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 scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before December 23, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the 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. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours 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, (505) 248–6920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE–110964

Applicant: John MacFarlane, Fort Worth, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for golden-cheeked warbler (Dendroica chrysoparia) and black-capped vireo (Vireo atricapillus) within Texas.

Permit No. TE–112023

Applicant: Escarpment Environmental, Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for golden-cheeked warbler (Dendroica chrysoparia), and black-capped vireo (Vireo atricapillus) within Texas. Additionally, applicant requests authorization to survey for and collect the following species within Texas: Batriscodes texanus (Coffin Cave mold beetle), Batriscodes venyivi (Helotes mold beetle), Cicurina baronia (Robber Baron Cave meshweaver), Cicurina madia (Madia’s cave meshweaver), Cicurina venii (Braken Bat Cave meshweaver), Cicurina vespera (Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver), Neoleptoneta microps (Government Canyon Bat Cave spider), Neoleptoneta myopica (Tooth Cave spider), Rhadine exilis (ground beetle, no common name), Rhadine infernalis (ground beetle, no common name), Rhadine persephone (Tooth Cave ground beetle), Tartarocoreagris texana (Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion), Texamaurops redelli (Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle), Texella cokendolpheri (Cokendolpher cave harvestman), Texella reddeni (Bee Creek Cave harvestman), and Texella reyesi (Bone Cave harvestman).

Permit No. TE–113511

Applicant: Jill Clausen, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Arizona and California: San Joaquin kit fox (Vulpes macrotis mutica), lesser long-nosed bat (Leptonycteris curasoae verbabuenae), cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum), southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus).

Permit No. TE–815409

Applicant: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to conduct presence/absence surveys and management projects for the following species: Roswell springsnail (Pyrgulopsis roswellensis), Koster’s springsnail (Juturnia kosteri), Noel’s amphipod (Gammarus desperatus) in New Mexico, and Pecos assiminea (Assiminea pecos) in New Mexico and Texas. In addition, presence/absence surveys and management projects will also be conducted for Gila chub (Gila intermedia) within New Mexico.

Permit No. TE–676811

Applicant: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to the Regional Director’s permit to add Gila chub (Gila intermedia) within Arizona. The listed species will be effective November 21, 2005.

Permit No. TE–039467

Applicant: USGS–BRD Arizona Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Unit, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests a renewal to an existing permit to conduct presence/absence surveys and management projects for Gila chub (Gila intermedia) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE–821577

Applicant: Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to conduct presence/absence surveys and management projects for Gila chub (Gila intermedia) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE–114260

Applicant: Cynthia Carey, Boulder, Colorado.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct laboratory management projects for Leon Springs pupfish (Cyprinodon bovinus), Comanche Springs pupfish (Cyprinodon ekegans), and Desert pupfish (Cyprinodon macularis) within Colorado.
Distinct Population Segment of the
availability of the Draft Post-delisting
Monitoring Plan from local, State and
and an annual habitat status review. We
period through spring and fall
segment of the Columbian white-tailed
Douglas County distinct population
DATES:
SUMMARY:
ACTION:
AGENCY:
Draft Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan
for the Douglas County Distinct
Population Segment of the Columbian
White-tailed Deer (Odocoileus
virginianus leucurus)

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cat
Brown, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at
the above Portland address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Douglas County distinct
population segment of the Columbian
white-tailed deer was removed from the
Federal List of Threatened and
Endangered Wildlife and Plants on July
24, 2003 (68 FR 43647). We determined
it was recovered due to robust
population growth and amelioration of
threats to its survival. Section 4(g)(1) of
the Endangered Species Act (Act) (16
U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) requires that we
implement a system, in cooperation
with the States, to monitor for no fewer
than 5 years the status of all species that
have recovered and no longer need the
protection of the Act.

The Columbian white-tailed deer is
the westernmost representative of 30
subspecies of white-tailed deer in North
and Central America (Halls 1978; Baker
1984). The subspecies was formerly
distributed throughout the bottomlands
and prairie woodlands of the lower
Columbia, Willamette, and Umpqua
River basins in Oregon and southern
Washington (Bailey 1936; Verts and
Carraway 1998). It currently exists in
two distinct population segments, one
in Douglas County, Oregon, and the
other along the lower Columbia River in
Oregon and Washington. The Columbia
River distinct population segment
remains listed as endangered.

We propose to monitor the status of
the Columbian white-tailed deer over a
5-year period in cooperation with the
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
and the Bureau of Land Management,
through spring and fall population trend
monitoring surveys, regular disease
outbreak monitoring, and an annual
habitat status review. We will compile
annual reports, in cooperation with the
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
and the Bureau of Land Management. If
data from this monitoring effort, or some
other source, indicate that the
Columbian white-tailed deer is
experiencing significant declines in
abundance or distribution, or that it
requires protective status under the Act
for some other reason, we can initiate
listing procedures including, if
appropriate, emergency listing.

In April 2004, we contacted three
experts on the white-tailed deer, asking
for scientific review of the draft
Monitoring Plan. We received two
responses to our request. We carefully
considered the comments of the
reviewers and used them to improve the
Monitoring Plan.

Public Comments Solicited

We will accept written comments and
information during this comment
period. If you wish to comment, you
may submit your comments and
materials concerning this Monitoring
Plan by any of these methods:

1. You may submit written comments
and information by mail, facsimile, or in
person to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife
Office at the above address (see
ADDRESSES).

2. You may send comments by
electronic mail (e-mail) to:
cwtdeerplan@fws.gov. If you submit
comments by e-mail, please submit
them as an ASCII file and avoid the use
of special characters and any form of
encryption. Please also include your
name and return address in your e-mail
message.

Comments and materials received, as
well as supporting documentation used
in preparation of the Monitoring Plan,
will be available for inspection, during
normal business hours at the above
Portland address (see ADDRESSES).

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The primary author of this document
is Cat Brown, Oregon Fish and Wildlife
Office (see ADDRESSES).

Authority

The authority for this action is the
Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16
U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Dated: October 24, 2005.

David J. Wesley,
Acting Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service.

ADDRESSES

Applicant: Stelle & Associates, Inc.,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit for
research and recovery purposes to
conduct presence/absence surveys for
American burying beetle (Nicrophorus
americanus) within Oklahoma.


Dated: November 4, 2005.

Bryan Arroyo,
Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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