

Extension of the Public Comment Period on a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for Issuance of a Permit to Allow Incidental Take of Threatened and Endangered Species within the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Planning Area in San Diego County, California.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the extension of the public comment period on the above named draft joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) for the proposed incidental take of species listed pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The original public comment period that closed June 26, 1995 (60 CFR 25734), is extended by 2 weeks. The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has extended the comment period to allow adequate time for review and response by the public. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: The comment period is extended through July 10, 1995. Written comments on the DEIR/DEIS should be received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Mr. Gail Kobetich, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue, Carlsbad, California 92008. Comments also may be sent by facsimile to telephone (619) 431-9618.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Gilbert, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address, telephone (619) 431-9440. The Service encourages individuals to use copies of the DEIR/DEIS available at City and County libraries in the greater San Diego area; however, personal copies can be obtained by contacting Ms. Gilbert. In addition, copies of the draft MSCP Plan are available at public libraries or can be obtained by contacting the City of San Diego Clean Water Program, telephone (619) 533-4200.

Dated: June 20, 1995.

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Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plans and Receipt of Applications for Incidental Take Permit for Construction of Single Family Residences in Williamson and Travis Counties, Texas

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

PRT-801588, PRT-801823, PRT-801837, and PRT-801838

SUMMARY: Bobby S. Thomas and Albert Graci (Applicants) have applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for incidental take permits pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant (Thomas) has been assigned permit number PRT-801588, and Applicant (Graci) has been assigned permit numbers PRT-801838, PRT-801837, and PRT-801823. The requested permits, which are for a period of 1 year and 2 years respectively, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction of a single family residence on each lot (Thomas) at Lot 28, Block B, Lake Georgetown Estates, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, and (Graci) Lot 17, 18, and 19, Six Twenty Oaks, Section 2, Travis County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plans (EA/HCP's) for the incidental take applications. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made before 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).

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received no later than July 26 1995.

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, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Joseph E. Johnston or Alma Barrera, Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0063). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (9:00 to 4:30) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas.

Written data or comments concerning the application(s) and EA/HCP's should be submitted to the Acting Field Supervisor, Ecological Field Office, Georgetown, Texas (see **ADDRESS** above). Please refer to the appropriate permit number when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph E. Johnston or Alma Barrera at the above Austin Ecological Service Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the 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.

Applicant

The Applicant (Thomas) plans to construct a single family residence on Lot 28 on Hunters Point and Deer Field Drives, Lake Georgetown Estates Subdivision, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, and Applicant (Graci) plans to construct a single-family residence on each individual lot known as Lot 17, Lot 18, and Lot 19, Six Twenty Oaks Subdivision, Section 2, Travis County, Texas. These actions will eliminate less than one-half acre of land and indirectly impact less than one-half additional acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat per residence. The applicants propose to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by placing \$1,500 per residence into the City of Austin Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Fund to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because selling or not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible.

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Availability of Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plans and Receipt of Applications for Incidental Take Permits for Construction of Single-Family Residences Within Travis County, Texas

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.