

that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information 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.

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>, unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

C. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, 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.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10(a)(1)(A)

of the ESA allow otherwise prohibited activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Service regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in part 17.

III. Permit Applications

We invite comments on the following applications.

Applicant: Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle, WA; Permit No. PER0056208

The applicant requests a permit to export one captive-bred female Malayan tapir (*Tapirus indicus*) from Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle, Washington, to the Calgary Zoo, Alberta, Canada, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single export.

Applicant: Armando Bazaldua, Ventura, CA; Permit No. PER0069622

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for Madagascar radiated tortoise (*Geochelone radiata*), to enhance the propagation or survival of the species: This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Multiple Trophy Applicants

The following applicants request permits to import sport-hunted trophies of male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

- Brock Huggins, Decatur, TX; Permit No. PER0072655
- Joseph Dianda, Reno, NV; Permit No. PER0072656
- Julie Dianda, Reno, NV; Permit No. PER0072721
- Elizabeth Ingham, Winchester, VA; Permit No. PER0076782
- Applicant: Michael Dianda, Reno, NV; Permit No. PER0076785
- Applicant: Keith Coleman, New Braunfels, TX; Permit No. PER0077298

IV. Next Steps

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice

announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

Brenda Tapia,

Supervisory Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Application for Amendment of Incidental Take Permit; Cibolo Canyon Master Phase II Environmental Assessment and Habitat Conservation Plan for Golden-Cheeked Warbler; Bexar County, TX

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: TF Cibolo Canyons LP (applicant) has applied to the U.S. and Wildlife Service (Service) to amend their existing incidental take permit (ITP), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. In support of the application, the applicant submitted a proposed amendment to their *Cibolo Canyon Master Phase II Environmental Assessment and Habitat Conservation Plan* (HCP). The requested amendment, if approved, would continue authorization of incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler. We also announce the availability of a draft screening form that has been prepared to evaluate the ITP application in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on the ITP application, as well as the amended HCP and draft NEPA screening form.

DATES: We will accept comments received or postmarked on or before January 19, 2023.

ADDRESSES: *Obtaining documents:* You may obtain copies of the proposed HCP,

draft NEPA screening form, and other related documents at the Service's website at <https://www.fws.gov/office/austin-ecological-services>. You may obtain copies of the ITP application by contacting the Service's Austin Ecological Services Field Office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Submitting comments: You may submit written comments by email to FW2_AUES_Consult@fws.gov. Please note that your comment is in reference to the Cibolo Canyon HCP. For more information, see Public Availability of Comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Myers, Acting Project Leader, Austin Ecological Services Field Office; telephone 512–490–0057. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received and make available for public review a proposed amendment to the *Cibolo Canyon Master Phase II Environmental Assessment and Habitat Conservation Plan* in Bexar County, Texas, ITP application, and an associated draft screening form. TF Cibolo Canyons LP (applicant) has applied for an amended ITP supported by the proposed amendment to their HCP. If approved, their already issued 30-year permit would continue authorization of incidental take of the federally listed, endangered golden-cheeked warbler (*Setophaga chrysoparia*; warbler) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The permit would continue to authorize incidental take of the warbler resulting from vegetation clearing for construction of homes, apartments, and other such facilities.

In addition, in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we advise the public that:

1. We have prepared a draft NEPA screening form to evaluate the proposed amendment to the HCP and potential permit issuance. We are accepting comments on the proposed amendment to the HCP and draft screening form.

2. The applicant and the Service have developed the proposed amendment to the HCP, which describes the measures

the applicant has volunteered to take to meet the issuance criteria for an ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit associated with the HCP. The issuance criteria are found at 50 CFR 17.22(b)(2).

3. The HCP would be implemented by the applicant and would remain effective until the expiration of the HCP and associated permit.

4. As described in the HCP, the potential incidental take of the warbler could result from otherwise lawful activities covered by the HCP.

Background

Section 9 of the ESA and our implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 17 prohibit the “take” of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. Take is defined under the ESA as to “harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed animal species, or to attempt to engage in such conduct” (16 U.S.C. 1538(19)). However, under section 10(a) of the ESA, we may issue permits to authorize incidental take of listed species. “Incidental take” is defined by the ESA as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity.

Regulations governing such take of endangered and threatened species are found at 50 CFR 17.21 and 50 CFR 22, and 50 CFR 17.31 and 50 CFR 32, respectively.

