

in Lake County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that this proposed ITP qualifies as low effect, and may qualify for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1501.4), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46), and the DOI's Departmental Manual (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.

Proposed Project

The applicant requests a 5-year ITP to take skinks via the conversion of approximately 1.42 acres (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering skink habitat incidental to the construction and operation of a multi-family development on 7.78 ac on Parcels 15-19-24-0605-001-00000 and 15-19-24-0605-003-00100 in Sections 14 and 15, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, Lake County, Florida. The applicant proposes to mitigate for take of the skinks by purchasing credits equivalent to 2.84 ac of skink-occupied habitat within the Lake Wales Ridge Conservation Bank or another Service-approved conservation bank. The Service would require the applicant to purchase the credits prior to engaging in any phase of the project.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's proposed project, including the construction of the buildings and associated infrastructure (e.g., electric, water, and sewer lines), would individually and cumulatively have a minor effect on the sand skinks and the environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would be a low-effect ITP that individually or cumulatively would have a minor effect on the sand skink and may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations, DOI's NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. A low-effect incidental take permit is one that would result in (1) minor or nonsignificant effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) nonsignificant effects on the human environment; and (3) impacts that, when added together with the impacts

of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable actions, would not result in significant cumulative effects to the human environment.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments 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 preceding and other matters, 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 PER1345003 to PMF Leesburg Michigan, LLC (Michigan Property).

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.

Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508 and 43 CFR 46).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2023-0190;
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Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan, City of Santee, California; Categorical Exclusion

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Mr. Louis Jutras (applicant) for an incidental take permit

(ITP) under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally threatened coastal California gnatcatcher (*Poliptila californica californica*) incidental to construction of the Jutras residential home project, in the City of Santee, San Diego County, California. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP), and the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed permitting action may be eligible for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review. We invite comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before December 6, 2023.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: You may obtain copies of the documents this notice announces, along with any comments and other materials that we receive, online in Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2023-0190 at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submitting Comments: If you wish to submit comments, you may do so in writing by one of the following methods:

- **Online:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2023-0190.

- **U.S. mail:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2023-0190; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jonathan Snyder, Assistant Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 760-431-9440 (telephone). 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 an application from Mr.

Louis Jutras (applicant) for a 3-year incidental take permit (ITP) for one covered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The application addresses the potential “take” of the threatened coastal California gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*) in the course of activities associated with the construction of the Jutras residential home project, in the City of Santee, San Diego County, California. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant’s habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on the Service’s preliminary determination that this proposed ITP qualifies as “low effect,” and may qualify for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality’s National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1501.4), the Department of the Interior’s (DOI) NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46), and the DOI’s Departmental Manual (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.

Proposed Project

A conservation program to avoid, minimize, and mitigate for project activities would be implemented as described in the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) by the applicant.

The applicant requests a 3-year ITP under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA. If we approve the permit, the applicant anticipates taking coastal California gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*) as a result of permanent impacts to 0.662 acres (ac) of habitat the species uses for breeding, feeding, and sheltering. The take would be incidental to the applicant’s activities associated with the construction of the Jutras residential project in the City of Santee, California, and includes preservation of 0.329 ac on site and funding for management of preserved land in the City of Santee.

The Jutras residential project proposes to construct a single-family residence on a 1.015-ac parcel in the City of Santee. The project will permanently impact 0.662 ac of coastal California gnatcatcher occupied habitat and 0.032 ac of disturbed land as a result of clearing and grading activities. The remaining 0.277 ac of coastal California gnatcatcher-occupied Diegan coastal sage scrub (DCSS) and 0.052 ac of disturbed land would not be impacted.

To minimize take of coastal California gnatcatcher by the Jutras residential development project and offset impacts to its habitat, the applicant proposes to mitigate for permanent impacts to 0.662 ac of occupied coastal California gnatcatcher habitat through the contribution of \$54,580 for management of preserved land within the City of Santee. The long-term management will be carried out by the Endangered Habitat Conservancy and will be funded by a lump-sum initial contribution by the applicant. The applicant’s proposed HCP also contains measures to minimize the effects of construction activities on the coastal California gnatcatcher. The clearing of DCSS will not take place during the gnatcatcher breeding season (defined as February 15 through August 31) when active gnatcatcher nests are present in the DCSS. In the event it is not feasible to clear outside of the gnatcatcher breeding season, pre-construction surveys for nesting birds will be conducted within the week prior to initiating grading activities to ensure construction activities do not occur within 300 feet of an active gnatcatcher nest. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-approved biologist will conduct a training session for the grading contractor and will be present on site during the initial clearing and grubbing activities to ensure that the direct impacts are limited to the project footprint.

