), Higgins' eye pearl mussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*), Winged mapleleaf (*Quadrula fragosa*), Scaleshell (*Leptodea leptodon*), and Topeka shiner (*Notropis topeka*). Proposed activities include presence/absence surveys, relocation of specimens to avoid harm, and studies to document habitat use and population health. Proposed activities are aimed at enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

Public Comments

We solicit public review and comments on these permit applications. Please refer to the permit number when you submit comments. Comments and materials we receive are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your 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.

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 in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

Dated: February 5, 2009.

Lynn M. Lewis,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Temporary Vehicle Closure and Restrictions for the Robledo Mountains Off-Highway Vehicle Trails During the 2009 Chili Challenge; Las Cruces District Office, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Interior.

ACTION: Notice of temporary vehicle closure and restrictions.

SUMMARY: This Notice informs the public that the Las Cruces Four-Wheel Drive Club is permitted exclusive use of the Robledo Mountains Off-Highway Vehicle Trails for the 2009 Chili Challenge extreme off road event. The Robledo Mountains Off-Highway Vehicle Trails will be closed to all vehicles not registered with the Las Cruces Four-Wheel Drive Club for the Chili Challenge. This restriction is