

State and county	Location and case No.	Chief executive officer of community	Community map repository	Date of modification	Community No.
Clark (FEMA Docket No.: B-1801).	City of Henderson (17-09-0674P).	The Honorable Debra March, Mayor, City of Henderson, 240 South Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015.	Public Works Department, 240 South Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015.	Mar. 27, 2018	320005
Clark (FEMA Docket No.: B-1772).	City of Henderson (17-09-2174P).	The Honorable Debra March, Mayor, City of Henderson, 240 South Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015.	City Hall, 240 South Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015.	Mar. 15, 2018	320005
Clark (FEMA Docket No.: B-1801).	Unincorporated Areas of Clark County (17-09-0674P).	The Honorable Steve Sisolak, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Clark County, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, 6th Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89106.	Clark County, Office of the Director of Public Works, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155.	Mar. 27, 2018	320003
Clark (FEMA Docket No.: B-1801).	Unincorporated Areas of Clark County (17-09-2785P).	The Honorable Steve Sisolak, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Clark County, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, 6th Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89106.	Clark County, Office of the Director of Public Works, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155.	Apr. 9, 2018	320003
New York:					
Onondaga (FEMA Docket No.: B-1765).	Town of Marcellus (17-02-1132P).	Ms. Karen Pollard, Town Supervisor, Town of Marcellus, 24 East Main Street, Marcellus, NY 13108.	Town Hall, 24 East Main Street, Marcellus, NY 13108.	Mar. 20, 2018	360585
Onondaga (FEMA Docket No.: B-1765).	Village of Marcellus (17-02-1132P).	The Honorable John P. Curtin, Mayor, Village of Marcellus, 6 Slocombe Avenue, Marcellus, NY 13108.	Village Hall, 6 Slocombe Avenue, Marcellus, NY 13108.	Mar. 20, 2018	360586
Queens (FEMA Docket No.: B-1768).	City of New York (17-02-1503P).	The Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor, City of New York, City Hall, New York, NY 10007.	New York City Department of Planning, Waterfront Division, 22 Reade Street, New York, NY 10007.	Apr. 18, 2018	360497
Oregon:					
Benton (FEMA Docket No.: B-1801).	City of Philomath, (17-10-1546P).	The Honorable Rocky Sloan, Mayor, City of Philomath, 980 Applegate Street, Philomath, OR 97370.	City Hall, 980 Applegate Street, Philomath, OR 97370.	Mar. 29, 2018	410011
Benton (FEMA Docket No.: B-1801).	Unincorporated Areas of Benton County (17-10-1546P).	Ms. Annabelle Jaramillo, Chair, Benton County Board of Commissioners, 205 Northwest 5th Street, Corvallis, OR 97339.	Benton County Sheriff's Office, 180 Northwest 5th Street, Corvallis, OR 97333.	Mar. 29, 2018	410008
Marion (FEMA Docket No.: B-1805).	City of Salem (17-10-1368P).	The Honorable M. Chuck Bennett, Mayor, City of Salem, 555 Liberty Street Southeast, Room 220, Salem, OR 97301.	Public Works Department, 555 Liberty Street Southeast, Room 325, Salem, OR 97301.	Mar. 29, 2018	410167
Texas: Dallas (FEMA Docket No.: B-1772).	City of Mesquite (17-06-3127P).	The Honorable John Monaco, Mayor, City of Mesquite, 757 North Galloway Avenue, Mesquite, TX 75149.	City Engineering Services, 1515 North Galloway Avenue, Mesquite, TX 75185.	Mar. 27, 2018	485490
Washington: King (FEMA Docket No.: B-1801).	City of North Bend (17-10-1428P).	The Honorable Kenneth G. Hearing, Mayor, City of North Bend, 211 Main Avenue North, North Bend, WA 98045.	Planning Department, 126 East 4th Street, North Bend, WA 98045.	Apr. 13, 2018	530085
Wisconsin: Brown (FEMA Docket No.: B-1801).	Unincorporated Areas of Brown County (17-05-5248P).	Mr. Patrick Moynihan, Jr., Chair, Brown County, 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, WI 54301.	Brown County Zoning Office, 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, WI 54301.	Apr. 4, 2018	550020

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-ES-2018-N072;
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Endangered Species; Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comment.

