

assistance to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, Department of Homeland Security, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Benigno Bern Ruiz, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared emergency.

The following areas of the territory of American Samoa have been designated as adversely affected by this declared emergency:

The territory of American Samoa for emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

**Brock Long,**

*Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–4344–DR; Docket ID FEMA–2018–0001]

#### California; Amendment No. 8 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of California (FEMA–4344–DR), dated October 10, 2017, and related determinations.

**DATES:** This amendment was issued February 9, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dean Webster, Office of Response and

Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2833.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, the Federal share of assistance, including direct Federal assistance, provided under section 407 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5173), with respect to a major disaster declared pursuant to such act for damages resulting from a wildfire in calendar year 2017, shall be 90 percent of the eligible costs. The adjustment to the Federal share applies to assistance provided before, on, or after the date of enactment of the Act. The major disaster declared on October 10, 2017, for the State of California is amended as follows:

Federal funds for debris removal (Category A), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program is authorized at 90 percent of total eligible costs.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050 Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

**Brock Long,**

*Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R3–ES–2018–N005;  
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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 applications for permits 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 March 26, 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 above-mentioned 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).

**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 refer to 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 (address above).

**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.

**Permit 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 |
|-----------------|--|--|---|--|---|---------------|
| TE64079B        | Minnesota Zoological Garden, Apple Valley, MN.           | Dakota skipper ( <i>Hesperia dacotae</i> ), Poweshiek skipperling ( <i>Oarisma poweshiek</i> ).  | IA, MI, MN, ND, SD, WI .....  | Conduct presence/absence surveys, conduct population monitoring.   | Capture, handle, collect eggs, propagate, release.  | Amend, renew. |
| TE85228B        | Eric Schroder, Fairmont, WV.                             | Add Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ) and Virginia big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i> ) to existing permitted species: Northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).  | Add new locations—AL, AR, CT, GA, IL, KY, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OK, PA, TN, VT, WI, WV—to existing authorized locations: Northern IA, northern MI, central/southern AL, central/southern AR, central/southern GA, LA, central/southern MS, central/eastern NC, SC, northern CT, DE, DC, southern/eastern MD, MA, NH, southern NJ, RI, eastern VT, central/eastern VA, KS, MT, NE, ND, SD, IA. | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.           | Capture, handle, mist-net, radio-tag, band, release.  | Amend, renew. |
| TE73587A        | Missouri Department of Conservation, Jefferson City, MO. | Ozark hellbender ( <i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishop</i> ).   | MO .....  | Research, conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts. | Capture, handle, collect sperm and eggs, transport, hold, propagate, pit-tag, augment, reintroduce, release.                  | Renew.        |
| TE71682A        | Megan Martin, Indianapolis, IN.                          | Add northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ) to existing permitted species: Indiana bat ( <i>M. sodalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>M. grisescens</i> ).   | AL, AR, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KY, MA, MD, MI, MS, MN, MO, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OK, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI.   | 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. |
| TE62286A        | Jason Whittle, Richfield, OH.                            | Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).  | AL, AR, CT, GA, IL, IN, IA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OK, OH, PA, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV.   | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.           | Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, radio-tag, band, wing biopsy, collect hair, fungal lift tape and swab samples, release. | Renew.        |
| TE151107        | Redwing Ecological Services, Inc., Louisville, KY.       | Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>M. grisescens</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ), Ozark big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i> ), Virginia big-eared bat ( <i>C. t. virginianus</i> ). | AL, AR, CT, DE, GA, IL, IN, IA, KY, MD, MA, MI, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OK, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI.   | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.           | Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, radio-tag, band, enter hibernacula, release.  | Renew.        |
| TE64074B        | TeaLeaf Ecological, LLC, Chambersburg, PA.               | 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> ).  | AL, AR, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY.   | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.           | Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, radio-tag, band, wing biopsy, collect hair, fungal lift tape and swab samples, release. | Renew.        |

