

notice. Bureaus and offices are directed to publish by July 1, 2002, a notice of availability of their guidelines in the **Federal Register** for public comment, with at least a 30-day comment period.

Dated: May 10, 2002.

**P. Lynn Scarlett,**

*Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to sections 10(a)(1)(A) and 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

#### Permit Number TE023664

*Applicant:* Virgil Brack, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The applicant currently possesses a permit to take (survey and hold) Gray bat (*Myotis grisecens*), Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), and the Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) throughout the majority of the species ranges in 27 States. The applicant requests to expand activities into the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, and Nebraska. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

#### Permit Number TE056081

*Applicant:* EnviroScience, Inc., Stow, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) the following listed unionid mussel species: fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria*), purple catspaw (*Epioblasma obliquata obliquata*), white catspaw (*E. o. perobliqua*), northern riffleshell (*E. torulosa rangiana*), pink mucket pearl mussel (*Lampsilis abrupta*), Higgins' eye pearl mussel (*L. higginsii*), white wartyback (*Plethobasus cicatricosus*), orange-foot pimpleback pearl mussel (*P. cooperianus*), clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*), rough pigtoe (*P. plenum*), fat pocketbook (*Potamilus capax*), and winged mapleleaf mussel (*Quadrula fragosa*). Activities are

proposed within the States of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and Missouri. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

#### Permit Number TE056264

*Applicant:* John Shuey, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The applicant requests a permit to take male Mitchell's satyr (*Neonympha mitchellii mitchellii*) in Indiana for genetic analysis. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who requests a copy from the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, peter\_fasbender@fws.gov, Telephone (612) 713-5343, or Fax (612) 713-5292.

Dated: May 2, 2002.

**T.J. Miller,**

*Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for the Delta Management at Fort St. Philip Project, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Delta Management at Fort St. Philip Project. A more detailed description of the project is outlined in the Supplementary Information section below. A copy of the draft EA may be obtained by sending a written request to our Louisiana Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section). Requests must be made in writing to be processed. This notice is provided pursuant to National

Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

We specifically request information, views, and opinions from the public through this Notice on the Federal action, including the identification of any other aspects of the human environment not already identified in the our EA.

**DATES:** Written comments on the draft EA must be received on or before June 24, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the draft EA may obtain a copy by writing to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 646 Cajundome Boulevard, Suite 400, Lafayette, Louisiana 70506. If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the Louisiana Field Office at the address listed above. You also may comment via the Internet to "kevin\_roy@fws.gov". Please submit comments over the internet as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from us that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at the telephone numbers listed below (see **FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Louisiana Field Office. Data or comments regarding the draft EA should be submitted in writing to the Louisiana Field Office to be adequately considered in the our decision-making process. Documents will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at our Louisiana Field Office (Attn: Kevin Roy).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kevin Roy, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, (see **ADDRESSES** section), telephone: 337/291-3120 or 337/291-3100, facsimile: 337/291-3139.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The Delta Management at Fort St. Philip Project, is being funded through the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act on the Tenth Priority Project List. The project purpose is to promote the formation of emergent marsh through the construction of artificial crevasses and earthen terraces. The project is located near the east bank of the Mississippi River adjacent to Fort St. Philip in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The project area has experienced extensive marsh loss since the mid 1970s, with loss rates as high as 8 percent per year.

However, many areas are experiencing marsh growth as sediment introduced from the Mississippi River through a natural crevasse is causing infilling of open water areas. The preferred alternative is to construct earthen terraces and artificial crevasses to enhance the natural processes of marsh building now occurring in the project area.

#### Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the draft EA described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered in our decision-making process.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

#### Author

The primary author of this document is Kevin Roy (*see ADDRESSES* Section).

#### Authority

The authority for this action is the National Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*) and CEQ Regulations 40 CFR 1506.6.

Dated: May 6, 2002.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability of a Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for Construction of a Single-Family Residential Home Site on the Dahle Property, Colorado Springs, Colorado

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that Lee J. Dahle has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*), federally listed as threatened, through loss and modification of its habitat associated with construction and occupation of a residential home site at the Dahle Property, Colorado Springs, Colorado. The duration of the permit would be 5 years from the date of issuance.

We announce the receipt of the applicant's incidental take permit application that includes a proposed Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the Preble's meadow jumping mouse for the Dahle Property. The proposed HCP is available for public comment. It fully describes the proposed project and the measures the applicant would undertake to minimize and mitigate project impacts to the Preble's meadow jumping mouse. All comments on the HCP and permit application will become part of the administrative record and will be available to the public.

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application, and Habitat Conservation Plan should be received on or before June 24, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the permit application and HCP should be addressed to LeRoy Carlson, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kathleen Linder, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Colorado Field Office, telephone (303) 275-2370.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Document Availability

Individuals wishing copies of the HCP and associated documents for review should immediately contact the above office. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

### Background

Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulation prohibit the "take" of a species listed as endangered or threatened. Take is defined under the Act, in part, as to kill, harm, or harass a federally listed species. However, the Service may issue permits to authorize "incidental take" of listed species under limited circumstances. Incidental Take is defined under the Act as take of a listed species that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity under limited circumstances. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.32.

The Dahle Property is located at 17 El Dorado Lane, Lot 5, Block 4 in Thunderbird Estates Subdivision, along Monument Creek, in the Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 66 West, Southwest ¼ in the Pikeview quadrangle, in the Town of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, State of Colorado. The project will involve 0.65 acres, but will directly impact a maximum of 0.15 acres that may result in incidental take of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse. The site will impact upland areas only.

Alternatives considered in addition to the Proposed Action were awaiting approval of the El Paso County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan, and no action. The last alternative eliminated potential take of Preble's. The onsite, offsite, and cumulative impacts of the proposed Project and all associated development and construction activities and mitigation activities proposed by the HCP will have no significant impact on other threatened or endangered species, vegetation, wildlife, wetlands, geology/soils, land use, water resources, air and water quality, or cultural resources. None of the proposed impacts occur within the riparian corridor. All of the proposed impacts are in upland areas inside the 100-year floodplain. Utilizing the mouse protection habitat definition, the proposed development could impact up to 0.15 acre of potential mouse habitat for the residential lot. The mitigation will likely provide a net benefit to the Preble's mouse and other wildlife by improving or creating new riparian areas, planting of native grasses, and protecting existing habitat