

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, and harass during surveys) the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*, throughout the species range in South Carolina, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Stephen Hoffman, Hawkwatch International, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah, TE002404-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, and collect feathers) the endangered peregrine falcon, *Falco peregrinus*, throughout the species range in the Florida Keys, Monroe County, Florida, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Andrea Christman, Withlacoochee Forestry Center, Brooksville, Florida, TE002507-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (harass during installation of artificial cavities) the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*, throughout the species range in Florida, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Dated: September 3, 1998.

**Sam D. Hamilton,**

*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications.

The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

PRT-697830

**Applicant:** Assistant Regional Director for Ecological Services, Region 3, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota; William F. Hartwig, Regional Director.

The applicant requests an amendment to his permit for take activities of listed species in Region 3 to add the Illinois cave amphipod (*Gammarus acherondytes*), a recently listed species, for scientific purposes and the enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild, in accordance with listing, recovery outlines, recovery

plans, and/or other Service work for the species.

PRT-838055

**Applicant:** Ecological Specialists, St. Peters, Missouri; Heidi L. Dunn, President.

The applicant requests an amendment to her permit for take (capture and release; collect dead specimens) activities of listed freshwater mussels to add to the scope of permitted activities the states of Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, and West Virginia and the following species: fat pocketbook [*Potamilus (=Proptera) capax*], orange-foot pimple back pearlymussel (*Plethobasus cooperianus*), and pink mucket pearlymussel [*Lampsilis abrupta (=orbiculata)*]. Take activities are currently authorized in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin for Higgins' eye pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*) and winged mapleleaf mussel (*Quadrula fragosa*) for biological survey purposes. On September 2, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** seeking comments on an amendment request to add authorization for take activities in the state of Indiana for clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*), fanshell [*Cyprogenia stegaria (=irrorata)*], and northern riffleshell (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*). Activities are proposed to document presence or absence of the species for the purpose of survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

**Applicant:** Voyageurs National Park, International Falls, Minnesota; Barbara West, Superintendent.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, radio-collar, and release) gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) in Voyageurs National Park, Minnesota. Activities are proposed for scientific research aimed at survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Program, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Program, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/713-5332); FAX: (612/713-5292).

Dated: September 11, 1998.

**Matthias A. Kerschbaum,**

*Acting Program Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability of a Technical/ Agency Draft Recovery Plan for *Juglans Jamaicensis* (West Indian Walnut or Nogal) for Review and Comment

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for *Juglans jamaicensis* (West Indian walnut or nogal). In Puerto Rico this large tree is known from only 14 individuals at one locality near Adjuntas. The species is threatened by land-clearing for agriculture and rural development. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before November 20, 1998 to receive consideration by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Field Supervisor, Boquerón Field Office, P.O. Box 491, Boquerón, Puerto Rico 00622 (Telephone 787/851-7297). Comments and materials are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above-mentioned address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Susan R. Silander at the address and telephone shown above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for the

downlisting or delisting of them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comments be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

This Recovery Plan is for *Juglans jamaicensis* (West Indian walnut or nogal). Nogal is a large tree which may reach up to 25 meters or 82 feet in height. Twigs, buds, and leaf axes have minute rusty hairs. Leaves are alternate and compound. The fruit, a drupe, is a walnut composed of a blackish husk and one large oily, edible seed. The tree may have once been more widespread in Puerto Rico in the past but much of the forested areas in the central mountain region were cut for the planting of coffee. Today it is known from 14 individuals at only one locality in Adjuntas, Puerto Rico. It is also known from the islands of Hispaniola and Cuba. In Puerto Rico it is threatened by land clearing for agriculture and rural development.

#### Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered for inclusion in the Recovery Plan.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 10, 1998.

**James P. Oland,**

*Field Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability; Addendum #2 to the Assessment Plan: Lower Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Damage Assessment

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of 30-day comment period.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given that the document entitled: "Lower Fox River/Green Bay NRDA Initial Restoration and Compensation Determination Plan" will be available for public review and comment on the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

The assessment, including the activities addressed in this addendum, will be conducted in accordance with the guidance of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at 43 CFR Part 11, to the extent applicable. The public review of the Addendum announced by this Notice is provided for in 43 CFR 11.32(c).

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Addendum. Copies of the Addendum, and the "Assessment Plan: Lower Fox River/Green Bay NRDA" ("The Plan") issued on August 23, 1996 (FR Doc. 96-21520), can be requested from the address listed below. All written comments will be considered and included in the Report of Assessment, at the conclusion of the assessment process.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Addendum must be submitted on or before October 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the Addendum and/or the Plan may be made to: Frank Horvath, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3 (ATTN: ES/EC-NRDA), B.H.W. Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling, MN 55111-4096.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this natural resource damage assessment is to confirm and quantify the suspected injuries to natural resources in the Lower Fox River, Green Bay, and Lake Michigan environment resulting from exposure to hazardous substances released by area paper mills and other potential sources. It is suspected that this exposure has caused injury and resultant damages to trustee resources. The injury and resultant damages will be assessed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability

Act, as amended, and the Clean Water Act, as amended.

**William F. Hartwig,**

*Regional Director, Region 3, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Golden Valley Electric Association Northern Intertie Project (EIS #97-47); Alaska

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management; Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Golden Valley Electric Association has applied to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Right-of-Way to construct, operate, and maintain a 230 kV transmission line from Healy, Alaska, to Fairbanks, Alaska. Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, the BLM prepared an EIS. The public comment period on the Final EIS ended on July 20, 1998. Notice is hereby given on the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for this project. Copies of the ROD are available by mail or in person at the BLM Northern Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99709, or by calling (907) 474-2339.

**DATES:** The ROD may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. If an appeal is taken, the notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address) on or before October 21, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Foreman, Project Manager, at 1-800-437-7021 or (907) 474-2339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It is the decision of the Bureau of Land Management to issue a right-of-way grant to Golden Valley Electric Association pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761). The route alternative selected in this decision is the Rex/South Route as identified in the Final EIS dated June 1998.

**Tom Allen,**

*State Director, Alaska.*

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