

- Large-fruited sand verbena (*Abronia macrocarpa*)
- Lee pincushion cactus (*Coryphantha* (=Escobaria, =Mammillaria) *sneedii* var. *leei*)
- Little Aguja pondweed (*Potamogeton clystocarpus*)
- Lloyd's mariposa cactus (*Echinomastus* (=Echinocactus, =Sclerocactus, =Neolloydia *mariposensis*))
- Mancos milk-vetch (*Astragalus humillimus*)
- Mesa Verde cactus (*Sclerocactus* (=Coloradoa, =Echinocactus, =Pediocactus) *mesae-verdae*)
- Navajo sedge (*Carex specuicola*)
- Navasota ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*)
- Neches River rose-mallow (*Hibiscus dasycalyx*)
- Nellie cory cactus (*Coryphantha* (=Escobaria, =Mammillaria) *minima* (=nellieae))
- Nichol's Turk's head cactus (*Echinocactus horizonthalonius* var. *nicholii*)
- Pecos (=puzzle) sunflower (*Helianthus paradoxus*)
- Peebles Navajo cactus (*Pediocactus* (=Echinocactus, =Navajoa, =Toumeyia, =Utahia) *peeblesianus* var. *peeblesianus*)
- Pima pineapple cactus (*Coryphantha scheeri* var. *robustispina*)
- Sacramento prickly-poppy (*Argemone pleiacantha* ssp. *pinnatisecta*)
- Sacramento Mountains thistle (*Cirsium vinaceum*)
- San Francisco Peaks groundsel (*Senecio franciscanus*)
- Sentry milk-vetch (*Astragalus cremnophylax* var. *cremnophylax*)
- Siler pincushion cactus (*Pediocactus* (=Echinocactus, =Utahia) *sileri*)
- Slender rush-pea (*Hoffmannseggia tenella*)
- Sneed pincushion cactus (*Coryphantha* (=Escobaria, =Mammillaria) *sneedii* var. *sneedii*)
- South Texas ambrosia (*Ambrosia cheiranthifolia*)
- Star cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*)
- Terlingua Creek cat's eye (*Cryptantha crassipes*)
- Texas ayenia (*Ayenia limitaris*)
- Texas golden gladeceess (*Leavenworthia texana*)

- Texas prairie dawn (=Texas bitterweed) (*Hymenoxys texana*)
- Texas poppy-mallow (*Callirhoe scabriuscula*)
- Texas trailing phlox (*Phlox nivalis* ssp. *texensis*)
- Texas wild-rice (*Zizania texana*)
- Texas snowbells (*Styrax texana*)
- Tobusch fishhook cactus (*Ancistrocactus* (=Echinocactus, =Mammillaria) *tobuschii*)
- Todsens's pennyroyal (*Hedeoma todsenii*)
- Walker's manioc (*Manihot walkerae*)
- Welsh's milkweed (*Asclepias welshii*)
- Western prairie fringed orchid (*Platanthera praeclara*)
- White bladderpod (*Lesquerella pallida*)
- Zapata bladderpod (*Lesquerella thanmophila*)
- Zuni (=Rhizome) fleabane (*Erigeron rhizomatus*)

Permit TE-5878A

Applicant: University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests a renewal to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and research activities for ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*) and jaguar (*Panthera onca*) within Arizona.

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)).

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: March 11, 2015.

Stephen Robertson,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R6-ES-2015-N010;
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Endangered and Threatened Species; Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under the authority of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (Act).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Konishi, Recovery Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (719) 628-2670 (phone); *permitsR6ES@fws.gov* (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We have issued the following permits in response to recovery permit applications we received under the authority of section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Issuance of each permit occurred only after we determined that it was applied for in good faith, that granting the permit would not be to the disadvantage of the listed species, and that the terms and conditions of the permit were consistent with purposes and policy set forth in the Act.

