

State agencies conducting or assisting with necessary background and immigration checks for certain employees. The purpose of the name-based and fingerprint based CHRC requirement is to ensure the suitability and trustworthiness of individuals who have the ability to affect the identity information that appears on the license; have access to the production process; or who are involved in the manufacture or issuance of the licenses and identification cards.

In compliance with GPEA, States will be permitted to electronically submit the information for their security plans, certification packages, recertifications, extensions, and written exceptions processes. States will be permitted to submit electronic signatures but must keep the original signature on file. Additionally, because they contain sensitive security information (SSI), the security plans must be handled and protected in accordance with 49 CFR part 1520. 6 CFR 37.41(c). The final rule does not dictate how States must submit their employees' fingerprints to the FBI for background checks; however it is assumed States will do so via electronic means or another means determined by the FBI.

This information will be collected directly from the States to assist DHS in making REAL ID compliance determinations and is not otherwise available.

The information collection discussed in this analysis applies to states, state agencies, and certain employees involved in the card production process. Therefore, it is DHS's belief that the information collection does not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small businesses.

In accordance with the regulations, submission of certification materials and security plans will assist DHS in determining full compliance. DHS may also review documents, audit processes, and conduct inspections. Failure to make a compliance determination would prevent state-issued licenses and identification cards from being used for official purposes, which includes boarding commercial aircraft and accessing federal facilities. Additional requirements for recordkeeping, document retention and storage, as well as background checks for certain employees help to ensure the integrity of the card production and issuance process and will assist DHS during audits or inspections of a state's processes.

Information provided will be protected from disclosure to the extent appropriate under applicable provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, the

Privacy Act of 1974, the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, as well as DHS's Privacy Impact Assessment for the REAL ID Act.

There has been no program changes or new requirements established as a result of this collection request.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

1. Evaluate 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. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Analysis

Agency: Office of the Secretary, DHS.

Title: Agency Information Collection

Activities: REAL ID: Minimum Standards for Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards Acceptable by Federal Agencies for Office Purposes.

OMB Number: 1601-0005.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local, and tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 18.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 750 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 13,500 hours.

Dated: April 8, 2019.

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Acting Executive Director, Enterprise Business Management Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments by May 16, 2019.

ADDRESSES:

Document availability and comment submission: Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., TE123456):

- *Email:* permitsR6ES@fws.gov.

- *U.S. Mail:* Marjorie Nelson, Chief, Division of Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 134 Union Blvd., Suite 670, Lakewood, CO 80228.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Konishi, Recovery Permits Coordinator, Ecological Services, 303-236-4224 (phone), or permitsR6ES@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:

Background

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless 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 recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) 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, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public to comment on the following applications.

Application No.	Applicant, city, state	Species	Location	Activity	Permit action
TE049748-3	Utah State University, Logan, Utah.	June sucker (<i>Chasmistes liorus</i>)	Utah	Presence/absence surveys, population monitoring.	Renew.
TE057401-2	Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, Utah.	Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>).	Utah	Presence/absence surveys, nest monitoring.	Renew.
TE069553-2	USDA Forest Service, Wall Ranger District, Buffalo Gap National Grassland, South Dakota.	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>)	South Dakota	Presence/absence surveys, capture, handle, mark, anesthetize, vaccinate, release.	Renew.
TE094832-2	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, Pickstown, South Dakota.	Pallid sturgeon (<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>)	South Dakota	Display for scientific and educational purposes.	Renew.
TE131638-3	Loveland Living Planet Aquarium, Draper, Utah.	Loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>), bonytail chub (<i>Gila elegans</i>), Colorado pikeminnow (<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>), humpback chub (<i>Gila cypha</i>), June sucker (<i>Chasmistes liorus</i>), razorback sucker (<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>), Virgin River chub (<i>Gila robusta seminuda</i>), woundfin (<i>Plagopterus argentissimus</i>), green sea turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>).	Utah	Display for educational purposes.	Renew.
TE131639-1	USDA Forest Service, Chadron, Nebraska.	Blowout penstemon (<i>Penstemon haydenii</i>) ...	Nebraska	Presence/absence surveys, remove and reduce to possession for propagation and reintroduction.	Renew.
TE26376D-0	Steve Forrest, Truckee, California.	Black-footed ferret (<i>Mustela nigripes</i>)	Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Wyoming.	Presence/absence surveys.	New.
TE61451C-1	Amy Hammesfahr	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>).	Missouri	Presence/absence surveys, capture, handle, mark, bio-sample, release.	Amend.
TE26405D-0	Miranda Hanson, Lincoln, Nebraska.	American burying beetle (<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>).	Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota.	Presence/absence surveys.	New.
TE32556D-0	Stephen Yarbrough, Golden, Colorado.	New Mexico meadow jumping mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius luteus</i>).	Colorado	Presence/absence surveys.	New.
TE26536D-0	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, John Martin Reservoir, Colorado.	Interior least tern (<i>Sternula antillarum athalassos</i>).	Colorado	Presence/absence surveys, nest monitoring.	New.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record. 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 permits to any of the applicants 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.*).

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