

other entities so that they can be taken into account during the course of implementing recovery actions. Responses to individual commenters will not be provided, but we will provide a summary of how we addressed substantive comments in an appendix to the approved recovery plan.

We invite written comments on the draft revised recovery plan. This plan has undergone significant revision since the original plan, incorporating the most recent scientific research specific to the Mount Graham red squirrel and input from the Technical and Stakeholder Subgroups of the Recovery Team. Therefore, we encourage commenters to review the recovery plan in its entirety.

Before we approve the plan, we will consider all comments we receive by the date specified in **DATES** above. Methods of submitting comments are in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

#### Public Availability of Comments

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.

Comments and materials we receive will be available, by appointment, for public inspection during normal business hours at our office (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### Authority

We developed our draft recovery plan under the authority of section 4(f) of the Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f). We publish this notice under section 4(f) Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 18, 2011.

Joy E. Nicholopoulos,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R3-ES-2011-N111; 30120-1113-0000-F6]

#### 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:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** We must receive any written comments on or before June 27, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments by U.S. mail to the Regional Director, *Attn:* Lisa Mandell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458; or by electronic mail to [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Mandell, (612) 713-5343.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

We invite public comment on the following permit applications for certain activities with endangered species authorized by section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our regulations governing the taking of endangered species in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. Submit your written data, comments, or request for a copy of the complete application to the address shown in **ADDRESSES**.

##### Permit Applications

*Permit Application Number:* TE42196A

*Applicant:* Illinois River Biological Station, Illinois Natural History Survey, Havana, IL.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) pallid sturgeon (*Scaphyrinchus albus*) throughout Illinois. Activities are proposed for long-term monitoring of fish communities in the large rivers of Illinois and are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

*Permit Application Number:* TE43541A

*Applicant:* Francesca J. Cuthbert, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release; capture and rear) piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*) in Michigan and Wisconsin. The research entails capture and marking of piping plovers, erecting nesting exclosures to improve nesting

success, and salvaging orphaned eggs and nestlings to enhance the survival of the species in the wild.

*Permit Application Number:* TE43545A

*Applicant:* Shawna R. Kriegshauser, Lewistown, MO.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) American Burying Beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Deer Ridge Conservation Area, Lewis County, Missouri. Proposed activities are aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

*Permit Application Number:* TE43555A

*Applicant:* Maria Gabriella Bidart-Bouzat, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (temporarily hold) Karner Blue Butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) adults, eggs and larvae to test interactions with wild lupine of varying origins. Specimens will be received in conjunction with permitted reintroduction programs, and all larval specimens surviving to adults will be released to the wild following authorized activities. Research is proposed for the recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

*Permit Application Number:* TE43605A

*Applicant:* Daniel R. Cox, Streator, IL.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) throughout the range of the species. Proposed activities are for enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

*Permit Application Number:* TE02365A

*Applicant:* Lynn W. Robbins, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.

The applicant requests an amendment to permit number TE02365A to add the Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*) to the list of species covered and to add the State of Arkansas to the geographic scope of the permit. Proposed activities are for the survival and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

*Permit Application Number:* TE130900

*Applicant:* EnviroScience, Inc., Stow, OH.

The applicant requests an amendment to permit number TE130900 to add the states of Arkansas and Tennessee to the geographic scope of the permit and to add the following mussel species to the permit: *Arkansia wheeleri*, *Epioblasma florentina curtisii*, *Lampsilis powelli*, *Lampsilis streckeri*, *Alasmidonta*

*atropupurea*, *Alasmidonta raveneliana*, *Dromus dromas*, *Epioblasma brevidens*, *Epioblasma capsaeformis*, *Epioblasma florentina walkeri*, *Epioblasma othcaloogensis*, *Epioblasma triquetra*, *Fusconaia cor*, *Fusconaia cuneolus*, *Hamiota altilis*, *Hemistena lata*, *Lampsilis virescens*, *Lemiox rimosus*, *Lexingtonia dolabelloides*, *Medionidus acutissimus*, *Obovaria retusa*, *Pegias fabula*, *Pleurobema gibberum*, *Pleurobema hanleyianum*, *Pleurobema perovatum*, *Ptychobranchus greenii*, *Ptychobranchus subtentum*, *Quadrula cylindrica strigillata*, *Quadrula fragosa*, *Quadrula intermedia*, *Quadrula sparsa*, *Toxolasma cylindrellus*, *Villosa purpurea*, and *Villosa trabilis*. Proposed activities include surveys to document presence or absence of the species for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

#### Public Comments

We seek 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 proposed activities in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

Dated: May 20, 2011.

Sean Marsan,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-R-2011-N055; 40136-1265-0000-S3]

#### Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge, LA and MS; Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a draft comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment (Draft CCP/EA) for Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in St. Tammany and Washington Parishes, Louisiana, and Pearl River County, Mississippi, for public review and comment. In this Draft CCP/EA, we describe the alternative we propose to use to manage this refuge for the 15 years following approval of the final CCP.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments by June 27, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain a copy of the Draft CCP/EA by contacting Ms. Tina Chouinard, via U.S. mail at Fish and Wildlife Service, 3006 Dinkins Lane, Paris, TN 38242. Alternatively, you may download the document from our Internet site: <http://southeast.fws.gov/planning> under "Draft Documents."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Tina Chouinard, at 731/432-0981 (telephone).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Introduction

With this notice, we continue the CCP process for Bogue Chitto NWR. We started the process through a notice of intent in the **Federal Register** on February 20, 2009 (74 FR 7913). For more about the refuge and our CCP process, please see that notice.

Established in 1980, Bogue Chitto NWR is one of eight refuges managed as part of the Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The refuge headquarters is approximately 9 miles northeast of the city of Slidell, Louisiana. The 36,502-acre refuge is bisected by the Pearl River in Louisiana and Mississippi. On the Mississippi side of the river, the refuge is bounded by Old River Wildlife Management Area (15,400 acres) to the north and by the State of Louisiana's Pearl River Wildlife

Management Area (35,031) to the south, thereby forming an 87,000-acre block of protected forested wetlands and adjacent uplands within the Pearl River Basin.

White-tailed deer, squirrel, turkey, waterfowl, and hog hunting, as well as fishing, are offered to the public. The threatened and endangered species found on the refuge are ringed map turtle, gopher tortoise, inflated heelsplitter mussel, and gulf sturgeon.

Access is primarily by boat on the refuge's Louisiana side and road access is available on the refuge's Mississippi side. In 2002, the new Holmes Bayou walking trail was unveiled on the Louisiana side of the refuge. This 3/4-mile walking trail offers a unique journey into the interior of Bogue Chitto NWR's majestic habitat. The Pearl River Turnaround area is being developed as a site for education and interpretation, as well as a site for the annual youth fishing rodeo.

#### Background

##### The CCP Process

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Administration Act), as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Significant issues addressed in this Draft CCP/EA include: (1) Managing for invasive species and species of special concern, such as the gopher tortoise and ringed map turtle; (2) managing mixed pine upland and bottomland hardwood forests; (3) managing for land protection; (4) examining for a wilderness study area; (5) enhancing wildlife-dependent public use; And (6) increasing permanent staff.