Applicant name	Permit No.	Date issued	Date expired
BIO-LOGIC INC.	36792A	12/1/2014	12/31/2019
BLAHA RANCH, INC.	40466B	10/10/2014	10/7/2034
BOROFF LAND & LIVESTOCK	40464B	10/10/2014	10/7/2034
BOUSMAN LIVESTOCK, INC.	32286B	10/10/2014	10/7/2034
CITY OF FORT COLLINS NATURAL AREAS DEPARTMENT	42721B	10/21/2014	9/30/2019
DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE	40145B	12/1/2014	12/31/2019
G&E LIVESTOCK, INC.	32288B	10/10/2014	10/7/2034
HIP INVESTMENTS LLC	40463B	10/10/2014	10/7/2034
LAWRENCE, CINDY	27300B	7/11/2014	6/30/2019

Applicant name	Permit No.	Date issued	Date expired
LONGREACH BUFFALO CO, LLC	42567B	10/10/2014	10/7/2034
MARETTE, BRANDON B.	25496B	12/15/2014	12/31/2019
MERLIN RANCH, INC.	40602B	10/10/2014	10/7/2034
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE	191853	8/20/2014	7/1/2019
PAPE RANCHES, INC.	40467B	10/10/2014	10/7/2034
PETERSON, JOHN F.	34900B	12/5/2014	12/31/2019
ROGERS, DONALD W.	40478B	10/10/2014	10/7/2034
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	121914	7/25/2014	5/31/2019
UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES	39634B	6/23/2014	6/16/2050

Availability 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 to Kathy Konishi (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Michael G. Thabault,

Assistant Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R6-ES-2014-N252;
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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; 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 or threatened species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (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: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by April 20, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments or requests for copies or more information by any of the following methods. Alternatively, you may use

one of the following methods to request hard copies or a CD-ROM of the documents. Please specify the permit you are interested in by number (*e.g.*, Permit No. TE-XXXXXX).

- *Email:* permitsR6ES@fws.gov.

Please refer to the respective permit number (*e.g.*, Permit No. TE-XXXXXX) in the subject line of the message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486-DFC, Denver, CO 80225.

- *In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or Pickup:* Call (719) 628-2670 to make an appointment during regular business hours at 134 Union Blvd., Suite 645, Lakewood, CO 80228.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Konishi, Recovery Permits Coordinator, Ecological Services, (719) 628-2670 (phone); permitsR6ES@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. Along with our implementing regulations at 50 CFR 17, the Act provides for permits and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the permittees to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or interstate commerce (the latter only in the event that it facilitates scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival). 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.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies and the public to comment on the following applications. Documents

and other information the applicants have submitted with their applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit Application Number TE704930

Applicants: Michael Thabault and Nicole Alt, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 6, Ecological Services, Denver, CO.

The applicants request an amendment to add New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius luteus*), red knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), Gunnison sage-grouse (*Centrocercus minimus*), yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*), Eskimo curlew (*Numenius borealis*), lesser prairie-chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*), white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*), Gierisch mallow (*Sphaeralcea gierischii*), Leedy's roseroot (*Rhodiola integrifolia* ssp. *leeydi*), Higgins eye (pearlymussel) (*Lampsilis higginsii*), rabbitsfoot (*Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica*), Dakota skipper (*Hesperia dacotae*), and Poweshiek skipperling (*Oarisma poweshiek*) to an existing permit to purposefully take (display, photograph, harass by survey, capture, handle, weigh, measure, mark, obtain biological samples, breed in captivity, reintroduce, relocate, remove from the wild, and kill) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival. This permit will allow Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) employees, agents of the Service, and Service volunteers to lawfully conduct threatened and endangered species activities, in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range, as outlined in Fish and Wildlife Service employees' and volunteers' position descriptions.

Permit Application Number TE232905

Applicant: City of Saint Paul, Como Zoo, Saint Paul, MN.

The applicant requests a permit to propagate Wyoming toads (*Anaxyrus baxteri*) to preserve genetic diversity and provide individuals for