

Houses of Congress or at least 30 days from the date this Notice is published in the **Federal Register**, whichever is later, providing no comments are received which would result in a contrary determination.

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Steven M. Yohai,

Chief Information Officer.

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

Permit No. PRT—826081

Applicant: John C. Newnam, Austin Texas.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for golden-cheeked warblers (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and black-capped vireos (*Vireo atricapillus*); and to capture, identify, measure, weigh, photograph, record the exact location of, and release Houston toads (*Bufo houstonensis*) unharmed at capture sites in Hays, Blanco, Gillespie, Llano, Mason, Bexar, Kendall, Comal, Kerr, Bandera, Medina, Uvalde, Real, Edwards, Kimball, Terrell, and Pecos Counties, Texas.

Permit No. PRT—825574

Applicant: Ron Dunton, Socorro, New Mexico.

The applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for aplomado falcons (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*) and southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) on Bureau of Land Management lands in Socorro County, New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT—826091

Applicant: Michael Taylor, Phoenix, Arizona.

The applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) along the Santa Maria River and Agua Fria and Gila River tributaries; and to capture and release unharmed Gila topminnows

(*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*) and desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularis*) in Yerba Mansa Spring, La Paz County, Arizona; and in Peoples Canyon, Yavapai County, Arizona; and to capture and release lesser long-nosed bats (*Leptonycteris curasoae*) in Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, Yavapai, Mohave, La Paz, and Yuma Counties, Arizona.

Permit No. PRT—825591

Applicant: Celia A. Cooper, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the Mexican spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) and nest searches and monitoring for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Arizona and New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT—825792

Applicant: Alma Barrera, Austin, Texas.

The applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for black-capped vireos (*Vireo atricapillus*), and golden-cheeked warblers (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) on Lake Pointe, Lake Pointe IV, and Wolfe Ranch in Austin, Texas.

Permit No. PRT—826118

Applicant: G. David Steele, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The applicant requests authorization to survey for nesting interior least terns (*Sterna antillarum*), American burying beetles (*Nicrophorus americanus*), golden-cheeked warblers (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and black-capped vireos (*Vireo atricapillus*) in Oklahoma.

Permit No. PRT—825977

Applicant: Dr. Peter B. Stacey, Reno, Nevada.

The applicant requests authorization to band and collect blood samples from Mexican spotted owls in New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT—826124

Applicant: Gordon Mueller, Denver, Colorado.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for razorback suckers (*Xyrauchen texanus*), and bonytail chubs (*Gila elegans*) on Lake Mojave in Arizona and Nevada.

Permit No. PRT—826731

Applicant: Sherry L. Sass, Tubac, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to capture and release Gila topminnows to track populations along the Santa Cruz River between the Mexican border and the Santa Cruz/Pima County line.

Permit No. PRT—826897

Applicant: Mark K. Sogge, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in Arizona and New Mexico.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before May 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.

Lynn B. Starnes,

Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed information collection described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)). Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Public comments on the proposal should be made within 30 days directly

to: Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; and the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 208 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: National Mapping Division Data Grant Program for Land Processes Research.

OMB approval number: 1028-0052.

Abstract: Respondents supply information and awardees supply a final report. Application information identifies the land processes research project and remotely sensed data requirements. Final report identifies utility of Data Grant Program in the completion of the nonprofit institution's research project.

Bureau form number: None.

Frequency: Annually.

Description respondents: Non-profit institutions.

Estimated completion time: 25 hours.

Annual responses: 520.

Annual burden hours: 13,000 hours.

Bureau clearance officer: John Cordyack, 703-648-7313.

Dated: February 5, 1997.

John N. Fischer,

Acting Associate Chief, Operations

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-4710-02-24 1A]

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0073

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request renewal of existing approval of certain information from any person, association, or corporation, or any subsidiary, affiliate, or persons controlled by or under common control with such person, association or corporation, interested in elasing for or developing Federal coal. This information allows BLM's authorized officer to determine if the applicant to lease for or develop Federal coal is qualified to hold such lease.

DATES: BLM must receive comments on the proposed information collection by June 13, 1997 to assure its consideration of them.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to: Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Send comments via Internet to: WoComment@wo.blm.gov. Please include "Attn: 1004-0073" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may hand-deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

BLM will make comments available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Sheehy, WO-320, 202-452-0350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in BLM (Form-1004-0073), 43 CFR Group 3400, Coal Management, to solicit comments on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or

other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

BLM plans to seek from the Office of Management and Budget extension of approval for the information collection requirements in 43 CFR Parts 3400 through 3485, which cover the leasing and development of Federal coal. These regulations implement the statutory authority governing leasing activities on Federal land which is found in the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*), the Mineral Leasing act for Acquired Lands of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 351-359), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*), the Multiple Mineral Development Act of 1954 (30 U.S.C. 521-531), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 1083-1092), and the Act of October 30, 1978 (92 Stat. 2073-2075).

BLM uses the information provided by the applicant(s) to allow the authorized officer to determine if the applicant to lease for or develop Federal coal is qualified to hold such lease. If BLM did not collect this information, it would not be able to gather relevant data to manage the leasing and development of coal in the public interest.

Based on BLM's experience in administering the activities described above, the public reporting burden for the information collected is estimated to average 19 hours per response. The respondents are applicants to lease for or develop Federal coal, and vary from individuals to small businesses and major corporations. The frequency of response is occasionally, usually upon application. The number of responses per year is estimated to total 1,299. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents is about 19 hours. BLM is specifically requesting your comments on its estimate of the amount of time that it takes to prepare a response. BLM's estimate is 19 hours per response is an average of the following estimated completion time: