

Andris Upitis (applicant) to amend their incidental take permit pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The permit amendment would authorize increased take of the federally threatened central distinct population segment (DPS) of the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) and California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) incidental to otherwise lawful activities associated with the construction of a single-family residence at 12 Rancho San Carlos (Ocho West). The applicant requests to amend their permit to account for increased take resulting from a modification to water pipeline alignment necessary to connect with the existing Santa Lucia Preserve Community Services District water system at a different location than originally proposed. The project described in the original HCP has not changed, except for the modified location of the water pipeline connection alignment. The modification will result in an increase in temporary impacts of 4.8 to 5.2 acres. The applicant's amendment request includes measures to minimize, avoid, and mitigate impacts to the central DPS of the California tiger salamander and California red-legged frog consistent with those proposed in the original HCP. The Service prepared a draft low-effect screening form and environmental action statement in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) to evaluate the potential effects to the natural and human environment resulting from issuing an amended ITP to the applicant. We invite public comment on these documents.

Background

The Service listed the central DPS of the California tiger salamander as threatened on August 4, 2004 (69 FR 47212). The Service listed the California red-legged frog as threatened on May 23, 1996 (61 FR 25813), and critical habitat was designated on March 10, 2010 (75 FR 12816). Federal regulation pursuant to section 4(d) of the ESA prohibits the "take" of certain fish or wildlife species listed as threatened, including the central DPS of the California tiger salamander and the California red-legged frog, with exceptions for certain ranching activities on private and Tribal lands as described in 50 CFR 17.43(c)(3)(i)–(xi) and 50 CFR 17.43(d)(3)(i)–(xi). "Take" is defined under the ESA to include the following activities: "[T]o harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct" (16 U.S.C. 1532);

however, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA, we may issue permits to authorize incidental take of listed species. Incidental take is take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened species are at 50 CFR 17.32. Issuance of an incidental take permit also must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plant species. The original incidental take permit was first issued for the HCP on September 23, 2021.

Proposed Project Activities

The applicant's amendment request includes measures to minimize, avoid, and mitigate impacts to the Central DPS of the California tiger salamander and California red-legged frog consistent with those proposed in the original HCP through restoration of habitat.

Public Comments

If you wish to comment on the amendment request and categorical exclusion screening form, you may submit comments by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**.

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 view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

[GX23.WB12.C25A1.00; OMB Control Number 1028–0116]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Alaska Beak Deformity Observations

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), we, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 12, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to gs-info_collections@usgs.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1028–0116 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Colleen Handel by email at cmhandel@usgs.gov, or by telephone at 907–786–7181. 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: In accordance with the PRA, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on 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 might the USGS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the USGS 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 may ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: As part of the USGS Ecosystems Mission Area effort to assess the status and trends of the Nation's biological resources, the Alaska Science Center Landbird Program conducts research on avian populations within Alaska. Beginning in the late 1990s, an outbreak of beak deformities in Black-capped Chickadees emerged in south-central Alaska. USGS scientists launched a study to understand the scope of this problem and its effect on wild birds. Since that time, researchers have gathered important information about the deformities and have identified a new virus as the potential cause. The collection of PII is requested as part of this ongoing research in resident Alaskan birds. Members of the public provide observation reports of birds with deformities from around Alaska and other regions of North America. These reports are very important in that they allow researchers to determine the geographical distribution and species affected. Data collection over such a large and remote area would not be possible without the public's assistance. As part of the online reporting system, an individual's phone number, email address, and mailing address are requested. This information allows researchers to request additional details or verify reports if necessary but is not required for submission. PII is used only for contact purposes, is stored in a separate table that is encrypted, and is not shared in any way with other individuals, groups, or organizations.

Title of Collection: Alaska Beak Deformity Observations.

OMB Control Number: 1028–0116.

Form Number: NA.

Type of Review: Renew an information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals/households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 150.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 175.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Approximately 5 minutes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 15 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One time.

Total Estimated Annual Non-hour 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 authorities for this action are the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*).

Dated: October 4, 2022.

Christian Zimmerman,

USGS Alaska Science Center Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Temporary Closure of Public Lands in Maricopa County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of temporary closure.

SUMMARY: As authorized under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, notice is hereby given that temporary closures will be in effect on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Hassayampa Field Office, to minimize the risk of potential collision during operation of the Vulture Mine Off-Road Challenge off-highway vehicle (OHV) race event, authorized under a special recreation permit (SRP).

DATES: The temporary closure will be in effect from 5 p.m., November 4, 2022, through 10 p.m., November 6, 2022, Mountain time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Gammage, Outdoor Recreation Planner; telephone (623) 580–5500; email: cgammage@blm.gov; or Irina Ford, Hassayampa Field Manager; Phoenix District Office, 2020 E Bell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85022; telephone (623) 580–5500; email: iford@blm.gov. 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: The temporary closure affects certain public lands within the Vulture Mine Recreation Management Zone in

Maricopa County, Arizona. This action is necessary to ensure public safety during the Vulture Mine Off-Road Challenge OHV race event.

The temporary closure will be posted at main entry points to this area. Maps of the affected area and other documents associated with this temporary closure are available at the Hassayampa Field Office, which is located at the same address as the Phoenix District Office.

The event is authorized on public land under an SRP and in conformance with the Bradshaw-Harquahala Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan and the Wickenburg Travel Management Plan.

Description of Race Course Closed Area: Areas subject to this temporary closure include the designated race course and public lands within the boundary defined by the race course. The race course begins at the intersection of BLM routes 9092F and 9090C traveling east along 9090C to 9090D going south and then east along 9090D to 9090; continue traveling along 9090 north to 9093A to 9274 traveling northeast to 9094, traveling southeast to 9195, south on 9195 to Vulture Mine Road (including the camping area to the west and east of the road which varies in width from 70 feet to 268 feet between the signs indicating “No Vehicles beyond this Point”), then north on 9195 to 9286, then traveling northeast to 9196, to 9192 then to route 9095 traveling north and west to 9089C to 9089A north to 9092B west to 9092 to 9092F and south returning to the beginning intersection with 9090C.

Temporary Closure: The designated race course and all areas within the boundary of the race course as described earlier are temporarily closed to public entry during the temporary closure period.

Exclusive Use: During the temporary closure, the affected area will be for the exclusive use of Vulture Mine Off-Road Challenge event officials, race participants, and vendors authorized under the event SRP. Anyone without an SRP authorizing use within the temporary closure area during the temporary closure period is prohibited from using the area.

Exceptions: The temporary closure does not apply to Federal, State, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties; members of organized rescue or firefighting forces in the performance of their official duties; Vulture Mine Off-Road Challenge event officials, race participants, or vendors authorized under the event SRP.

Enforcement: Any person who violates the temporary closure may be