

severely distressed public housing projects (or portions thereof); and, beginning in Fiscal Year 2004, in rejuvenating the traditional or historic downtown areas of smaller units of local government. Funds were appropriated for competitive HOPE VI Implementation Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) through Fiscal Year 2011. Currently, there are approximately 55 HOPE VI Implementation grants that remain active and must be monitored by HUD. HUD publishes competitive bi-annual NOFAs for the HOPE VI Main Street program and monitors grants that have been awarded through those NOFAs.

These information collections are required in connection with the monitoring of the remaining active

HOPE VI Implementation grants and the bi-annual publication on <http://www.grants.gov> of HOPE VI Main Street NOFAs, contingent upon available funding and authorization, which announce the availability of funds provided in annual appropriations for Section 24 of the Housing Act of 1937, as amended.

Eligible units of local government interested in obtaining HOPE VI Main Street grants are required to submit applications to HUD, as explained in each NOFA. The information collection conducted in the applications enables HUD to conduct a comprehensive, merit-based selection process in order to identify and select the applications to receive funding. With the use of HUD-prescribed forms, the information

collection provides HUD with sufficient information to approve or disapprove applications.

Applicants that are awarded HOPE VI Implementation grants are required to report on a quarterly basis on the sources and uses of all amounts expended for Implementation grant revitalization activities. HOPE VI Implemented grantees use a fully-automated, internet-based process for the submission of quarterly reporting information. HUD reviews and evaluates the collected information and uses it as a primary tool with which to monitor the status of HOPE VI projects and the HOPE VI programs.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): Public Housing Agencies and units of local governments.

| Collection | Respondents | Frequency per annum | Responses per annum | Burden per response | Burden per annum | Hourly cost per response | Annual cost |
|---|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| HOPE VI Main Street Application | | | | | | | |
| Main Street NOFA Narrative Exhibits | 5 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 80 | 200 | \$57 | \$11,400.00 |
| Main Street NOFA 52861 Application Data Sheet | 5 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 15 | 38 | 57 | 2,137.50 |
| Main Street NOFA Project Area Map | 5 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 1 | 3 | 57 | 142.50 |
| Main Street NOFA Program Schedule | 5 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 4 | 10 | 57 | 570.00 |
| Main Street NOFA Photographs of site | 5 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 5 | 13 | 57 | 712.50 |
| Main Street NOFA Five-year Pro-forma | 5 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 5 | 13 | 57 | 712.50 |
| Main Street NOFA Site Plan and Unit Layout ... | 5 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 10 | 25 | 57 | 1,425.00 |
| Subtotal | 5 | ..... | 17.5 | ..... | 300 | ..... | 17,100.00 |
| Non-NOFA Collections: | | | | | | | |
| On-line Quarterly Reporting | 55 | 4 | 220 | 16 | 3,520 | 57 | 200,640.00 |
| 52825-A HOPE VI Budget updates | 40 | 1 | 75 | 2 | 150 | 57 | 8,550.00 |
| 53001-A Actual HOPE VI Cost Certificate | 20 | 1 | 20 | 0.5 | 10 | 57 | 570.00 |
| Subtotal | 115 | ..... | 315 | ..... | 3,680 | ..... | 209,760.00 |
| Total Burden ..... | ..... | ..... | 332.5 | ..... | 3,980 | ..... | 226,860.00 |

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of

information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: July 26, 2018.

Merrie Nichols-Dixon,

Director, Office of Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R1-ES-2018-N093; FXES11130600000-189-FF01E00000]

Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of a permit application; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received an application for a permit to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies

to comment on this application. Before issuing the requested permit, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before September 4, 2018.

ADDRESSES: *Document availability and comment submission:* Submit requests for a copy of the application and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name and application number (*i.e.*, Greg Fitzpatrick, TE-08913A-2):

- *Email:* permitsR1ES@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Marilet Zablan, Program Manager, Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Henson, Recovery Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (503) 231-6131 (phone); permitsR1ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the

Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on an application for a permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permit would allow the applicant to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA’s definition of “take” includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of

propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found in the Code of Federal Regulations 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 Application Available for Review and Comment

Proposed activities in the following permit request are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing this permit. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to this application. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

| Application No. | Applicant, city, state | Species | Location | Take activity | Permit action |
|-------------------|---|---|----------|---|---------------|
| TE-08913A-2 | Greg Fitzpatrick, Fitzpatrick Ecological Consulting, Corvallis, OR. | Fender’s blue butterfly (<i>Icaricia icarioides fenderi</i>). | OR | Capture, handle, identify, mark, temporarily hold and translocate, and release. | Renew. |

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative 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. 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.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue a permit to the applicant listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Rachel Merkel,

Acting Deputy Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services, Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Draft Revised Recovery Plan for Texas Snowbells

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the

availability of our draft revised recovery plan for Texas snowbells, listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Texas snowbells is a rare, endemic shrub of the Edwards Plateau, and is found in Real, Edwards, and Val Verde Counties, Texas. We provide this notice to seek comments from the public and Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive written comments on or before October 2, 2018. However, we will accept information about any species at any time.

ADDRESSES: *Reviewing document:* You may obtain a copy of the draft revised recovery plan by any one of the following methods:

Internet: Download the file at http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/ESA_Species_news.html.

U.S. mail: Send a request to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758; or

Telephone: 512-490-0057.