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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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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 Endangered Species Act. 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 July 8, 2020.

**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., TEXXXXXX; see table in

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Email:* [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov).

Please refer to the respective application number (e.g., Application No. TEXXXXXX) 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 who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**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**

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 |
|-----------------|---|---|---|--|--|---------------|
| TE73584A .....  | Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign, IL. | Add Neosho madtom ( <i>Noturus placidus</i> ) to existing permitted species: 15 freshwater mussel species.  | Add new locations—KS, MO, OK—to existing authorized location IL.  | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.                                   | Capture, handle, temporary hold, DNA sample, fin clip, release, kill, salvage.   | Amend.        |
| TE76362D .....  | Minnesota Zoological Garden, Apple Valley, MN.  | Higgins' eye (pearlymussel) ( <i>Lampsilis higginsii</i> ), sheepsnose mussel ( <i>Plethobasus cyphus</i> ), snuffbox mussel ( <i>Epioblasma triquetra</i> ), spectaclecase (mussel) ( <i>Cumberlandia monodonta</i> ), winged mapleleaf ( <i>Quadrula fragosa</i> ). | IL, IA, MN, WI .....  | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts, conduct rearing methods research. | Collect, handle, transport, mark, temporary hold, collect tissue and buccal swab samples, captive propagate, headstart juveniles, release, augment, reintroduce. | New.          |
| TE31055B .....  | Kory Armstrong, .....<br>Atlanta, GA .....      | Gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ), Indiana bat ( <i>M. sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ), Ozark big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i> ), Virginia big-eared bat ( <i>C.t. virginianus</i> ).                   | AL, AR, CT, DE, DC, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY. | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.                                   | Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, band, radio-tag, release.  | Renew.        |

**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,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Call for Nominations for the Rio Puerco Management Committee, New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations for members to the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Rio Puerco Management Committee (Committee).

**DATES:** A completed nomination form and accompanying nomination/recommendation letters must be received by July 8, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Send nominations to Mark Matthews, BLM acting Albuquerque District Manager, 100 Sun Blvd. NE, Suite 330, Albuquerque, NM 87109, Attention: Rio Puerco Management Committee Nominations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Allison Sandoval, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM New Mexico State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508, phone (505) 954-2019, or email [aesandoval@blm.gov](mailto:aesandoval@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8229, to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is

available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act, Section 401, reauthorized through the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, Section 1122, directs the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to establish the Committee. The Committee is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2) and section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA). The BLM rules governing advisory committees are found at 43 CFR subpart 1784.

The Committee shall advise the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, on the development and implementation of the Rio Puerco Management Program and serve as a forum for information about activities that may affect or further the development and implementation of the best management practices. The Committee shall be convened by a representative of the Bureau of Land Management and shall include representatives from:

- (1) The Rio Puerco Watershed Committee;
- (2) affected tribes and pueblos;
- (3) the United States Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture;
- (4) the Bureau of Reclamation;
- (5) the United States Geological Survey;
- (6) the Bureau of Indian Affairs;
- (7) the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;
- (8) the Army Corps of Engineers;
- (9) the Environmental Protection Agency;
- (10) the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture;
- (11) the State of New Mexico, including the New Mexico Environment Department of the State Engineer;
- (12) affected local soil and water conservation districts;
- (13) the Elephant Butte Irrigation District;
- (14) private landowners; and
- (15) other interested citizens.

Members will be appointed by the Secretary to staggered 3-year terms.

**Nominating Potential Members:** Nomination forms may be obtained from the Rio Puerco Field Office, (address listed above) or <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/New-Mexico>. All nominations must include a completed Resource Advisory Council application (OMB Control No. 1004-0204), letters of

reference from the represented interests or organizations, and any other information that speaks to the candidate's qualifications. The specific category the nominee would be representing should be identified in the letter of nomination and on the application form.

Non-Federal members of the Committee serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Committee and subcommittee members engaged in Committee or subcommittee business may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service. The Committee shall meet approximately two to four times annually, and at such other times as determined by the Designated Federal Officer.

**Certification Statement:** I hereby certify that the Rio Puerco Management Committee is necessary and is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties pursuant to the Department of the Interior's authority under the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, and the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 1784.4-1.

**Mark Matthews,**

*Acting Albuquerque District Manager.*

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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 May 23, 2020, for listing or related actions in the National Register of Historic Places.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted electronically by June 23, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are encouraged to be submitted electronically to [National\\_Register\\_Submissions@nps.gov](mailto:National_Register_Submissions@nps.gov) with the subject line "Public