

regular business hours at either of the following locations:

- Atlanta Regional Office, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30345.

- Alabama Ecological Services Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1208 Main Street, Daphne, Alabama.

**Submitting Comments:** If you wish to submit comments on any of the documents, you may do so by one of the following methods. Please reference TE33502D–0 in all comments. For additional guidance on submitting comments, please see Public Comments under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

- *U.S. mail:* You may mail comments to the Service's Atlanta Regional Office.

- *Hand-delivery:* You may hand-deliver comments to the Atlanta or Alabama Offices.

- *Email:* You may email comments to [david\\_dell@fws.gov](mailto:david_dell@fws.gov). Please include your name and email address in your email message. If you do not receive an email confirmation from us that we have received your email message, contact us directly at either telephone number in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Dell, Regional HCP Coordinator, at the Atlanta Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**) or Mr. William Lynn, Project Manager, at the Alabama Ecological Services Office (see **ADDRESSES**) or by telephone at 251–441–5868. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), please call the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Creek Holdings, LLC (applicant), for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed Alabama beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*) incidental to the construction of seven single family homes and amenities development (project) in Baldwin County, Alabama. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) and the Service's preliminary determination that this HCP qualifies as "low effect," categorically excluded, under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4231 *et seq.*). To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which also are available for public review.

## Project

The applicant requests a 50-year ITP to take Alabama beach mice incidental to the conversion of approximately 0.63 acres of occupied Alabama beach mouse habitat for the construction of seven single family homes with amenities on a 2.83-acre parcel in Baldwin County, Alabama. The applicant proposes to implement standard minimization and mitigation measures to mitigate for take of the species. The standard mitigation and minimization measures include reducing the construction footprint on each of the seven lots by 0.10 acres or less and shifting the development south to increase habitat continuity for the species. The applicant will also install fully shielded exterior lighting and tinted windows within the development, landscape with native vegetation, construct driveways with materials that will not disperse in a storm surge, and implement refuse control measures during construction as well as require that future residents utilize such measures and restore species' habitat after tropical storms. The use of exterior rodenticide and ownership of free-roaming cats will be prohibited within the development. Monitoring of the onsite Alabama beach mouse population will occur via fall and spring trapping surveys conducted twice a year for 50 years. The Service would require the applicant to ensure the availability of funding for this HCP is available prior to engaging in activities associated with the project on the parcel.

## Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made available to the public. While you may request that we withhold your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

## Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's project, including land clearing, infrastructure building, landscaping, and the proposed minimization and mitigation measures, would individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the Alabama beach mouse and the environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily concluded that the ITP for this project would qualify for categorical exclusion and the HCP is low effect under our NEPA regulations at 43 CFR

46.205 and 46.210. A low-effect HCP is one that would result in (1) minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) impacts that, when considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not over time result in significant cumulative effects to environmental values or resources.

## Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments received to determine whether to issue the requested permit. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the above findings, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue ITP number TE33502D–0 to Creek Holdings, LLC.

## Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) (16 U.S.C. 1539(c)) of the ESA and NEPA regulation 40 CFR 1506.6.

## William J. Pearson,

*Field Supervisor, Alabama Field Office, Southeast Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Application

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit application; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received an application for a permit to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered and threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on this application. Before issuing the requested permit, we will take into consideration any information that we

receive during the public comment period.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments on or before October 25, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** *Document availability and comment submission:* Submit requests for copies of the application and related documents, as well as any comments, by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant's name and application number (TE49715D):

- *Email:* [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov). Please refer to the respective application number TE49715D, in the subject line of your email message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Regional Director, Attn: Carlita Payne, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600

American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carlita Payne, 612-713-5343 (phone); [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov) (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public

comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. 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.

**Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment**

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, Tribes, and the public to comment on the following application.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE49715D .....	Jared I. Varner, Bridgeport, WV.	Gray bat ( <i>Myotis grisescens</i> ), Indiana bat ( <i>M. sodalis</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ), Virginia big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus</i> (= <i>Plecotus townsendii virginianus</i> ).	CT, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, MA, ME, NC, NH, NY, OH, PA, SC, VA, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, radio-tag, band, release.	New

**Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, 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.

**Next Steps**

If we decide to issue a permit to the applicant listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority**

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Lori Nordstrom,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, is issuing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Coastal

Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program in accordance with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and in a manner similar to the administration of lease sales under the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976, as amended.

**DATES:** The Final EIS is available to the public. After 30 days, the BLM can issue a Record of Decision (ROD).

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for information regarding the Final EIS may be mailed to: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program EIS, Attn: Nicole Hayes, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13 Anchorage, AK 99513-7504. The Final EIS is available on the BLM Alaska website at <https://www.blm.gov/alaska/Coastal-Plain-EIS> or at the BLM Alaska State Office, BLM Alaska Public Information Center, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Hayes, BLM Alaska State Office, telephone: 907-271-4354; email: [blm\\_ak\\_coastalplain\\_EIS@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov); or by mail: Bureau of Land Management, 222