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 (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given in **ADDRESSES** by July 6, 2018.

ADDRESSES:

Reviewing Documents: Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act. Submit a request for a copy of such documents to Karen Marlowe, 404-679-7097 (telephone) or 404-679-7081 (fax); karen_marlowe@fws.gov.

Submitting Comments: If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office, Ecological Services, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Karen Marlowe, Permit Coordinator).

- *Email:* permitsR4ES@fws.gov. Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that we have

received your email message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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Karen Marlowe, Permit Coordinator, 404-679-7097 (telephone) or 404-679-7081 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We invite review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies and the public on applications we have received for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA's definition of "take" includes hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing and also such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. 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

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and

recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

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

Permit application No.	Applicant	Species/numbers	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE 065972-2	U.S. Forest Service, Russellville, AR.	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 (=Plecotus) townsendii ingens</i>), and American burying beetle (<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>).	Ozark-St. Francis National Forest lands, Arkansas.	Presence/absence surveys.	Bats: Enter hibernacula and maternity roost caves, capture with mist nets, handle, identify, and release. American burying beetle: live-trap and release.	Renewal and Amendment.
TE 171493-2	Memphis Zoo, Memphis, TN.	Dusky gopher frog (<i>Rana sevosia</i>).	In captivity at Memphis Zoo, Memphis, TN; Toronto Zoo, Ontario, Canada; and, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE. In the wild in Harrison County, Mississippi.	Genetic diversity study of captive frogs and post-release survival and movement of captive-bred frogs.	Collect toe clips from captive-bred frogs; attach radio-transmitters to monitor post-release survival and movements of captive-bred metamorphs.	Renewal and Amendment.
TE 237535-3	Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, FL.	<i>Dicerandra christmanii</i> (Garrett's mint), <i>Warea carteri</i> (Carter's mustard), and <i>Lupinus aridorum</i> (Scrub lupine).	Lake Wales National Wildlife Refuge, Florida.	<i>Ex situ</i> seed banking, artificial propagation, seed germination and storage research, and population augmentation.	Remove and reduce to possession (collect) seeds and leaves.	Renewal.
TE 53149B-2	Hans Otto, Tucson, AZ	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>), Lesser long-nosed bat (<i>Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena</i>), and New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius luteus</i>).	Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.	Presence/absence surveys and scientific research.	Lesser long-nosed bat: mist-net, harp trap, hand-net, band, radio-tag, light tag, collect hair samples, collect oral swabs, and wing punch. Other bats: enter hibernacula or maternity roost caves, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, collect hair samples, band, radio tag, light tag, collect fecal material, apply fungal lift tape, swab, and wing punch. New Mexico jumping mouse: live-trap, handle, and release.	Renewal.

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TE 41910B-2	Scott Rush, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), Northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>), and Gopher tortoise (<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>).	Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.	Presence/absence surveys and scientific research.	Bats: Capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, and collect hair samples. Gopher tortoise: scope burrows, capture, handle, mark, attach transmitters, and attach GPS loggers.	Renewal and Amendment.
TE 75551C-0	Phillip Arant, Lexington, KY.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), and Northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>).	Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.	Presence/absence surveys.	Capture with mist-nets or harp traps, handle, identify, band, and radio-tag.	New.
TE 54578B-2	Mary Frazer, Raleigh, NC.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), Northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>), and Virginia big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i>).	Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.	Presence/absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, population monitoring, and to evaluate potential impacts of white-nose syndrome or other threats.	Enter hibernacula or maternity roost caves, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, collect hair samples, band, radio tag, light-tag, and wing-punch.	Renewal.
TE 63633A-5	Biodiversity Research Institute, Portland, ME.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), and Northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>).	Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.	Presence/absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, population monitoring, and to evaluate potential impacts of white-nose syndrome or other threats.	Enter hibernacula or maternity roost caves, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, collect hair samples, band, radio tag, and wing-punch.	Renewal.

