

during normal business hours (8 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas, at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-051538-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clayton Napier at the above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

An Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application has been prepared. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Applicant: John Henneke plans to construct a single-family residence, within 5 years, on approximately 0.5 acres of a 77.44-acre property on Thames Lane, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate 0.5 acre or less of Houston toad habitat and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The Applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by providing \$2,000.00 to the Houston Toad Conservation Fund at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat.

Stuart Leon,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of a Permit Application (Biggsby) for Incidental Take of the Houston Toad

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Robert and Terri Biggsby (Applicants) have applied for an incidental take permit (TE-051530-0) pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The requested permit would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad. The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and occupation of two single-family residences on separate 0.5 acre homesites on a 5.7-acre property on Hoffman Road, Bastrop County, Texas.

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before March 7, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Clayton Napier, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas, at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-051530-0 when submitting comments.

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The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Applicants: Robert and Terri Biggsby plan to construct two single-family residences, within 5 years, on separate

0.5 acre homesites on a 5.7-acre property on Hoffman Road, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate 1.0 acre or less of Houston toad habitat and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The Applicants propose to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by providing \$4,000.00 to the Houston Toad Conservation Fund at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Availability for the Table Mountain Wind Generating Facility

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability to (1) announce the 60 day public review period for the Table Mountain Wind Generating Facility (WGF) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS); (2) announce the locations, dates, and times of the scheduled public meetings for formal public comments; and (3) announce locations where reading copies of the DEIS will be made available.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, a DEIS has been prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Las Vegas Field Office for the Table Mountain WGF. The DEIS was prepared to analyze the impacts of issuing rights-of-way for arrays of wind turbines and ancillary facilities located on public lands administered by the BLM.

DATES: The DEIS will be made available to the public on February 1, 2002. Copies of the DEIS will be mailed to individuals, agencies, or companies who previously requested copies.

Written comments on the DEIS must be postmarked or otherwise delivered by 4:30 p.m. 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes the Notice of Availability and filing of the DEIS in the **Federal Register**. The EPA Notice of Availability is expected to be published on or about February 1, 2002. Written