

FR 54295) of the notice of intent to prepare an EIS. Public involvement meetings were held in the form of open house/informational meetings in October, November, and December of 2000. In addition, a public scoping meeting was held in October 2003 prior to the release of an early draft MSCP. This meeting was preceded by the publication in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 53748) of a second notice of intent to prepare an EIS. Subsequent drafts of the MSCP were published in 2005, 2006 (two versions), 2008, and 2009 as part of the extensive process of developing scientific information and inviting public review and comment.

A notice of availability and notice of public meetings for the draft MSCP and EIS were posted in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2012 (77 FR 73045). We also posted the notice of availability, draft MSCP, and draft EIS on the Arizona Ecological Services Web site (<http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/HCPs.htm>). The formal comment period for the Pima County Draft MSCP/Draft EIS was from December 7, 2012, through March 15, 2013. Pima County hosted five public meetings for the draft MSCP in January 2013. The Service held one public comment meeting for the EIS on February 21, 2013, in Tucson, Arizona.

During the public comment period, including the six public meetings as described above, 20 letters and written comments were received. Of the comments received during the draft MSCP/draft EIS public comment review period, the topics of primary concern were the planning and decision making process, natural resources management, social and economic concerns, cumulative effects, and MSCP-specific issues. Detailed information concerning public involvement and a record of comments received during scoping and public comment periods, and Service responses, are provided in Chapter 6 of the final EIS.

Revisions were made to the draft MSCP and draft EIS based on public comments. The Service has afforded government agencies, tribes, and the public extensive opportunity to participate in the preparation of the EIS. We have requested data, comments, new information, and suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, Tribes, industry, or any other interested party regarding the draft EIS and draft MSCP. We have considered these comments in completing the final EIS, working with Pima County to finalize the MSCP, and developing the ITP.

Authority

We provide this notice under Section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32), and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

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Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Applications for Participation in the Amended Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan for the American Burying Beetle in Oklahoma

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for public comments.

SUMMARY: Under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (Act), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on incidental take permit applications for take of the federally listed American burying beetle resulting from activities associated with the geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning of oil and gas well field infrastructure within Oklahoma. If approved, the permits would be issued under the approved *Amended Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan Associated with Issuance of Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permits for the American Burying Beetle in Oklahoma* (ICP).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before June 13, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain copies of all documents and submit comments on the applicant's ITP application by one of the following methods. Please refer to the permit number when requesting documents or submitting comments.

- *U.S. Mail:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Endangered Species—HCP Permits, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103.
- *Electronically:* fw2_hcp_permits@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marty Tuegel, Branch Chief, by U.S.

mail at: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Review Division, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103; or by telephone at 505-248-6651.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

Under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; Act), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on incidental take permit (ITP) applications for take of the federally listed American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) resulting from activities associated with geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning of oil and gas well field infrastructure, as well as construction, maintenance, operation, repair, decommissioning, and reclamation of oil and gas gathering, transmission, and distribution pipeline infrastructure within Oklahoma. If approved, the permit would be issued to the applicant under the *Amended Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan Associated with Issuance of Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permits for the American Burying Beetle in Oklahoma* (ICP). The original ICP was approved on May 21, 2014 (publication of the FONSI notice was on July 25, 2014; 79 FR 43504). The draft amended ICP was made available for comment on March 8, 2016 (81 FR 12113), and approved on April 13, 2016. The ICP and the associated environmental assessment/finding of no significant impact are available on the Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/oklahoma/ABBICP>. However, we are no longer taking comments on these finalized, approved documents.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following application under the ICP, for incidental take of the federally listed ABB. Please refer to the appropriate permit number (*e.g.*, TE-123456) when requesting application documents and when submitting comments. Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with this application 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 TE48815B

Applicant: Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, Duluth, MN.

Applicant requests an amended permit for oil and gas upstream and midstream production, including geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning of oil and gas well field infrastructure, as well as construction, maintenance, operation, repair, decommissioning, and reclamation of oil and gas gathering, transmission, and distribution pipeline infrastructure within Oklahoma.

Permit TE49745B

Applicant: PetroQuest Energy, LLC, Tulsa, OK.

Applicant requests an amended permit for oil and gas upstream and midstream production, including geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning of oil and gas well field infrastructure, as well as construction, maintenance, operation, repair, decommissioning, and reclamation of oil and gas gathering, transmission, and distribution pipeline infrastructure within Oklahoma.

Permit TE60264B

Applicant: Phillips 66 Pipeline Co., Houston, TX.

Applicant requests an amended permit for oil and gas upstream and midstream production, including geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning of oil and gas well field infrastructure, as well as construction, maintenance, operation, repair, decommissioning, and reclamation of oil and gas gathering, transmission, and distribution pipeline infrastructure within Oklahoma.

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Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the public 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. We will not consider anonymous comments. 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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Joy E. Nicholopoulos,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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Indian Land Consolidation Lien Removal and Acquisition Fund Disposition

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of tribal consultation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Department of the Interior (Department) is hosting a tribal consultation session regarding lien removal and Acquisition Fund disposition under the Indian Land Consolidation Program (ILCP).

DATES: The tribal consultation session will be held Thursday, June 9, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Written comments must be received by June 17, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The tribal consultation session will be held in the Little Crow Room at Mystic Lake Casino-Hotel, 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd. NW., Prior Lake, MN 55372. Please address written comments to consultation@bia.gov or to: ILCP

Waiver Comments, 1849 C Street NW., MS 3643, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elizabeth K. Appel, Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action, (202) 273–4680, elizabeth.appel@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Several tribes own interests in trust land that are subject to a lien held by the Department under the Indian Land Consolidation Act (Act). These tribes had participated in the ILCP to acquire individually owned interests and consolidate them into tribal ownership. The ILCP is no longer in operation, but the liens remain, and the revenue proceeds continue accruing to the Acquisition Fund. Likewise, funds remain in Acquisition Fund depository accounts. The Department seeks to consult with those Tribes that have ILCP liens and requests their input on its proposal to: (1) Remove existing liens on revenue accruing from land interests that tribes have purchased under the ILCP, and (2) dispose of the proceeds on deposit remaining in the Acquisition Fund by transferring the funds (segregated by tribe) to each impacted tribe's trust account, to be used by the tribe to purchase additional on-reservation fractionated interests in parcels.

Dated: May 5, 2016.

Lawrence S. Roberts,

Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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Proposed Finding Against Acknowledgment of the Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee, Inc.

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed finding.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (Department) gives notice that the Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (AS–IA) proposes to determine that the petitioner known as the Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee, Inc. is not an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law. This notice is based on a determination that the petitioner has not submitted sufficient evidence to satisfy all seven of the criteria set forth in the applicable regulations and, therefore, does not meet the requirements for a government-to-government relationship with the United States.