Proposed Action and Alternatives

The proposed action consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit and implementation of the proposed HCP, which includes measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to covered species. To comply with the requirements for an HCP under ESA section 10(a), alternatives to the project and the incidental take of coastal California gnatcatcher were evaluated. Under the No Action Alternative, the project would not be constructed, and no ITP would be issued. The applicant would have no use of their private property. With implementation of the project, the single-family home would be situated in the northwestern corner of the project site, as close as feasible to the existing home to the north and to the adjacent parcel with approved TM 08–04 to the west. Previous iterations of the project design with the home sited in the middle of the project site were considered; however, the impacts to Diegan coastal sage scrub were greater than under the current project design and would not avoid incidental take of the coastal California gnatcatcher. Therefore, the project is the most biologically conservative feasible

configuration for development of a single-family residence on the project site.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant’s proposed project would individually and cumulatively have a minor effect on the California gnatcatcher and the human environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP would be a “low-effect” ITP that individually or cumulatively would have a minor effect on the species and may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality’s NEPA regulations, DOI’s NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. A “low-effect” ITP is one that would result in (1) minor or nonsignificant effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) nonsignificant effects on the human environment; and (3) impacts that, when added together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonable foreseeable actions, would not result in significant cumulative effects to the human environment.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments received to determine whether to issue the requested ITP. 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 preceding and other matters, 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 the permit to the applicant for incidental take of coastal California gnatcatcher.

Public Availability of Comments

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 may 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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C.

4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508 and 43 CFR 46).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Availability and Request for Comments on Draft Director’s Order #36 Concerning National Park Service Policies and Procedures Governing Housing Management

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) has prepared Director’s Order #36 to set forth its policies and procedures to manage Government-furnished housing (GFH), units owned or leased by the Government for which the Government serves as landlord, or lease holder. Once adopted, the policies and procedures in Director’s Order #36 and the accompanying Reference Manual 36 will supersede and replace the policies and procedures issued in Director’s Order #36: Housing Management, dated August 5, 2009.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until December 6, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Draft Director’s Order #36 is available online at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/policy/new.htm> where readers may submit comments electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alicia Overby, Housing Management Program Manager, National Park Service, at housing_management_program@nps.gov, or by telephone at 202–513–7014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPS is updating its current system of internal written instructions. When these documents contain new policy or procedural requirements that may affect parties outside the NPS, they are first made available for public review and comment before being adopted. Director’s Order #36 and a reference manual (subsequent to the Director’s Order) will be issued. The draft Director’s Order provides direction to NPS managers and employees who are responsible for GFH programs; guidance of consistent application and adherence to laws, regulations, and Department of the Interior policies; and requirements

and procedures for providing and maintaining GFH.

Public Disclosure of Comments: Before including your address, telephone 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 may 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.

(Authority: 54 U.S.C. 100101(a) *et seq.*)

Alma Ripps,

Chief, Office of Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

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Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of the Interior (DOI, Department) is issuing a public notice of its intent to modify the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) Privacy Act system of records, INTERIOR/OSM–12, Blaster Certification. The OSMRE is revising this system of records notice (SORN) to update the bureau designation in the system number to reflect the entirety of the bureau name, update all sections of the notice, and provide general and administrative updates to accurately reflect the modified system. This modified system will be included in DOI’s inventory of record systems.

DATES: This modified system will be effective upon publication. New or modified routine uses will be effective December 6, 2023. Submit comments on or before December 6, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number [DOI–2023–0016], by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Email:** DOI_Privacy@ios.doi.gov. Include docket number [DOI–2023–0016] in the subject line of the message.

- **U.S. Mail or Hand-Delivery:** Teri Barnett, Departmental Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Room 7112, Washington, DC 20240.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number [DOI–2023–0016]. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Dege, Associate Privacy Officer, Information Resource Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 1200 West Corridor, Washington, DC 20240, OSMRE_Privacy@osmre.gov or (202) 208–3549.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The OSMRE maintains the INTERIOR/OSM–12, Blaster Certification, system of records to manage the certifications of blasters in Federal Program States and on Indian Lands in compliance with the provisions of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. The OSMRE Blaster Certification system of records serves as a tool for OSMRE to grant blaster applicants’ certificates for issuance, renewal, reissuance and reciprocity status, administration, and notification procedures, as well as to provide an adequate record-keeping system for compliance with a Federal program and enable OSMRE as the regulatory authority to effectively monitor its program requirements.

OSMRE is publishing this revised notice to update the bureau designation in the SORN number from “OSM–12” to “OSMRE–12” in order to reflect the bureau’s full title of Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; update the system location and system manager and address; update legal authorities; propose new and modified routine uses; update the categories of records to provide additional information on the types of data maintained in the records; update the records retention schedule; update the sections for record access, notification, and contesting record procedures to clarify how individuals may submit Privacy Act requests; and provide general and administrative updates to