

Applicant requests an amendment to a current permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys of Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) within Arizona, Nevada and California.

**Permit TE-174552**

*Applicant:* Animas Biological Studies, LLC, Durango, Colorado.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and Mexican spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) within New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado.

**Permit TE-829996**

*Applicant:* Houston Zoo, Houston, Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to a previous permit to hold and maintain captive bred Wyoming toads (*Bufo baxteri*) within the Houston Zoo, until they are transferred to other authorized institutions.

**Permit TE-170389**

*Applicant:* Travis Cooper, San Juan Capistrano, California.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona.

**Permit TE-175541**

*Applicant:* A&M Engineering and Environmental Services, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: February 21, 2008.

**Christopher T. Jones,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Final Environmental Impact Statement on the White Wind Farm Project in Brookings County, SD**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is adopting the Department of Energy (DOE), Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the White Wind Farm in Brookings County, South Dakota, in support of a right-of-way application submitted by White Wind Farm, LLC.

**DATES:** Preparation of the Record of Decision will begin no sooner than 30 days from this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Final EIS are available online at: <http://www.fws.gov/madisonwetlands>; during office hours at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Madison Wetland Management District, 23520 SD Hwy 19, Madison, South Dakota 57042 (telephone 605-256-2974); or at the Madison Public Library, Madison, South Dakota.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Coleman, Assistant Regional Director, National Wildlife Refuge System, Region 6, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, DFC, Denver, Colorado 80225-4712, (303-236-4303).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the DOE, WAPA prepared a Final EIS assessing the impacts of constructing and operating the proposed White Wind Farm which would be enabled by WAPA's execution of an interconnection agreement. A notice of availability of the EIS was originally published in a **Federal Register** notice dated April 13, 2007. Subsequently, White Wind Farm, LLC., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Navitas Energy, Inc., applied for a right-of-way easement (50 CFR 29.21) for facilities to be constructed on lands where the Service holds an Easement for Waterfowl Habitat Protection. The Service is adopting and recirculating the EIS in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.3.

The EIS presents alternatives and analyzes the anticipated effects of implementing the proposed action including construction of up to 105 2-megawatt wind turbine generators with a net capacity of up to 200 MW. In addition to the wind turbine generators, components of the proposed project include constructing, operating, and maintaining access roads, overhead and underground electric collector lines, a new collection substation, a communication system, and interconnection to WAPA's existing White Substation.

Dated: March 7, 2008.

**James J. Slack,**

*Deputy Regional Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with threatened and endangered species.

**DATES:** We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given below, by *April 16, 2008*.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with the 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: Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, HCP Coordinator).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Dell, telephone 404/679-7313; facsimile 404/679-7081.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act. If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** section) or via electronic mail (e-mail) to [david\\_dell@fws.gov](mailto:david_dell@fws.gov). Please include your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Fish and Wildlife 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