

Applicant	Permit No.	Permit issuance date
Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, Inc .....	31693C	10/19/2017
Disney's Animal Kingdom .....	30605C	9/12/2017
Dallas World Aquarium .....	15974C	10/19/2017
Feld Entertainment, Inc .....	30596C	10/19/2017
Palfam Ranch Management LLC .....	64738A	10/12/2017
Amanda Henson .....	32538C	11/01/2017
Duke Lemur Center .....	27453C	10/31/17
Palm Beach Zoo and Conservation Society .....	39618C	11/6/2017

**Authority**

We issue this notice under the authority of the ESA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Joyce Russell,**

*Government Information Specialist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R3-ES-2017-N162;  
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**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications**

**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 applications for a permit to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species. Federal law prohibits certain activities with endangered species unless a permit is obtained.

**DATES:** We must receive any written comments on or before February 2, 2018.

**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](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov).

*Requesting Copies of Applications or Public Comments:* Copies of

applications or public comments concerning any of the applications in this notice may be obtained by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552): Regional Director, Attn: Carlita Payne, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458.

*Submitting Comments:* You may submit comments by one of the following methods. Please specify applicant name(s) and application number(s) to which your comments pertain (*e.g.*, TEXXXXXX).

- *Email:* [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov). Please indicate the respective permit number (*e.g.*, Application No. TEXXXXXX) in the subject line of your email message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Regional Director, Attn: Carlita Payne, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carlita Payne, (612) 713-5343; [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species. Federal law prohibits certain activities with endangered species unless a permit is obtained.

**Background**

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*;

ESA), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless the activities are specifically authorized by a Federal permit. 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.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with U.S. endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or interstate commerce (the latter only in the event that it facilitates scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival). Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA 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.

**Applications Available for Review and Comment**

We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the permit number when you submit comments. Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

**Permit Applications**

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE35518B .....	Jeremy Sheets, Plymouth, IN.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>M. grisescens</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ), Virginia big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i> ).	Rangewide .....	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Add new activity—band—to existing authorized activities: Capture, handle, mist-net, radio-tag, release.	Amend, renew.
TE85232B .....	Zachary Kaiser, Independence, MO.	Add gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ) to existing permitted species: Indiana bat ( <i>M. sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	Rangewide .....	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, radio-tag, light-tag, band, wing biopsy, collect tissue and hair samples, release, salvage.	Amend.
TE38769A .....	Sarah Bradley, Salem, MO.	Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>M. grisescens</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	Missouri .....	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, radio-tag, band, release, enter hibernacula.	Renew.
TE106220 .....	Brianne Walters, Indiana State University Bat Center, Terre Haute, IN.	Add gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ) to existing permitted species: Indiana bat ( <i>M. sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	Rangewide .....	Research, conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Add new activities—harp trap, wing biopsy, collect tissue and hair samples, salvage, and enter hibernacula—to existing authorized activities: Capture, handle, mist-net, radio-tag, band, release.	Amend, renew.

### Public Availability of Comments

We seek public review and comments on these permit applications. Please refer to the permit number when you submit comments. Comments and materials we receive in response to this notice are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**.

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.

### Contents of Public Comments

Please make your comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments 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 the Service decides to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

### Authority

Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: December 1, 2017.

**Lori H. Nordstrom,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R2-R-2017-N138];  
FXRS12610200000-189-FF02RTTM00]

### Application for Right of Way Permit for an Ethane Pipeline and Approved Compatibility Determination; San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received an application for a 30-year right-of-way (ROW) permit under the Migratory Bird Conservation Act from Lavaca Pipeline Company. The applicant wishes to install, own, and operate a natural gas pipeline within an existing ROW easement crossing 203 feet on San

Bernard National Wildlife Refuge in Brazoria County, Texas. We request public comment on the permit application.

**DATES:** We must receive any written comments regarding the permit application on or before February 2, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to review documents and submit comments, you may request documents by U.S. mail, email, or phone (see below). Documents are also available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Texas Mid-coast Complex office below (open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Send your comments or requests by any one of the following methods.

- *Email:* [jennifer\\_sanchez@fws.gov](mailto:jennifer_sanchez@fws.gov) (use "Lavaca ROW" as your message subject line).
- *Fax:* 979-964-4021 ("Lavaca ROW" subject line).
- *U.S. mail:* Project Leader, Texas Mid-coast Complex, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2547 County Road 316, Brazoria, TX 77422.

- *In-person drop-off:* You may drop off information during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the above office address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Sanchez, 979-964-4011 (phone), or [jennifer\\_sanchez@fws.gov](mailto:jennifer_sanchez@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** There is also an approved compatibility determination available for review. Comments regarding the compatibility determination will be received and filed, but we will not be amending the document.