

collect Rio Grande Silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*) between Cochiti Dam and Elephant Butte Reservoir in New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT—813088

Applicant: Bureau of Reclamation, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests authorization for research and recovery purposes to collect Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*) in various sites along the Rio Grande River in New Mexico.

Permit No. TE001669-0

Applicant: Southwest Texas State University, Edwards Aquifer Resource and Data Center, San Marcos, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct activities and salvage Texas blind salamanders (*Typhlomolge rathbuni*), San Marcos salamanders (*Eurycea nana*), and fountain darter (*Etheostoma fonticola*) in the Edwards Aquifer region of Texas.

Permit No. TE001660-0

Applicant: Arizona Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, U.S.G.S.—BRD, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct activities for Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*), razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*),

and Colorado squawfish (*Ptychocheilus lucius*).

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before September 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, PO 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, PO 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.

Susan MacMullin,
ARD-Ecological Services, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permits Issued

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued for the months of January 1998-July 1998.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3, has taken the following action with regard to permit applications duly received in accordance with section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1539, *et seq.*). Each permit listed as issued was granted only after it was determined that it was applied for in good faith, that by granting the permit it will not be to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and that it will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Name	Permit number	Date issued
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3, Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services	PRT 697830 A2*	03/07/98
3D/International Environmental Group	PRT 809227 A6**	05/14/98
3D/International Environmental Group	PRT 809227 A7**	05/28/98
3D/International Environmental Group	PRT 809227 A8**	06/17/98
3D/International Environmental Group	PRT 809227 A9**	06/25/98
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District Office	PRT 809890 A1**	06/24/98
Francesca J. Cuthbert	PRT 810834 A1**	05/01/98
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Endangered Resources	PRT 825384 A1**	05/18/98
Wayne P. Steffens	PRT 826077 A1**	05/27/98
William D. Hendricks	PRT 830273 A1**	05/14/98
L. David Mech	PRT 831774	04/08/98
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	PRT 838053	04/08/98
Ecological Specialists	PRT 838055	03/23/98
Joseph Holomuzki	PRT 838056	03/05/98
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis District Office	PRT 838058	05/23/98
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis District Office	PRT 838058 A1**	05/01/98
David Kamms	PRT 838059	04/20/98
The Nature Conservancy of Ohio	PRT 838715	04/10/98
John Whitaker	PRT 839763	04/20/98
Patrick Redig	PRT 839766	03/31/98
Michael J. Harvey	PRT 839774	05/13/98
Don Helms	PRT 839777	05/14/98
Bruce A. Kingsbury	PRT 839779	05/13/98
The Nature Conservancy of Michigan	PRT 840112	05/27/98
Lynne W. Robbins	PRT 840524	05/27/98
QST Environmental	PRT 842310	07/01/98
Everett D. Cashatt	PRT 842313	06/18/98
Everett D. Cashatt	PRT 842313 A1**	06/24/98
Everett D. Cashatt	PRT 842313 A2**	07/16/98
Mark A. Sellers	PRT 842314	07/15/98
The Raptor Resource Project	PRT 842366	07/06/98

Name	Permit number	Date issued
R. French-Constant	PRT 842392	07/24/98

* Indicates permit renewal and amendment.
 ** Indicates permit amendment.

Additional information on these permit actions may be requested by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, telephone 612/713-5332, during normal business hours (7:30am-4:00pm) weekdays.

Dated: August 11, 1998.

John A. Blankenship,

Assistant Regional Director, IL, IN, MO (Ecological Services), Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the Louisiana Black Bear Habitat Protection Project, Tensas, Concordia, and St. Mary Parishes, Louisiana

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the Louisiana Black Bear Habitat Protection Project.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, proposes to establish two new national wildlife refuges and expand an existing national wildlife refuge in the State of Louisiana for the benefit of the Louisiana black bear, a federally listed threatened species. The purpose of the proposal is to facilitate the recovery of the Louisiana black bear by protecting currently occupied bear habitat, enhancing potential immigration areas, and establishing core areas to serve as key links in bear movement corridors. These actions are recommended by the Black Bear Conservation Committee, a group whose membership includes over 50 wildlife management agencies and conservation organizations. If implemented, the project would help meet the goals of the Louisiana Black Bear Recovery Plan.

A Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the Louisiana Black Bear Habitat Protection Proposal has been developed by Service biologists in coordination with the

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Black Bear Conservation Committee, parish officials, and other local entities. The assessment considers the biological, environmental, and socioeconomic effects of implementing the project and evaluates two alternative actions and their potential impacts on the environment. Written comments or recommendations concerning the proposal are welcomed and should be sent to the address given below.

DATES: Land acquisition planning for the project is currently underway. The draft environmental assessment and land protection plan will be available to the public for review and comment on August 17, 1998. Written comments must be received no later than September 18, 1998, in order to be considered for the preparation of the final environmental assessment.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for copies of the draft environmental assessment and for further information on the project should be addressed to Mr. Charles R. Danner, Team Leader, Planning and Support Team, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia 30345, or by telephone at 800/419-9582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposal would establish the Glade Woods National Wildlife Refuge on 13,000 acres in Tensas Parish and the Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge on 28,000 acres in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. It would also add 5,000 acres to the existing Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge in Concordia Parish, Louisiana. The project lands are being proposed for protection and management by the Service through fee title purchases from willing sellers. The management objectives of the two new refuges and the refuge expansion would be to (1) contribute to the Recovery Plan goals for the Louisiana black bear; (2) provide habitat for a diversity of other wildlife, including white-tailed deer, turkey, woodcock, wading birds, wood ducks, wintering waterfowl, and neotropical migratory birds; and (3) provide opportunities for compatible public use, such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

Dated: August 7, 1998.

Sam D. Hamilton,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-037-5700-00; WYN-26292]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Carbon County, Wyoming have been examined and found suitable for classification and conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended, (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*).

6th Principal Meridian

T. 17 N., R. 83 W.,
 Section 8, SW¼

The above land contains 160 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Nickerson-Roth, Realty Specialist, Great Divide Resource Area, 1300 North 3rd St., Rawlins, Wyoming, 82301, (307) 328-4259.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance of this land to the Upper Platte River Solid Waste Disposal District for sanitary landfill purposes is consistent with the Great Divide Resource Management Plan and would be in the public interest.

The patent when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
 2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.
 3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.
 4. Those rights for WYW-120214, WYW-142462.
- Conveyance of these land to Upper Platte River Solid Waste Disposal