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(5) On or before September 1, 2017, the Secretary shall issue a general permit with a five year term for vegetation management and operational and maintenance activities conducted by a utility. A one-time application for coverage by a utility shall be made for activities authorized by the general permit and shall be for the term of the permit. Until the general permit has been issued, no critical habitat designation for wild plants shall be made in utility right of way. As used in this subdivision (5), "utility" means an electric company, telecommunication company, pipeline operator, or railroad company.