

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permits.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on these applications at the address given below, by January 3, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, 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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: Victoria Davis, Permit Biologist).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Davis, telephone 404/679-4176; facsimile 404/679-7081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Service's Regional Office (*see ADDRESSES* section) or via electronic mail (e-mail) to victoria_davis@fws.gov. Please submit electronic comments 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 e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Service that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed above (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT* section). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Service office listed above (*see ADDRESSES* section).

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 other 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. However, we will not 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.

Applicant: Anthony R. Dodd, GeoSyntec Consultants, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, TE095972-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, identify, and release) the following species: Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), blue shiner (*Cyprinella caerulea*), Etowah darter (*Etheostoma etowahae*), Cherokee darter (*Etheostoma scotti*), amber darter (*Percina antesella*), goldline darter (*Percina aurolineata*), Conasauga logperch (*Percina jenkinsi*), snail darter (*Percina tanasi*), fat threeridge (*Amblema neislerii*), upland combshell (*Epioblasma metastrata*), southern acornshell (*Epioblasma othcaloogensis*), southern combshell (*Epioblasma penita*), shinyrayed pocketbook (*Lampsilis subangulata*), gulf moccasinshell (*Medionidus penicillatus*), Coosa moccasinshell (*Medionidus parvulus*), southern clubshell (*Pleurobema decisum*), southern pigtoe (*Pleurobema georgianum*), ovate clubshell (*Pleurobema perovatum*), oval pigtoe (*Pleurobema pyriforme*), purple bankclimber (*Elliptoides sloatianus*), fine-lined pocketbook (*Lampsilis altilis*), oranegenacree mucket (*Lampsilis perovalis*), Alabama moccasinshell (*Medionidus acutissimus*), and triangular kidneyshell (*Ptychobranthus greeni*). The proposed activities would take place while conducting presence/absence surveys throughout the state of Georgia.

Applicant: Jennifer A. Wallens, Stantec Consulting Services Inc. or Ecosystem Consultants Inc., Nolensville, Tennessee, TE095978-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, identify, release) the Nashville Crayfish (*Orconectes shoupi*), bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), eastern (=cougar) puma (*Puma* (=Felis) *concolor cougar*), Carolina northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus coloratus*), least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), bluetail mole skink

(*Eumeces egregius lividus*), sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*), eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*), gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*), Alabama red-belly turtle (*Pseudemys alabamensis*), bog turtle (*Clemmys muhlenbergii*), flattened musk turtle (*Sternotherus depressus*), ringed map turtle (*Graptemys oculifera*), yellow-blotched map turtle (*Graptemys flavimaculata*), Audubon's crested caracara (*Polyborus plancus audubonii*), Mississippi sandhill crane (*Grus canadensis pulla*), whooping crane (*Grus americana*), Florida scrub jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*), Everglade snail kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus*), brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), Cape Sable seaside sparrow (*Ammodramus maritimus mirabilis*), Florida grasshopper sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum floridanus*), wood stork (*Mycteria americana*), Bachman's (=wood) warbler (*Vermivora bachmanii*), and red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) while conducting presence/absence surveys and relocation activities for the Nashville crayfish and the gopher tortoise. The proposed activities would occur throughout the species' ranges in Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, and Illinois.

Applicant: Michael T. Mengak, Warnell School of Forest Resources, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, TE095980-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, radio-tag, track, and release) Key Largo woodrats (*Neotoma floridana smalli*). Fifteen (15) females and fifteen (15) males may be radio-tagged. The proposed activities would take place while conducting population estimations at Crocodile Lakes National Wildlife Refuge and Key Largo Hammocks Botanical Preserve, Monroe County, Florida.

Applicant: Reed F. Noss, University of Central Florida, Department of Biology, Orlando, Florida, TE096068

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, radio-tag, monitor nest, release) Florida grasshopper sparrows (*Ammodramus savannarum floridanus*) while conducting research and maintaining a monitoring program. The proposed activities would occur on the Kissimmee Prairie State Preserve, Florida.

Applicant: CCR Environmental, Inc., Charles V. Rabolli, Atlanta, Georgia 30340

The applicant requests authorization to harass the red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) while conducting presence/absence surveys, constructing artificial nest cavities, and monitoring activities in clusters. The proposed activities would take place throughout the species' range in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia.

Applicant: Hopi Elisabeth Hoekstra, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, California, TE095962-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, measure, collect genetic samples, release) up to 25 of each of the following species: Alabama beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*), Perdido Key beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus trissyllepsis*), Choctawhatchee beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus allophyrus*), St. Andrews beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus peninsularis*), Anastasia Island beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus phasma*), and the Southeastern beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus niveiventris*). Take would occur while examining the evolution of morphological variation, with a focus on pigmentation, in natural populations of *Peromyscus polionotus*. The proposed activities would occur in Baldwin County, Alabama; Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, St. John, and Brevard Counties, Florida.

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Cynthia K. Dohner,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Folsom Dam Road Restricted Access, Folsom, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and notice of public hearing [DES 04-58].

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has made available for public review and comment a Draft EIS for the Folsom Dam Road Restricted Access action. The

Draft EIS describes and presents the environmental effects of the preferred alternative, the no-Action alternative and two additional alternatives. Two public hearings will be held to receive comments from individuals and organizations on the Draft EIS.

DATES: The Draft EIS will be available for a 45-day public review period. Comments are due on January 18, 2005. Two public hearings have been scheduled to receive oral or written comments regarding the project's environmental effects:

- January 4, 2005, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sacramento, CA

- January 5, 2005, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Folsom, CA

ADDRESSES: The public hearings will be held at the following locations:

- Sacramento, CA—Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2589.

- Folsom, CA—Folsom Community Center West Room, 52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.

Send comments on the Draft EIS to Folsom Dam Restricted Access Project, c/o Robert Schroeder, Project Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Central California Area Office, 7794 Folsom Dam Road, Folsom, CA 95630-1799.

Copies of the Draft EIS may be requested from Ms. Marian Echeverria, Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825 or by calling 916-978-5105. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations where copies of the Draft EIS are available for public inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Schroeder, Project Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, at 916-989-7274.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft EIS addresses impacts from continuing indefinitely restricted access across Folsom Dam Road based on security issues and potential disaster flood inundation. The Preferred Action is to continue the closure of Folsom Dam Road. The EIS also addresses a No-Action alternative that would reopen the road to public use similar to pre-2003 conditions, and two additional alternatives that would include restricted Folsom Dam Road access involving combinations of vehicle inspections and restrictions on type and number of vehicles, and time of use. The Draft EIS has identified the key issues to include traffic and circulation, socioeconomic, air quality, and recreation. In addition to the key issues listed above, Reclamation has identified other issue areas which have also been included in the EIS. These include biology, water quality, cultural

resources, ground water, water supply, power supply, municipal and industrial land uses, demographics, visual resources, public health, social well-being, power consumption and production, and cumulative effects.

Copies of the Draft EIS are available for public inspection and review at the following locations:

- Sacramento Public Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

- Folsom Public Library, 900 Persifer Street, Folsom, CA 95630

- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver, CO 80225; telephone: 303-445-2072

- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Public Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825-1898; telephone: 916-978-5100

- Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Main Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240-0001

- May be available at other libraries in the project area.

Oral and written comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which a respondent's identity may also be withheld from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. 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.

Hearing Process Information

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on environmental issues addressed in the Draft EIS. Written comments will also be accepted.

Persons needing special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing should contact Mr. Robert Schroeder, at 916-989-7274, as soon as possible. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than one week before the public hearing. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.