Proposed Action

The proposed action involves the issuance of an amended 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit (ITP) to TF Cibolo Canyons LP (applicant) and approval of the proposed amendment to the *Cibolo Canyon Master Phase II Environmental Assessment and Habitat Conservation Plan*. The ITP would cover incidental “take” of the warbler associated with vegetation clearing and construction of homes, apartments, and other such facilities, as described in ITP TE102437–0 and the HCP.

The existing ITP expires February 18, 2036, and, prior to now, no extension has been requested. The original permit authorized incidental take of warbler on 846 acres (ac) and resulted in 768 ac of mitigation on site (70 FR 22682, May 2, 2005). The primary purpose of the amendment request is to revise the boundaries of the original 768-acre GCWA preserve. The 768-acre preserve was placed under conservation easement as mitigation for the EA/HCP. Cibolo requests to exchange 63 acres of preserve for 144 acres of Master Phase II development area. This boundary modification will result in an overall reduction of the development area from

846 to 765 acres, an increase of the conservation easement from 768 acres to 849 acres, and reduce the amount of habitat loss and take of the GCWA due to implementation of the EA/HCP. The proposed swap would result in less edge-to-area ratio in the preserve area.

To meet the requirements of a section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP, the applicant would implement their amended HCP. The HCP describes the conservation measures the applicant has agreed to undertake to minimize and mitigate incidental take and ensures that incidental take will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of warbler in the wild.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the permit application, proposed amendment to the HCP, draft NEPA screening form, and comments we receive to determine whether the HCP application meets the requirements of the ESA, NEPA, and implementing regulations. If we determine that all requirements are met, we will approve the proposed amendment to the HCP and issue the permit to the applicant under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA, in accordance with the terms of the amended HCP and specific terms and conditions of the authorizing permit. We will not make our final decision until after the 30-day comment period ends, and until we have fully considered all comments received during the public comment period.

Public Availability of Comments

All comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Requests for copies of comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA, and Service and Department of the Interior policies and procedures. 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 to 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.

Authority

We provide this notice under the authority of section 10(c) of the ESA (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).

Amy L. Lueders,

Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2022-0029; ES1114010000-234-FF01E0000]

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Elliott State Research Forest Habitat Conservation Plan in Coos and Douglas Counties, OR; Extension of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are extending the public comment period on our November 18, 2022, notice that announced our draft environmental impact statement evaluating two incidental take permit (ITP) applications received from the Oregon Department of State Lands (ODSL). The ITP applications include the ODSL's Elliott State Research Forest Habitat Conservation Plan, which is also under review. The applicant is requesting incidental take coverage of northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and Oregon Coast coho. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted and will be fully considered.

DATES: *Comment Period:* The comment period for the draft habitat conservation plan and draft environmental impact statement, notice of which was published on November 18, 2022 (87 FR 69291), is extended by 7 days. Comments submitted online at <https://www.regulations.gov> must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 10, 2023. Hardcopy comments must be received or postmarked on or before January 10, 2023.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The draft habitat conservation plan and the draft environmental impact statement, along with any comments and other materials

submitted to us, are available at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2022-0029.

Submitting Comments: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2022-0029.

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing; Attn: Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2022-0029; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

We request that you submit comments by only one of the methods above. We will post all comments on <https://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post online any personal information that you provide. For additional information about submitting comments, see Public Availability of Comments under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shauna Everett, by telephone at 503-231-6949, or by email at shauna_everett@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 18, 2022 (87 FR 692910), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), announced the availability for public comment of a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), to evaluate applications for incidental take permits (ITPs) received from the Oregon Department of State Lands (ODSL; applicant). ODSL submitted two applications, one for the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis*) and marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) under FWS jurisdiction and the second application for the Oregon Coast coho (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) under National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) jurisdiction. NMFS is a cooperating agency under NEPA. In support of the ITP applications, the ODSL prepared the draft Elliott State Research Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), which we also announced for public review.

With this notice, we are extending the public comment period on the DEIS and HCP (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**). Further information about the project and Federal process may be found at <https://www.fws.gov/project/elliott-state-research-forest-habitat-conservation-plan/>.

Public Availability of Comments

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. Before including your address, phone number, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—might 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. 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 in accordance with the requirements of section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1539(c)) and NEPA and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1503.1 and 1506.6).

Nanette Seto,

Acting Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Coquille Indian Tribe Fee-to-Trust and Gaming Facility Project, City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of comment period extension.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is announcing an extension of the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Coquille Indian Tribe fee-to-trust and Gaming Facility Project, City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon. Additionally, this notice announces that the BIA intends to hold a second virtual