

## PERMIT APPLICATIONS—Continued

Permit application No.	Applicant	Species/Numbers	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE 65550A-2 .....	Dale Gawlik, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL.	American wood stork ( <i>Mycteria americana</i> ).	Florida .....	Research on differences in nestling health and survival based upon prey selection.	Capture, band, and collect feathers.	Amendment.
TE 27608B-1 .....	McGehee Engineering Corp., Jasper, AL.	Gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ), Indiana bat ( <i>M. sodalis</i> ), and northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	Alabama .....	Presence/absence surveys and population monitoring.	Enter hibernacula, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, band, and radio-tag.	Renewal.

**Authority:** We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA.

**Todd Hopkins,**

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Southeast Region.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R6-ES-2017-N171;  
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**U.S. Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Application**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit application; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on an application for a permit to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of an endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments by May 11, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** *Document availability:* The application, as well as any comments and other materials that we receive, will be available for public inspection in hard copy for viewing by appointment between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, at Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 134 Union Blvd., Suite 645, Lakewood, CO 80228; telephone 303-236-4224.

*Submitting comments:* You may submit comments by one of the following methods. Please specify the

applicant's name and the application number (TE59243C-0).

- *Email:* [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov).

Please refer to the permit number (Application No. TE59243C-0) in the subject line of your email message.

- *U.S. mail:* Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486-DFC, Denver, CO 80225.

- *Hand-delivery, Pickup, or Viewing:*

Call 303-236-4224 to make an appointment during regular business hours at 134 Union Blvd., Suite 645, Lakewood, CO 80228.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Konishi, Recovery Permits Coordinator, Ecological Services, 303-236-4224 (phone); [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on an application for a permit to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of a species that is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.; ESA). The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

**Background**

The ESA prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) 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.

**Permit Application Available for Review and Comment**

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, Tribes, and the public to comment on the following application:

**Permit Application Number TE59243C-0**

*Applicant:* Revive and Restore, Sausalito, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to conduct "Phase 1" of a multi-phase process to generate disease-resistant black-footed ferrets (*Mustela nigripes*). This phase would involve research in laboratories located in North Rose, NY, and San Diego, CA. The studies aim to develop, test, and optimize model cisgenic and novel disease-resistance pathways in the black-footed ferret, both *in vitro* and *in vivo*, leveraging domestic ferret resources for comparative genomics, comparative proteomics, and interspecies somatic cell nuclear transfer (iSCNT) reproductive techniques for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

Integration of genetically modified black-footed ferrets into wild populations would require careful execution and constitutes "Phase 2" of the long-term program.

*Public Availability of Comments*

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. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

### Contents of Public Comments

Please make your comments as specific as possible and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

### Next Steps

If we decide to issue a permit to the applicant listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

### Michael Thabault,

Assistant Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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### Proclaiming Certain Lands as Reservation for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Michigan

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public that the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, exercising the authority of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, proclaimed approximately 79.54 acres, more or less, an addition to the reservation of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Michigan on March 12, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sharlene M. Round Face, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, 1849 C Street NW, MS-4642-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 208-3615.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by part 209 of the Departmental Manual.

A proclamation was issued according to the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 986; 25 U.S.C. 5110) for the lands described below. These lands were proclaimed to

be part of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Michigan Reservation in Mackinac County, Michigan.

### Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Michigan Reservation

1 Parcel—Michigan Meridian, Mackinac County, Michigan

Legal Description Containing 79.54 Acres, More or Less

Brown Parcel 469-T-38

Lot 2, Section 19, Township 41 North, Range 3 West and the South ½ of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 19, Township 41 North, Range 3 West, lying Southerly of a line described as beginning at a point 650 feet Northerly along the centerline of Mackinac Trail and South line of Section 19; thence Northeasterly to the Southeast corner of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 19, Township 41 North, Range 3 West, Michigan Meridian, Michigan. Containing 79.54 acres, more or less.

The above-described lands contain a total of 79.54 acres, more or less, which are subject to all valid rights, reservations, rights-of-way, and easements of record.

This proclamation does not affect title to the lands described above, nor does it affect any valid existing easements for public roads, highways, public utilities, railroads, pipelines, or any other valid easements or rights-of-way or reservations of record.

Dated: March 12, 2018.

### John Tahsuda,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs Exercising the Authority of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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Control Number 1004-0029]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Color-of-Title Application

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 11, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: Jean Sonneman; or by email to [jesonnem@blm.gov](mailto:jesonnem@blm.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1004-0029 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Pamela Ridley by email at [pridley@blm.gov](mailto:pridley@blm.gov) or by telephone at (202) 853-0522.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BLM; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BLM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BLM minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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 ICR. 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.

**Abstract:** The Color-of-Title Act (43 U.S.C. 1068, 1068a, and 1068b) provides for the issuance of a land patent to a tract of public land of up to 160 acres, where the claimant shows peaceful, adverse possession of the tract in good faith for more than 20 years, as well as