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TE 75560C-0	Jeffrey Hawkins, Richmond, KY.	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>), blackside dace (<i>Phoxinus cumberlandensis</i>), and 36 species of freshwater mussels.	Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.	Presence/absence surveys, studies to document habitat use, population monitoring, and to evaluate potential impacts of white-nose syndrome or other threats.	Bats: Enter hibernacula or maternity roost caves, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, collect hair samples, band, radio tag, light-tag, swab, and wing-punch. Fish and Mussels: Capture, identify, and release.	New.
TE 76455C-0	North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.	Bartram's hairstreak butterfly (<i>Strymon acis bartrami</i>), Florida leafwing butterfly (<i>Anaea troglodyta floridae</i>), Miami blue butterfly (<i>Cyclargus (=Hemiargus) thomasi bethunebakeri</i>), and Schaus swallowtail butterfly (<i>Heraclides aristodemus ponceanus</i>).	Florida	Scientific research on survival rates of various life stages.	Locate eggs, monitor and measure caterpillars, enclose host plants, release emerging butterflies, and salvage of parasitized eggs and larvae.	New.
TE 77197C-0	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock, AR.	American burying beetle (<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>).	Logan County, Arkansas.	Presence/absence surveys and population monitoring.	Live-trap and release ..	New.
TE 77472C-0	Stream Techs, LLC, Athens, GA.	Amber darter (<i>Percina antesella</i>), Etowah darter (<i>Etheostoma etowahae</i>), Gulf moccasinshell (<i>Medionidus penicillatus</i>), Oval pigtoe (<i>Pleurobema pyriforme</i>), and Shinyrayed pocketbook (<i>Lampsilis subangulata</i>).	Georgia	Presence/absence surveys.	Capture, handle, identify, and release.	New.
TE 88797B-1	Amber Nolder, Luthersburg, PA.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>).	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.	Presence/absence surveys and studies to document habitat use.	Capture with mist nets and harp traps, handle, identify, band, mark with non-toxic paint, and radio-tag.	Amendment.
TE 824723-10 ...	Reed Bowman, Archbold Biological Station, Venus, FL.	Florida grasshopper sparrow (<i>Ammodramus savannarum floridanus</i>).	Florida	Predator control, nest monitoring, disease screening, emergency actions associated with severe weather, and captive propagation.	Fire ant control around nest sites, installation of predator exclusion fences on nests, installation of nest cameras, collection of blood samples, raising nests to reduce mortality associated with flooding, cross-fostering of eggs and nestlings, and collection of eggs, nestlings, juveniles, and adults.	Amendment.

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TE 78383C-0	Joel Casto, Crawfordville, FL.	Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>).	Apalachicola National Forest Florida.	Population monitoring, population management, and translocation.	Capture, band, translocate, monitor nest cavities, install and monitor artificial nest cavities, and install restrictors.	New.
TE 32397A-3	James Godwin, Auburn University, Auburn, AL.	Black Warrior waterdog (<i>Necturus alabamensis</i>).	Alabama	Presence/absence surveys, genetic analyses, population analysis.	Capture, handle, identify, and collect tissue sample (tail tip).	Amendment.
TE 37886B-1	Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., Franklin, TN.	Nashville crayfish (<i>Orconectes shoupi</i>).	Tennessee	Presence/absence surveys.	Capture, handle, identify, and release.	Renewal.
TE 096554-4	James Robinson, Lexington, KY.	Blackside dace (<i>Phoxinus cumberlandensis</i>), Cumberland darter (<i>Etheostoma susanae</i>), and Kentucky arrow darter (<i>Etheostoma spilotum</i>).	Kentucky and Tennessee.	Presence/absence surveys.	Capture, handle, identify, and release.	Renewal and Amendment.
TE 100012-3	Michael Reynolds, Share the Beach, Gulf Shores, AL.	Green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>), Kemp's ridley sea turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kemp</i>), and Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>).	Baldwin and Mobile Counties, Alabama.	Monitor and protect nests.	Locate, monitor, excavate, and relocate nests; temporarily retain nestlings; and, release nestlings.	Renewal.
TE 102418-3	Florida Army National Guard, Starke, FL.	Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>), Eastern indigo snake (<i>Drymarchon corais couperi</i>).	Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Starke, FL.	Presence/absence surveys and population management.	Red-cockaded woodpecker: Monitor nest cavities, capture, band, release, and install artificial nest cavities. Eastern indigo snake: Scope burrows, capture, handle, and release.	Renewal and Amendment.
TE 002507-6	Florida Forest Service, Brooksville, FL.	Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>).	Florida	Population management and monitoring.	Capture, band, translocate, monitor nest cavities, construct and monitor artificial nest cavities and restrictors.	Renewal.
TE 81202C-0	Michael Maltba, Whitesburg, KY.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), and Northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>).	Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.	Presence/absence surveys and studies to document habitat use.	Enter hibernacula and maternity roost caves, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets and harp traps, handle, band, radio-tag, collect hair samples, wing-punch, and light-tag.	New.
TE 142294-5	William Holimon, Little Rock, AR.	Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>).	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas.	Population management and monitoring.	Capture, band, monitor nest cavities, construct and monitor artificial nest cavities and restrictors, and translocate.	Renewal.
TE 027344-3	Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, Monticello, GA.	Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>).	Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, Georgia.	Population management and monitoring.	Monitor nest cavities, and construct and monitor artificial nest cavities and restrictors.	Renewal.

