applying for renewal of an incidental take permit is the South Florida Chapter of the Audubon Society, 600 S. Dixie Highway, Palm Beach, FL 33401.

We must receive the ITP application by July 24, 2015. The Service, as a condition of its approval of the ITP, requires the applicant to provide the following information:

1. Applicant's name, address, phone number, email address, and other personal identifying information.
2. Description and location of the applicant's project.
3. Description of the incidental take of Louisiana waterfowl and other wildlife species that may occur.
4. A completed and signed Audubon Mitigation Plan.

If we approve the renewal, we will issue the ITP, and the applicant will be able to conduct their project activities. If we do not approve the renewal, we will deny the application.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comments that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Applicant's Proposed Project

We received an application from the applicant for renewal of an incidental take permit. The applicant requests a 5-year renewal of an ITP under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). If we approve the renewal, the applicant anticipates taking a total of approximately 1.91 acres of scrub-jay habitat to be affected by the applicant's project. The applicant's project includes the following activities:

1. Clearing of vegetation in the area adjacent to the project site.
2. Construction of a new road.
3. Construction of a new parking lot.

We provide this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Check-In Permit and Use Report.
authorized to allow public uses on lands of the National Wildlife Refuge System, including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation, and other visitor uses, when we find that the activities are compatible and appropriate with the purpose or purposes for which the refuges were established.

We collect information on hunters and anglers and other visitors to help us protect refuge resources and administer and evaluate the success of visitor programs. Because of high demand and limited resources, we often provide visitor opportunities by permit, based on dates, locations, or type of public use. We may not allow all opportunities on all refuges, and harvest information differs for each refuge. We use FWS Form 3–2405 (Self-Clearing Check-In Permit) to collect this information. Not all refuges will use the form, and some refuges may collect the information in a nonform format. We collect:

- Information on the visitor (name, address, and contact information). We use this information to identify the visitor or driver/passengers of a vehicle while on the refuge. Having this information readily available is critical in a search and rescue situation. We do not maintain or record this information.
- Information on whether or not hunters/anglers were successful (number and type of harvest/caught).
- Purpose of visit (hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, auto touring, birding, hiking, boating/canoeing, visitor center, special event, environmental education class, volunteering, other recreation).
- Date of visit.
- The above information is a vital tool in meeting refuge objectives and maintaining quality visitor experiences. It will help us:
  - Administer and monitor visitor programs and facilities on refuges.
  - Distribute visitor permits to ensure safety of visitors.
  - Ensure a quality visitor experience.
  - Minimize resource disturbance, manage healthy game populations, and ensure the protection of fish and wildlife species.
  - Assist in Statewide wildlife management and enforcement and develop reliable estimates of the number of all game fish and wildlife.
  - Determine facility and program needs and budgets.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018–0153.

Title: National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Check-In Permit and Use Report.

Service Form Number: 3–2405.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description of Respondents: Individuals who visit national wildlife refuges.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 650,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 650,000.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 54,167.

III. Comments

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:
- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. 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.

Dated: June 17, 2015.

Tina A. Campbell,
Chief, Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Endangered Species; Recovery Permit Application

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 application for a recovery permit to conduct activities with the purpose of enhancing the survival of an endangered species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits certain activities with endangered species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing such permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by July 23, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Program Manager, Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232–4181. Please refer to the permit number for the application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Henson, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address, or by telephone (503–231–6131) or fax (503–231–6243).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

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

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the permittee to conduct activities (including take or interstate commerce) with respect to U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act 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.

Application Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies and the public to comment on the following application. Please refer to the permit number for the application when submitting comments.