| Application No. | Applicant                              | Species   | Location   | Activity   | Type of take   | Permit action |
|-----------------|--|---|--|--|--|---------------|
| TE74592A        | Robert Brown, Cincinnati, OH.          | Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>M. grisescens</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ), Ozark big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i> ), Virginia big-eared bat ( <i>C.t. virginianus</i> ).   | Add new locations—DC, FL, LA, ME, MN, MT, NE, ND, SD, WY—to existing authorized locations: AL, AR, CT, DE, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MD, MA, MI, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI.         | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts. | Add new activities—collect hair and guano samples—to existing authorized activities: Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, radio-tag, band, enter hibernacula, release.  | Amend, renew. |
| TE30970B        | Jeffrey Miller, Vancouver, WA.         | Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>M. grisescens</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ), Ozark big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i> ).   | AR, CT, DE, DC, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, NH, NJ, NY, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI.  | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts. | Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, radio-tag, release, salvage.   | Renew.        |
| TE21829B        | Larisa Bishop-Boros, Laramie, WY.      | Add lesser long-nosed bat ( <i>Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena</i> ) to existing permitted species: Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>M. grisescens</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ), Ozark big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i> ), Virginia big-eared bat ( <i>C.t. virginianus</i> ). | Add new locations—AZ, NM—to existing authorized locations: AL, AR, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY. | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts. | Add new activities—collect pollen samples, light-tag, enter roosts—to existing authorized activities: Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, radio-tag, wing biopsy, collect hair, guano, fungal lift tape and swab samples, enter hibernacula, release, salvage. | Amend, renew. |
| TE70488C        | Scott Bergeson, Fort Wayne, IN.        | Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>M. grisescens</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).  | AL, AR, CT, DE, FL, GA, IN, IA, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NH, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI.  | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts. | Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, radio-tag, band, wing biopsy, collect hair samples, enter hibernacula and maternity roost caves, release, salvage.   | New.          |
| TE35859B        | Charles Mills, Newburgh, IN.           | Least tern ( <i>Sterna antillarum</i> ).  | IN .....   | Conduct population monitoring, document reproductive behavior and productivity.                          | Harass, handle eggs, salvage.  | Amend, renew. |
| TE90090B        | Power Engineers Inc., Freeport, Maine. | Remove 83 mussel species and 41 fish species from existing permitted species: Northern long-eared bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> ).  | DE, KS, ME, MA, MN, MT, NE, NH, ND, OK, RI, SD, WI, WY.  | Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts. | Capture, handle, mist-net, 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: January 10, 2018.

**Lori H. Nordstrom,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0025008; PPWOCRADNO-PCU00RP14.R50000]

#### Notice of Inventory Completion: Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville, TN

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has completed an inventory of human remains in consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations, and has determined that there is no cultural affiliation between the human remains and any present-day Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization. Representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains should submit a written request to TVA. If no additional requestors come forward, transfer of control of the human remains to the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations stated in this notice may proceed.

**DATES:** Representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains should submit a written request with information in support of the request to TVA at the address in this notice by March 26, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Dr. Thomas O. Maher, TVA, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT11D, Knoxville, TN 37902-1401, telephone (865) 632-7458, email [tomaher@tva.gov](mailto:tomaher@tva.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains under the control of TVA. The human remains were removed from the following archeological sites in Lauderdale County, AL: 1LU15, 1LU18, 1LU114, 1LU275, 1LU276, and 1LU277.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d)(3) and 43 CFR 10.11(d). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American human remains. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

#### Consultation

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by TVA professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas (previously listed as the Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas); Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town; Cherokee Nation; Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana; Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Kialegee Tribal Town; Poarch Band of Creeks (previously listed as the Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Alabama); Shawnee Tribe; The Chickasaw Nation; The Muscogee (Creek) Nation; The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma; Thlopthlocco Tribal Town; and United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

#### History and Description of the Remains

On an unknown date after April of 1982, human remains representing, at minimum, 10 individuals were removed from sites 1LU15, 1LU18, 1LU114, 1LU275, 1LU276, and 1LU277 in Lauderdale County, AL. In 1981, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) entered into a contract with Auburn University for a survey of the cultural resources on Seven Mile Island and adjacent Coffee Slough. This area is part of the Seven Mile Island Archeological District which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Natural erosion exacerbated by persistent looting raised questions regarding the condition of the sites on the island, which had not been professionally surveyed since the 1930s. Fieldwork took place from mid-December of 1981 to mid-April of 1982. Details regarding this survey may be found in a report,

*The Archaeology of Seven Mile Island: A Cultural Resource Survey of the National Register District, Volume 1 & 2*, by Gregory A. Waselkov and Robert T. Morgan.

Sometime after the fieldwork, TVA was notified that erosion and looting had exposed human remains along the shoreline of the island. At TVA's request, archeologists from Auburn University removed these human remains and curated them at the University. Human remains representing one individual each were collected from the surface of sites 1LU15, 1LU18, 1LU114, 1LU276, and 1LU277. Human remains representing four individuals were excavated from an eroding shoreline of site 1LU275. Human remains representing one individual were collected from a south beach surface collection unit between 1LU276 and 1LU277. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

#### Determinations Made by the Tennessee Valley Authority

Officials of TVA have determined that:

- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(9), the human remains described in this notice are Native American based on osteological analysis and archeological context.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(9), the human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 10 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), a relationship of shared group identity cannot be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and any present-day Indian Tribe.
- According to final judgments of the Indian Claims Commission or the Court of Federal Claims, the land from which the Native American human remains were removed is the aboriginal land of Cherokee Nation, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.
- Treaties, Acts of Congress, or Executive Orders indicate that the land from which the Native American human remains were removed is the aboriginal land of The Chickasaw Nation.

#### Additional Requestors and Disposition

Representatives of any federally recognized Indian Tribe not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains should submit a written request with information in support of the request to Dr. Thomas O. Maher, TVA, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT11D,