Permit application No.	Applicant	Species/numbers	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE 84861C-0	Power South Energy Cooperative, Andalusia, AL.	Choctaw bean (<i>Villosa choctawensis</i>), fuzzy pigtoe (<i>Pleurobema strodeanum</i>), narrow pigtoe (<i>Fusconaia escambia</i>), southern kidneyshell (<i>Ptychobranthus jonesi</i>), and southern sandshell (<i>Hamiota australis</i>).	Alabama	Presence/absence surveys.	Remove from the substrate, handle, identify, return to substrate, and salvage relic shells.	New.
TE 61981B-3	The Peregrine Fund, Boise, ID.	Puerto Rican sharp-shinned hawk (<i>Accipiter striatus venator</i>).	Puerto Rico	Captive propagation and reintroduction.	Collect eggs and nestlings for captive propagation.	Amendment.

Authority: We provide this notice under the authority of section 10(c) of the ESA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Two Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plans and Categorical Exclusions for Pacific Gas and Electric Company Gas Pipeline Vegetation Management, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received two applications from Pacific Gas and Electric Company for two 20-year incidental take permits under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The applications address the potential for “take” of the federally endangered Mount Hermon June beetle and Santa Cruz long-toed salamander, as well as the federally threatened California red-legged frog, that is likely to occur incidental to the removal of vegetation along two natural gas pipelines that traverse Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, California. We invite comments from the public on the application packages, which include two low-effect habitat conservation plans.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by July 6, 2018.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: You may download copies of the habitat conservation plans, draft environmental action statements, low-effect screening forms, and related documents on the internet at <http://www.fws.gov/ventura/>, or you may request copies by U.S. mail to our Ventura office (below) or by phone (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Submitting Comments: Please address written comments to Stephen P. Henry, Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003. You alternatively may send comments by facsimile to (805) 644-3958.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chad Mitcham, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, by U.S. mail to the Ventura office, or by telephone at (805) 677-3328.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We have received two applications from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for two 20-year incidental take permits (ITPs) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The applications address the potential for “take” of the federally endangered Mount Hermon June beetle (*Polyphylla barbata*) and Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (*Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum*), and the federally threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) likely to occur incidental to the initial removal and ongoing periodic management of vegetation that occurs over and along two separate natural gas pipelines. The first proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP), referred to in this document as the Sandhills HCP, concerns the natural gas pipeline located along Graham Hill Road, Santa Cruz County, California, and occurs within habitat for the Mount Hermon June beetle. The second HCP, referred to as the North Coast HCP, concerns a natural gas pipeline that traverses portions of Santa Cruz and

Monterey Counties and occurs within habitat of the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander and California red-legged frog. We invite comments from the public on the application packages, which include two proposed low-effect HCPs. The proposed actions have been determined to be eligible for categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended.

Background

Section 9 of the ESA and its implementing regulations prohibit the take of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. “Take” is defined under the ESA to include the following activities: “to 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 defined as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity (50 CFR 17.3). Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are provided at 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22, respectively. Issuance of an incidental take permit must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plant species.

Applicant’s Proposal

PG&E (hereafter, the applicant) has submitted two low-effect HCPs in support of their applications for incidental take permits (ITPs) to address take of the Mount Hermon June beetle, Santa Cruz long-toed salamander, and the California red-legged frog. The Sandhills HCP addresses take of the Mount Hermon June beetle that is likely to occur as the result of direct impacts on up to 2.9 acres (ac) of habitat that is occupied by the species. The North