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Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete applications, or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications for marine mammal permits should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Documents and other information submitted with all of the applications listed in this notice 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice at the above address.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

Mary Ellen Amtower,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following individuals have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit No. PRT-830271

Applicant: Patrick Mullen Burchfield, Brownsville, Texas

Applicant requests authorization to receive, rehabilitate, and release endangered and threatened sea turtles that are found sick, injured, or cold shocked on Texas beaches including Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), green (*Chelonia mydas incl. Agassizi*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles.

Permit No. PRT-810341

Applicant: Dr. David W. Owens, College Station, Texas

The applicant requests authorization to take/receive salvaged specimens of endangered/threatened sea turtles that may occur along the Texas coast for scientific research and recovery purposes, rehabilitation and release back into the wild, and to permanently hold nonreleasable specimens for future scientific research aimed at enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. Species include Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Green (*Chelonia mydas*), and Hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles.

Permit No. PRT-831384

Applicant: Deborah L. Risberg, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Applicant requests authorization to conduct surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and Mexican spotted owls (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) on reservation areas and statewide within New Mexico and Arizona.

Permit No. PRT-830213

Applicant: Dr. George A. Ruffner, Mesa, Arizona

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for, mist net, and band Southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within the State of Arizona.

Permit No. PRT-4 832201 0

Applicant: Dr. Richard N. Conner, Nacogdoches, Texas

Applicant requests authorization to monitor nest success, cavity competitors, and other biotic features within red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) habitat during and outside the red-cockaded woodpecker breeding season.

Permit No. PRT-4 831957 0

Applicant: Bryan R. Adams, Lake Jackson, Texas

Applicant requests authorization to display 5 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) sea turtles for educational purposes.

Permit No. PRT-4 832018

Applicant: Leonard Robbins, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Gallup, New Mexico

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), Mexican spotted owls (*Strix occidentalis lucida*), peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus*), bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), black-footed ferrets (*Mustela nigripes*), Navajo sedge (*Carex specuicola*), and the Mesa Verde cacti (*Sclerocactus*

mesae-verdae) within the Navajo Indian Reservation and Indian allotted lands in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah.

Permit No. PRT-829995

Applicant: Richard W. Buickerood, Dallas, Texas

Applicant requests authorization to display 45 Texas blind salamanders (*Typhlomolge rathbuni*), and 57 Barton Springs salamanders (*Eurycea sosorum*) for educational display purposes at the Dallas Zoo and Dallas Aquarium.

Permit No. PRT-821369

Applicant: Rhonda M. Sidner, Tucson, Arizona

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct population surveys, capture (using mist netting techniques), handle, photograph, and release unharmed at the capture site Mexican long-nosed bats (*Leptoncycteris nivalis*) in Hidalgo County, New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT-832385

Applicant: D. Craig Rudolph, Nacogdoches, Texas

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for American burying beetles (*Nicrophorus americanus*) in eastern Texas.

Permit No. PRT-833003

Applicant: Eric C. Milstead, Portales, New Mexico

Applicant requests authorization to collect 3000 seeds from gypsum wild buckwheat (*Eriogonum gypsophilum*) from each of the 3 populations of this species near Carlsbad, New Mexico. A specimen will also be collected for storage in the herbarium as a tool for future reference. Specimens will be pressed and added to the herbarium collections at Eastern New Mexico University and either New Mexico State University or the University of New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT-825473

Applicant: Edward M. Sutherland, Austin, Texas

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following federally-protected species:

American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus ovatum*)
golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*)
whooping crane (*Grus americana*)
Concho water snake (*Nerodia harteri paucimaculata*)
black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*)
brown pelican (*Pelicanus occidentalis*)
cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*)
interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*)

piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*)
 red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*)
 southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*)
 Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*)
 Big Bend gambusia (*Gambusia gaigei*)
 Comanche Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon elegans*)

Permittee also requests authorization to collect the minimal amounts necessary for identification of the following plants from existing or new highway rights-of-way:

