

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Endangered Species, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/725-3536 x250); FAX: (612/725-3526).

Dated: January 10, 1996.

John A. Blankenship,
Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit From Brett Real Estate, Robinson Development Company, Incorporated, Orange Beach, Alabama

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Brett Real Estate, Robinson Development Company, Incorporated, (Applicant), has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The proposed permit would authorize for a period of 30 years the incidental take of an endangered species, the Alabama beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*), known to occupy a 22-acre tract of land owned by the Applicant within the city of Orange Beach, Baldwin County, Alabama. The Application proposed to construct a project known as Phoenix VI and VII, which will include two fourteen-story condominium buildings, containing 522 units, their associated landscaped grounds and parking areas, and two dune walkover structures (Project).

The Service also announces the availability of an environmental assessment (EA) and habitat conservation plan (HCP) for the incidental take application. Copies of the EA or HCP may be obtained by making requests to the addresses below. 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 permit application, EA and HCP should be received on or before February 20, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing the Service's Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Persons wishing to review the EA or HCP may obtain a copy by writing the Regional Office or the Jackson, Mississippi, Field Office. Requests must be in writing to properly process requests. Documents will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the Regional Office, or the Field Office. Written data or comments concerning the application, EA, or HCP should be submitted to the Regional Office. Please reference permit under PRT-809898 in such comments.

Regional Permit Coordinator (TE), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345, (telephone 404/679-7110, fax 404/679-7081). Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Suite A, Jackson, Mississippi 39213 (telephone 601/965-4900, fax 601/965-4340).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Will McDearman at the above Jackson, Mississippi, Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Alabama beach mouse (ABM), *Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*, is a subspecies of the common oldfield mouse *Peromyscus polionotus* and is restricted to the dune systems of the Gulf Coast of Alabama. The known current range of ABM extends from Fort Morgan eastward to the western terminus of Alabama Highway 182, including the Perdue Unit on the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge (BSNWR). The sand dune systems inhabited by this species are not uniform; several habitat types are distinguishable. The species inhabits primary dunes, interdune areas, secondary dunes, and scrub dunes. The depth and area of these habitats from the beach inland varies. Population surveys indicate that this subspecies is usually more abundant in primary dunes than in secondary dunes, and usually more abundant in secondary dunes than in scrub dunes. Optimal habitat consists of dune systems with all dune types. Though fewer ABM inhabit scrub dunes, these high dunes can serve as refugia during devastating hurricanes that overwash, flood, and destroy or alter secondary and frontal dunes. ABM surveys on the Applicant's property reveal habitat occupied by ABM. The Applicant's property contains designated critical habitat for the ABM. Construction of the Project may result in the death of, or injury to ABM. Habitat

alterations due to condominium placement and subsequent human habitation of the project may reduce available habitat for food, shelter, and reproduction.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of several alternatives. One action proposed is the issuance of the incidental take permit based upon submittal of the HCP as proposed. This alternative provides for restrictions that include placing no structures seaward of the designated ABM critical habitat, establishment of several walkover structures across designated critical habitat, a prohibition against housing or keeping pet cats, ABM competitor control and monitoring measures, scavenger-proof garbage containers, restoration of dune systems, the creation of educational and information brochures on ABM conservation, and the minimization and control of outdoor lighting. Further, the HCP proposes to provide an endowment of \$60,000 to acquire ABM habitat offsite or otherwise perform some other conservation measure for the ABM. The HCP provides a funding source for these mitigation measures. Another alternative is consideration of a different project design that further minimizes permanent loss of ABM habitat. A third alternative is no-action, or deny the request for authorization to incidentally take the ABM.

Dated: January 11, 1996.

Noreen K. Clough,
Regional Director.

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National Park Service

Proposed Collection of Information—Opportunity for Public Comment

The National Park Service Visitor Services Project, based on the Cooperative Park Studies Unit of the University of Idaho, is proposing to conduct visitor studies at the following parks during FY 96:

| | Est. # of re-sponses | Burden hrs. |
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| Everglades National Park | 520 | 104 |
| Chiricahua National Monument/Fort Bowie National Historic Site | 480 | 96 |
| Death Valley National Park | 400 | 80 |

| | Est. # of re-sponses | Burden hrs. |
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| Great Falls Park (George Washington Memorial Parkway) | 400 | 80 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site | 400 | 80 |
| Prince William Forest Park | 400 | 80 |
| Great Smokey Mountains National Park | 800 | 160 |
| Chamizal National Memorial | 400 | 80 |
| Coulee Dam National Recreation Area | 520 | 104 |
| Annual Totals | 4,320 | 864 |

Abstract: NPS goal is to learn visitor demographics and visitors' opinions about services and facilities in these parks. Results will be used by managers to improve services, protect resources and better serve the visitors.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Burden Hours: The burden hour estimates are based on 12 minutes to complete each questionnaire and the 80% return rate goal.

Frequency: 7 days at each park.

Description of Respondents: Visitor groups are contacted as they enter the park and are given a mail-back questionnaire if they agree to participate in the survey.

Estimated Completion Time: 12 minutes.

Automated Data Collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking visitors to evaluate services and facilities that they used in the parks. The burden is minimized by only contacting visitors during a 7 day period at each park.

The National Park Service is soliciting comments on the need for gathering the information in the proposed visitor studies listed above. The NPS is also asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered, the accuracy of the burden hour estimate, and ways to minimize the burden to visitors to these parks. Make comments to: Dr. Gary E. Machlis, Chief Social Scientist, National Park Service, Main Interior Building, Room 3412, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20240, phone: 202-208-5391 or 208-885-7129; or Margaret Littlejohn, Visitor Services Project Coordinator, Cooperative Park Studies Unit, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Idaho, Moscow,

Idaho 83844-1133, phone: 208-885-7863.
Terry Tesar,
Information Collection Clearance Officer.
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Concession Permit

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession permit authorizing continued operation of air transportation services to and from Isle Royale National Park for the public at Isle Royale National Park, Michigan, for a period of approximately five (5) years from date of execution through December 31, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact the Superintendent, Isle Royale National Park, 800 East Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, Michigan 49931, to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed permit.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This permit renewal has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared. There is an existing concessioner for this operation, but the existing concessioner is not entitled to a right of preference in the negotiation of a new permit. This means that the permit will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Superintendent not later than the sixtieth (60) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: December 6, 1995.
William W. Schenk,
Field Director, Midwest Field Area.
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Concession Permit

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Public Notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing continued operation of mountain guide service, which also includes day and overnight hiking trips,

avalanche seminars, snow and ice climbing schools, sale of mountain climbing and hiking merchandise, and rental of all basic climbing and hiking equipment, for the public at Mount Rainier National Park for a period of five years from January 1, 1996 through December 31, 2001.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact the Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods, Star Route, Ashford, WA 98304, to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed contract.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This contract renewal has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The existing concessioner, Rainier Mountaineering, Inc., has performed its obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under an existing contract which expires by limitation of time on April 30, 1996, and therefore pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969 U.S.C. 20), is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the contract and in the negotiation of a new contract providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the contract will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the contract will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the contract will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice.

Any offer, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Deputy Field Director, National Park Service, Attention: Concession Program Management, Suite 630, 909 1st Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104, not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.