

Grantee	FY 2016 Allocation
Vermont	3,000,000
Virginia	3,139,830
Washington	3,243,721
West Virginia	3,000,000
Wisconsin	3,004,558
Wyoming	3,000,000
American Samoa	12,321
Guam	77,609
N. Mariana Islands	35,735
Puerto Rico	326,054
Virgin Islands	56,562
Total	173,591,160

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Draft Recovery Plan for Winkler Cactus and San Rafael Cactus

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability for review and comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a draft recovery plan for Winkler cactus (*Pediocactus winkleri*) and San Rafael cactus (*Pediocactus despainii*). Winkler cactus is federally listed as threatened, and San Rafael cactus is federally listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). We are soliciting review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before July 5, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft recovery plan are available by request from the Utah Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2369 West Orton Circle, Suite 50, West Valley City, UT 84119; telephone 801-975-3330. Submit comments on the draft recovery plan to the Field Supervisor at this same address. Comments may also be submitted at: utahfieldoffice_esa@fws.gov.

An electronic copy of the draft recovery plan is available at: <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/species/recovery-plans.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Crist, Field Supervisor, Utah Ecological Services Field Office, at the

above address, or telephone 801-975-3330.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide recovery efforts, we prepare recovery plans to promote the conservation of the species. Recovery plans describe site-specific actions necessary for the conservation of the species; establish objective, measurable criteria that, when met, would result in a determination that the species no longer needs the protection of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*); and provide estimates of the time and cost for implementing the needed recovery measures.

The ESA requires recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the ESA, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. On September 27, 1995, we published a document in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 49855) that made available a draft recovery plan for Winkler cactus and San Rafael cactus. That recovery plan was never finalized and is now out of date. At this time, we are making available a more comprehensive draft recovery plan for public review and comment. We will consider all information we receive during a public comment period when preparing the recovery plan for approval. The Service and other Federal agencies also will take these comments into consideration in the course of implementing an approved recovery plan.

It is our policy to request peer review of recovery plans. We will summarize and respond to the issues raised by the public and peer reviewers in an appendix to the approved recovery plan.

Species Information

Winkler Cactus

Winkler cactus is a small, peach- to pink-flowered cactus that often retracts entirely into the ground during the winter and dry seasons. It is endemic to Wayne County and southeast Sevier County of south-central Utah and is generally found at elevations of 1,500–2,130 meters (m) (4,900–7,000 feet (ft)).

Winkler cactus was listed as a threatened species under the ESA, effective September 21, 1998 (63 FR

44587; August 20, 1998). Factors of concern affecting the species include illegal collection, habitat disturbances (mining, recreation, off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, livestock grazing, road and utility corridor development, general construction, and livestock grazing), invasive plant species, small mammal and insect predation, native ungulate disturbance, inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms, and climate change.

San Rafael Cactus

San Rafael cactus is a small, yellow- to peach-flowered cactus that often retracts entirely into the ground during the winter and dry seasons. It is endemic to Emery County of central Utah and most commonly occurs on sites with a south exposure at elevations of 1,450–2,080 m (4,760–6,820 ft).

San Rafael cactus was listed as an endangered species under the ESA, effective October 16, 1987 (52 FR 34914; September 16, 1987). Factors of concern affecting the species include illegal collection, habitat disturbances (mining, recreation, off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, livestock grazing, road and utility corridor development, general construction, and livestock grazing), invasive plant species, small mammal and insect predation, native ungulate disturbance, inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms, wild horse disturbance, paleontological exploration, and climate change.

Recovery Strategies

Our recovery strategies for Winkler cactus and San Rafael cactus are based on the assumption that if specific criteria are met for the existing populations, the species can be recovered. Broadly, these criteria require that the population trends for both species be stable or improving over the long term, the available habitat base for each population be adequate for long-term health and sustainability, the populations and habitats are secure from decline, and long-term management plans for the populations and their habitats are in place that address those threats.

Request for Public Comments

The Service solicits public comments on the draft recovery plan. All comments we receive by the date specified in **DATES** will be considered prior to approval of the plan. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to the Field Supervisor (see **ADDRESSES**). Comments may also be submitted at: utahfieldoffice_esa@fws.gov. Comments and materials received will be available,

by appointment, for public inspection during normal business hours at the Utah Ecological Services Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: February 29, 2016.

Matt Hogan,

Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications; Correction

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of permit applications; request for comments; correction.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, correct errors in a recently published notice that announced the availability of permit applications for public comment. The notice did not accurately describe all of the applications. However, if you requested documents for review, you need not request them again, because the errors were not in the application materials themselves, but only in our previous **Federal Register** notice. Therefore, if you submitted comments, you need not resubmit them.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before May 13, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments by U.S. mail to the Regional Director, Attn: Carlita Payne, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458; or by electronic mail to permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carlita Payne, (612) 713-5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 13, 2016 (81 FR 21892), we published a notice inviting public comment on permit applications for certain activities with endangered species authorized by section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our regulations governing the

taking of endangered species in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. The notice did not accurately describe all of the applications. The errors were not in the application materials themselves, but only in our previous **Federal Register** notice. If you requested documents for review, you need not request them again. If you submitted comments, you need not resubmit them.