Navasota ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*)
 Nellie cory cactus (*Coryphantha minima*)
 slender rush pea (*Hoffmannseggia tenella*)
 Sneed's pincushion cactus (*Coryphantha sneedii* var. *sneedii*)
 star cactus (*Astrophyllum asterias*)
 Terlingua Creek cat's-eye (*Cryptantha crassipes*)
 Texas ambrosia (*Ambrosia cheiranthifolia*)
 Texas ayenia (*Ayenia limitaris*)
 Texas poppy-mallow (*Callirhoe scabriuscula*)
 Texas prairie dawn (*Hymenoxys texana*)
 Texas snowbells (*Styrax texana*)
 Texas trailing phlox (*Phlox nivalis* var. *texensis*)
 Tobusch fishhook cactus (*Ancistrocactus tobuschii*)
 Walker's manioc (*Manihot walkerae*)
 white bladderpod (*Lesquerella pallida*)
 ashy dogweed (*Thymophylla tephroleuca*)
 black lace cactus (*Echinocereus reichenbachii* var. *albertii*)
 bunched cory cactus (*Coryphantha ramillosa*)
 Davis' green pitaya (*Echinocereus viridiflorus* var. *Davisii*)
 Hinckley's oak (*Quercus hinckleyi*)
 Johnston's frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*)
 large-fruited sand verbena (*Abronia macrocarpa*)
 Little Aguja pondweed (*Potamogeton clystocarpus*)
 Lloyd's mariposa cactus (*Neolloydia mariposensis*)

Permit No. PRT-820283

Applicant: Dr. David M. Leslie, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Applicant requests authorization to collect by seine and freeze 30 specimens of Pecos Gambusia (*Gambusia nobilis*) at each of 10 sites in the Diamond Y Draw Preserve of the Texas Nature Conservancy, Pecos County, Texas.

Permit No. PRT-833851

Applicant: Robert Hansen, Austin, Texas

Applicant requests authorization for scientific monitoring, enhancement of propagation or survival, and incidental taking of the Barton Springs salamander (*Eurycea sosorum*).

Permit No. PRT-833866

Applicant: Donna Work, Lufkin, Texas

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for red-cockaded woodpeckers (*Picoides borealis*); monitor populations, cavity trees, and stand conditions; midstory

and understory removal/control; install artificial cavity inserts, restrictor plates, hardware cloth, and snake exclusion devices; banding and sexing of juveniles; and capturing, handling and possible banding of adults.

Permit No. PRT-833867

Applicant: Juan Valera-Lema, Austin, Texas

Applicant requests authorization hold 4 Barton Springs salamanders (*Eurycea sosorum*) and to collect and/or receive 25 additional species for educational display purposes at the Austin Nature and Science Center.

Permit No. PRT-833868

Applicant: E. Linwood Smith, Tucson, Arizona

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) on the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range in Arizona.

Permit No. PRT-822998

Applicant: John M. McGee, Tucson, Arizona

Applicant request authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to survey for the Sonora tiger salamander (*Ambystoma tigrinum stebbinsi*), Huachuca water umbel (*Lilaeopsis schaffneriana ssp recurva*), Pima pineapple cactus (*Coryphantha scheeri robustispina*), New Mexican ridge-nosed rattlesnake (*Crotalus willardi obscurus*), Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis*), Sonora chub (*Gila ditaenia*), American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*), and Canelo Hills ladies' tresses (*Spiranthes delitescens*).

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be by October 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents. Documents and other information submitted with these applications 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, to the address above.

Jerome M. Butler,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2
 Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit by Langboard, Inc. for Construction of a Fiberboard Manufacturing Facility Near Willacoochee, Atkinson County, GA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Langboard, Inc. (Applicant) seeks an incidental take permit (ITP) from the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), as amended (Act). The Applicant proposes to construct a fiberboard manufacturing facility and associated infrastructure on sandhill habitat near Willacoochee, Atkinson County, Georgia. The threatened Eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*) is known to occur on the property. The ITP would authorize incidental take of snakes throughout the life of the facility. To minimize impacts associated with the proposed project, Langboard proposes to implement conservation measures to restore degraded snake habitat on 59 acres adjacent to the proposed facility.

The Service also announces the availability of the HCP for the incidental take application. Copies of the HCP may be obtained by making a request to the Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). Requests must be in writing to be processed. This notice also advises the public that the Service has made a preliminary determination that issuing the ITP is available through the Categorical Exemption process outlined in the Service's Departmental Manual governing implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10 of the Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). The Service specifically requests comment on the appropriateness of the "No Surprises" assurances should the Service determine that an ITP will be