

and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public on the following permit requests. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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 No. TE-094318

Applicant: Jessica S. Vinje, Escondido, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to take (nest monitor) the lease Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with monitoring in San Diego County, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-817400

Applicant: East Bay Regional Park District, Oakland, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey, locate/monitor nests, and conduct predator control) the California least tern (*Sterna Antillarum browni*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring studies within Alameda County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-177979

Applicant: Allison DuRose Rudalevige, Costa Mesa, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to take (capture, collect, and kill) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-177978

Applicant: John D. Gerlach, Fair Oaks, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to remove/reduce to possession the *Tuctoria mucronata* (Solano grass) from federal lands in conjunction with reintroduction and research studies in Yolo County, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-179013

Applicant: Scott M. Werner, Oak View, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to take (nest monitor) the lease Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with monitoring in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-179034

Applicant: Angela D. Hyder, Sandia Park, New Mexico.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

We solicit public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Dated: April 16, 2008.

Michael Fris,

Acting Regional Director, Region 8, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R6-ES-2008-N0074; 60120-1113-0000-D2]

Receipt of Application of Endangered Species Recovery Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of application.

SUMMARY: We announce our receipt of an application to conduct certain activities pertaining to enhancement of survival of endangered species.

DATES: Written comments on this request for a permit must be received by May 22, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Assistant Regional Director, Fisheries—Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225-0486; facsimile 303-236-0027. Documents and other information submitted with these 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], by any party who submits a request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to Kris Olsen, by mail or by telephone at 303-236-4256. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicants have requested issuance of enhancement of survival permits 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.*).

Applicant—ERO Resources, Denver, Colorado, TE-040510.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to add nest searching during surveys for Southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

Dated: March 28, 2008.

James J. Slack,

Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a new information collection.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we will submit to OMB a new information collection request (ICR) for approval of the paperwork requirements for the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP). To submit a proposal for the NCGMP three standard OMB forms and project narrative must be completed and submitted via on Grants.gov. This notice provides the public an opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these forms. The forms are available at http://www.O7.grants.gov/agencies/approved_standard_forms.jsp and the NCGMP narrative guidance is available at <http://www.usgs.gov/contracts/STATEMAP/index.html>.

DATE: Submit written comments by June 23, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this information collection to the Department of the Interior, USGS, via:

- E-mail atravnic@usgs.gov. Use Information Collection Number ____–NEW, NCGMP in the subject line.
- FAX: (703) 648–7069. Use Information Collection Number ____–NEW, NCGMP in the subject line.
- Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; USGS Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. Please reference Information Collection ____–NEW, NCGMP in your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randall Orndorff, 703–648–4316. Copies of the forms can be obtained at no cost at <http://www.reginfo.gov>, or by contacting the USGS clearance officer at the phone number listed below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP).

OMB Control Number: ____–NEW NCGMP.

Form Number: Standard Form 424 “Application for Federal Assistance”, Standard Form 424A “Budget Information Non-Construction Programs”, and Standard Form 424B “Assurances Non-Construction Programs”, and Project narrative guidance posted on Grants.gov.

Abstract: The primary objectives of the STATEMAP component of the NCGMP are to establish the geologic framework of areas determined to be vital to the economic, social, or scientific welfare of individual States. The State Geologist shall determine mapping priorities in consultation with a multi-representational State Mapping Advisory Committee. These priorities shall be based on: (a) state requirements for geologic-map information in areas of multiple-issue need or areas of compelling single-issue need, and (b) State requirements for geologic-map information in areas where mapping is required to solve critical earth-science problems. Priorities are not dependent on past agreements with the USGS. The community partner is the state geological surveys whose responsibilities vary from state to state. The state surveys function as basic scientific information sources for their state governments, and some have regulatory responsibilities for water, oil and gas, and land reclamation. Many are associated with state university systems. Every federal dollar awarded to a state geological survey through an annual competitive grant process is matched by

a state dollar. State priorities are set with the advice of the broad-based State Mapping Advisory Committee. Since the beginning of the Program in 1992, the states have matched over \$60 million. In 2006, STATEMAP is supporting 125 projects in 47 states. The authority for the program is listed in the National Geologic Mapping Act (Pub. L. 106–148).

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR Part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, “Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection.” Responses are voluntary. No questions of a “sensitive” nature are asked. We intend to release the project abstracts and primary investigators for awarded/funded projects only.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 50 State Geological Surveys are canvassed for one frequency period.

Estimated Number of Responses:

Approximately 46 proposals are submitted by individuals involved in the area of geologic mapping.

Annual burden hours: 920.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden: We estimate the public reporting burden averages 20 hours per response. This includes the time for prioritizing project, developing, writing, reviewing proposal and submitting the information through Grants.gov.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden: There are no “non-hour cost” burdens associated with this collection of information.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) requires each agency “* * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * *.” Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the

agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, we publish this **Federal Register** notice announcing that we will submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day public comment period.

USGS Information Collection

Clearance Officer: Alfred Travnicek, 703–648–7231.

Dated: April 15, 2008.

Randall C. Orndorff,

Program Coordinator, National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[F–22100, F–22102; AK–962–1410–HY–P]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. for lands located in the vicinity of Ambler, Alaska. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Arctic Sounder.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until May 22, 2008 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone