severely distressed public housing projects (or portions thereof); and,
beginning in Fiscal Year 2004, in
rejuvenating the traditional or historic
downtown areas of smaller units of local
government. Funds were appropriated
for competitive HOPE VI
Implementation Notices of Funding
Availability (NOFAs) through Fiscal
Year 2011. Currently, there are
approximately 55 HOPE VI
Implementation grants that remain
active and must be monitored by HUD.
HUD publishes competitive bi-annual
NOFAs for the HOPE VI Main Street
program and monitors grants that have
been awarded through those NOFAs.
These information collections are
required in connection with the
monitoring of the remaining active
HOPE VI Implementation grants and the
bi-annual publication on http://
www.grants.gov of HOPE VI Main Street
NOFAs, contingent upon available
funding and authorization, which
announce the availability of funds
provided in annual appropriations for
Section 24 of the Housing Act of 1937,
as amended.

Eligible units of local government
interested in obtaining HOPE VI Main
Street grants are required to submit
applications to HUD, as explained in
each NOFA. The information collection
conducted in the applications enables
HUD to conduct a comprehensive,
merit-based selection process in order to
identify and select the applications to
receive funding. With the use of HUD-
prescribed forms, the information
collection provides HUD with sufficient
information to approve or disapprove
applications.

Applicants that are awarded HOPE VI
Implementation grants are required to
report on a quarterly basis on the
sources and uses of all amounts
expended for Implementation grant
revelation activities. HOPE VI
Implementation grantees use a fully-
automated, internet-based process for
the submission of quarterly reporting
information. HUD reviews and evaluates
the collected information and uses it as
a primary tool with which to monitor
the status of HOPE VI projects and the
HOPE VI programs.

Respondents (i.e. affected public):
Public Housing Agencies and units of
local governments.

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B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments
from members of the public and affected
parties concerning the collection of
information described in Section A on
the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection
of information is necessary for the
proper performance of the functions of
the agency, including whether the
information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency’s
estimate of the burden of the proposed
collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality,
utility, and clarity of the information to
be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of
the collection of information on those
who are to respond; including through
the use of appropriate automated
collection techniques or other forms of
information technology, e.g., permitting
electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to
submit comment in response to these
questions.

C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork
Chapter 35.

Dated: July 26, 2018.

Merrie Nichols-Dixon,
Director, Office of Policy, Program and
Legislative Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R1–ES–2018–N093;
FXES1113060000–189–FF01E00000]

Endangered Species; Receipt of
Recovery Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service, have received an
application for a permit to conduct
activities intended to enhance the
propagation or survival of an
endangered species under the
Endangered Species Act of 1973, as
amended. We invite the public and
local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies
to comment on this application. Before issuing the requested permit, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before September 4, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Document availability and comment submission: Submit requests for a copy of the application and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name and application number (i.e., Greg Fitzpatrick, TE–08913A–2):

• Email: permitsR1ES@fws.gov.
• U.S. Mail: Marilet Zablan, 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Henson, Recovery Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, Pacific Region, (503) 231–6131 (phone); permitsR1ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on an application for a permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The requested permit would allow the applicant to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA’s definition of “take” includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found in the Code of Federal Regulations 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

Proposed activities in the following permit request are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing this permit. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to this application. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

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.

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<th>Application No.</th>
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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.).

Rachel Merkel,
Acting Deputy Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services, Pacific Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
[FWS–R2–ES–2018–N071; FXES1113020000–189–FF02ENEH00]
Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Draft Revised Recovery Plan for Texas Snowbells

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of our draft revised recovery plan for Texas snowbells, listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Texas snowbells is a rare, endemic shrub of the Edwards Plateau, and is found in Real, Edwards, and Val Verde Counties, Texas. We provide this notice to seek comments from the public and Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive written comments on or before October 2, 2018. However, we will accept information about any species at any time.

ADDRESSES: Reviewing document: You may obtain a copy of the draft revised recovery plan by any one of the following methods:

Internet: Download the file at http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/ESA_Species_news.html.

U.S. mail: Send a request to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758; or Telephone: 512–490–0057.