

| Instrument | Number of respondents | Number responses per respondent | Average burden/response (in hours) | Total burden hours |
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| Baseline Information Form (includes completion of the Contact Sheet). | 3,000 | 1 | 30 minutes, on average (or .50 hours). Approximately 45 minutes (or .75 hours) for larger households. | 2,250 hours. |
| Tracking survey sample | 3,000 | 1 | Maximum of 1 hour over the tracking period, mainly to update contact information. | 3,000 hours. |
| Implementation research (round 1 projected to occur in Year 3). Meetings could include: FSS coordinator; FSS case management staff; lead manager to whom the FSS coordinator reports; representatives of 4 key partner agencies; FSS participants. | 20 per PHA (or 20 * 18 sites). | 1 | Field research visits will last two days. Meetings to run 30 to 60 minutes, depending on the group of participants. | 252 hours or 14 hours (or 2 days) per site visit * 18 sites. |
| Cost-Benefit analysis data collection meetings with: FSS MIS/data analyst; FSS coordinator; FSS case management staff; lead manager to whom the FSS coordinator reports. | 6 per PHA (or 6 * 18 sites). | 1 | Site visits will last 1 day. Meetings to run 30 to 60 minutes, depending on the group of participants. | 126 hours or 7 hours (or 1 day) per site visit * 18 sites. |

¹ We assume that the Informed Consent Form (ICF) will include language to enable us to collect administrative records from the designated state agency where the PHA is located. Therefore, the time to obtain this consent is included in the estimate to complete the ICF. Upon selection of sites, MDRC will contact the corresponding state agencies to initiate legal agreements to obtain these records, including the approved language to incorporate into the ICF.

Total 6,378 hours.

Status of the proposed information collection: Pending OMB approval.

Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. Section 9(a), and Title 12, U.S.C., Section 1701z-1 *et seq.*

Dated: December 3, 2012.

Erika C. Poethig,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R6-ES-2012-N278:

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Application

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 the following application to conduct certain activities with endangered or threatened species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by January 9, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments or requests for copies or more information by any of the following methods. Alternatively, you may use one of the following methods to request hard copies or a CD-ROM of the documents. Please specify the permit you are interested in by number (*e.g.*, Permit No. TE-123456).

- Email: permitsR6ES@fws.gov. Please refer to the respective permit number (*e.g.*, Permit No. TE-123456) in the subject line of the message.

- U.S. Mail: Kris Olsen, Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486-DFC, Denver, CO 80225.

- In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or Pickup: Call (303) 236-4256 to make an appointment during regular business hours at 134 Union Blvd., Suite 645, Lakewood, CO 80228.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kris Olsen, Permit Coordinator Ecological Services, (303) 236-4256 (phone); permitsR6ES@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17, the Act provides for permits, and requires that we invite

public comment before issuing these permits.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes applicants 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) 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.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following application. Please refer to the appropriate permit number (*e.g.*, Permit No. TE-123456) for the application when submitting comments.

Documents and other information the applicant has submitted with this application is 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 Application Number: TE-131639

Applicant: Jane Darnell, U.S. Forest Service, Nebraska National Forest, Chadron, Nebraska.

The applicant requests renewal of an existing permit to take (remove and reduce to possession) *Penstemon haydenii* (Blowout penstemon) in Nebraska for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: November 27, 2012.

Michael G. Thabault,

Assistant Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Application

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 the following application to conduct certain activities with endangered or threatened species. The

Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

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Permit Application Number: TE-186282

Applicant: Zachary Cunningham, Nebraska Department of Roads, Lincoln, Nebraska

The applicant requests renewal of an existing permit to take (capture, hold, and tag) American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) in Nebraska for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in this permit is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

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Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: November 29, 2012.

Michael G. Thabault,

Assistant Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.

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