Corrections

We make the following corrections to the following permit descriptions in the Permit Applications section of the original April 13, 2016, notice:

Permit TE206781 (applicant: Ecological Specialists, Inc., O'Fallon, MO): On page 21892, column 3, add Texas to the list of States.

Permit TE38821A (applicant: Stantec Consulting Services, Louisville, KY): On page 21893, add "Elktoe, Cumberland *Alasmidonta atropurpurea*" to the list of species in the second table, and add Colorado and Wyoming to the list of States in column 3.

Permit TE06873B (applicant: Andrew Carson, Cincinnati, OH): On page 21894, column 3, remove Texas from the list of States, and add Louisiana and Mississippi to the list of States.

Permit TE85232B (applicant: Zachary Kaiser, Ethridge, MT; page 21895, column 1), *Permit TE 85227B* (applicant: Jacquelyn Dearborn, Columbia, MO; page 21895, column 1), and *Permit TE85228B* (applicant: Eric Schroder, Fairmont, WV; page 21985, column 2): In each of these three entries, we remove the word "amendment". These are applications for first-time permits.

Permit TE02373A (applicant: Environmental Solutions and Innovations, Inc., Cincinnati, OH): On page 21897, column 1, add 27 States to the list of areas covered by the proposed permit.

Permit TE08603A (applicant: Michelle Malcosky, Hudson, OH): On page 21897, column 2, add Ohio to the list of States.

The corrected descriptions of the permit applications read as follows:

Permit Application Number: TE206781

Applicant: Ecological Specialists, Inc., O'Fallon, MO

The applicant requests a permit renewal, with amendment to take (capture and release, capture and relocate) federally listed mussels throughout the States of Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin, and West Virginia. The following mussel species are included:

Pocketbook, Ouachita rock, *Arkansia wheeleri*
 Bean, rayed, *Villosa fabalis*
 Catspaw, white (pearlymussel), *Epioblasma obliquata perobliqua*
 Higgins eye (pearlymussel), *Lampsilis higginsii*
 Mapleleaf, winged, *Quadrula fragosa*
 Mussel, scaleshell, *Leptodea leptodon*
 Mussel, sheepnose, *Plethobasus cyphus*
 Mussel, snuffbox, *Epioblasma triquetra*
 Pearlymussel, Curtis, *Epioblasma florentina curtisii*
 Pearlymussel, purple cat's paw, *Epioblasma obliquata obliquata*
 Spectaclecase (mussel), *Cumberlandia monodonta*
 Acornshell, southern, *Epioblasma othcaloogensis*
 Bean, Cumberland (pearlymussel), *Villosa trabalis*
 Blossom, green (pearlymussel), *Epioblasma torulosa gubernaculum*
 Blossom, tubercled (pearlymussel), *Epioblasma torulosa torulosa*
 Blossom, turgid (pearlymussel), *Epioblasma turgidula*
 Blossom, yellow (pearlymussel), *Epioblasma florentina florentina*
 Combshell, Cumberlandian, *Epioblasma brevidens*
 Combshell, upland, *Epioblasma metastrata*
 Elktoe, Appalachian, *Alasmidonta raveneliana*
 Elktoe, Cumberland, *Alasmidonta atropurpurea*
 Fanshell, *Cyprogenia stegaria*
 Fatmucket, Arkansas, *Lampsilis powellii*
 Kidneyshell, triangular, *Ptychobranchus greenii*
 Lampmussel, Alabama, *Lampsilis virescens*
 Lilliput, pale (pearlymussel), *Toxolasma cylindrellus*
 Moccasinshell, Coosa, *Medionidus parvulus*
 Monkeyface, Cumberland (pearlymussel), *Quadrula intermedia*
 Mucket, pink (pearlymussel), *Lampsilis abrupta*
 Mussel, oyster, *Epioblasma capsaeformis*
 Pearlymussel, birdwing, *Lemiox rimosus*
 Pearlymussel, cracking, *Hemistena lata*
 Pearlymussel, dromedary, *Dromus dromas*
 Pearlymussel, littlewing, *Pegias fabula*
 Pigtoe, Cumberland, *Pleurobema gibberum*
 Pigtoe, finerayed, *Fusconaia cuneolus*
 Pigtoe, Georgia, *Pleurobema hanleyianum*
 Pigtoe, rough, *Pleurobema plenum*
 Pigtoe, shiny, *Fusconaia cor*
 Pigtoe, southern, *Pleurobema georgianum*
 Pimpleback, orangefoot (pearlymussel), *Plethobasus cooperianus*
 Pocketbook, fat, *Potamilus capax*
 Pocketbook, fine-lined, *Lampsilis altilis*
 Pocketbook, speckled, *Lampsilis streckeri*
 Riffleshell, tan, *Epioblasma florentina walkeri* (= *E. walkeri*)
 Ring pink (mussel), *Obovaria retusa*
 Wartyback, white (pearlymussel), *Plethobasus cicatricosus*
 Bean, purple, *Villosa perpurpurea*
 Clubshell, *Pleurobema clava*
 Monkeyface, Appalachian (pearlymussel), *Quadrula sparsa*
 Rabbitsfoot, rough, *Quadrula cylindrica strigillata*
 Riffleshell, northern, *Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*