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SAFEGUARDS:

Access to records in the system is limited to authorized personnel whose official duties require such access. Paper records are maintained in locked metal file cabinets and/or in secured rooms. Electronic records are maintained in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget and Departmental guidelines reflecting the implementation of the Computer Security Act of 1987 (40 U.S.C. 759). Electronic data is protected through user identification, passwords, database permissions and software controls. Such security measures establish different access levels for different types of users.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records in this system are covered by General Records Schedules 14 and 20. Bureaus and offices also follow guidance on permanent and temporary records disposition issued by the National Archives and Records Administration.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESSES:

(1) The Departmental FOIA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-5312 MIB, Washington, DC 20240 has overall responsibility for the policies and procedures used to operate the system.

(2) DOI FOIA Officers and Coordinators in headquarters and in field offices have responsibility for the data input into and maintained on the EFTS for their respective organizations along with any paper records. To obtain a current list of the FOIA Officers and Coordinators and their addresses, see <http://www.doi.gov/foia/contacts.html> or the Appendix.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Inquiries regarding the existence of records in the EFTS or inquiries regarding the existence of paper records should be sent to the FOIA Officer or Coordinator of the Bureau or Office that maintains the FOIA records (see <http://www.doi.gov/foia/contacts.html> or the Appendix). All inquiries must be in writing, signed by the requester, and meet the criteria of 43 CFR 2.60.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

To request access to records, follow the procedures in the "Notification procedures" section, above. The request must meet the requirements of 43 CFR 2.63. The request envelope and letter should be clearly marked either "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST FOR ACCESS" or "PRIVACY ACT REQUEST FOR ACCESS."

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

To request an amendment of a record, follow the procedures in the "Notification procedures" section, above. The request must meet the requirements of 43 CFR 2.71.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information gathered in this system is submitted by individuals, agencies, or corporate entities filing FOIA/PA requests and agency employees processing these requests. Information also is taken from the following PA system of records: Freedom of Information Act Appeal Files—Interior, DOI-69; and Privacy Act Files—Interior, DOI-57.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received within 30 days of the date of publication.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103; (505) 248-6649; Fax (505) 248-6788. Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold

Ave. SW, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico. 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:

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. 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 to the address above for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Permit No. TE-057946**

Applicant: USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Applicant requests a permit for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah.

Permit No. TE-802956

Applicant: Walcoff & Associates, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys within White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico for the following species: southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*), and whooping crane (*Grus americana*).

Permit No. TE-820083

Applicant: Oklahoma Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Rescue Unit, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow collection of Clear Creek gambusia (*Gambusia heterchir*) within Menard County, Texas.

Permit No. TE-841359

Applicant: USDA Forest Service, Gila National Forests, Silver City, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow monitoring surveys for Gila trout (*Oncorhynchus gilae*) within the Gila National Forest. Methodology may include use of seines, dip nets, and electrofishing.

Permit No. TE-055422

Applicant: BIO-Logic Environmental, Montrose, Colorado.

Applicant requests a permit for recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Colorado.

Permit No. TE-059141

Applicant: City of New Braunfels, New Braunfels, Texas.

Applicant requests a permit for research and recovery purposes to allow habitat management for the fountain darter (*Etheostoma fonticola*), within Comal County, Texas, in the form of aquatic plant removal resulting in some take of fountain darter eggs.

Permit No. TE-059794

Applicant: Mary Darling, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests a permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys within Arizona for the following species: southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), cactus ferruginous pygmy owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), Sonoran tiger salamander (*Ambystoma tigrinum stebbinsi*), and Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*).

Leslie A. Dierauf,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Receipt of a Permit Application (Sweeny) for Incidental Take of the Houston Toad**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Gary Sweeny (Applicant) has applied for an incidental take permit (TE-060909-0) pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The requested permit would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad. The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and operation of a church on an approximately 1.79 acre property in the Bastrop Hills Homesites Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas.

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Clayton Napier, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas, at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-060909-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clayton Napier at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Applicant: Gary Sweeny plans to construct a church, within 5 years, on an approximately 1.79 acre property in the Bastrop Hills Homesites Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate 1.79 acres or less of Houston toad habitat and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The Applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by providing \$5,370.00 to the Houston Toad Conservation Fund at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and

management within Houston toad habitat.

Bryan Arroyo,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[WO-320-1990-FA-24 1A]

OMB Approval Number 1004-0114; Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted an extension of a currently approved collection to collect the information listed below to the Office of Management and Budget under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On August 21, 2001, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 43900) requesting comments on this information collection. The comment period ended on October 22, 2001. The BLM received no comments from the public in response to that notice. You may obtain copies of the collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

The OMB must respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0114), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

Nature of Comments

We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and