

available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, to the following office: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Division of Consultation and Conservation Planning, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181. Telephone: 503-231-2063; FAX: 503-231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: March 7, 1996.

Thomas Dwyer,
Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Portland,
Oregon.

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Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Applicant: David L. Evans, Hawk Ridge Research Station, Duluth, Minnesota.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, band and release) Bald Eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and Peregrine Falcons (*Falco peregrinus*) in Minnesota and Wisconsin for scientific research. Banding of these species is a recovery action as identified in approved recovery plans.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Endangered Species, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application 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: March 8, 1996.

Mamie A. Parker,

Acting 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 for a Project Called Woolbright Joint Venture, Located in the City of Boynton Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Mr. Howard R. Scharlin, Trustee (Applicant), is seeking an incidental take permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. The permit would authorize the take of two families of the threatened Florida scrub jay, *Aphelocoma coerulescens* *coerulescens* in Palm Beach County, Florida for a period of 5 years. The proposed taking is incidental to construction of a mixed commercial and residential development called Woolbright Place, including the necessary infrastructure, on approximately 98.3 acres (Project). Within the Project, 3.2 acres are occupied by Florida scrub jays and will be permanently altered. The Project is in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Woolbright Road and Interstate 95, within Section 29, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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 a request to the Regional Office address below. Requests must be submitted in writing to be adequately processed. This notice also advises the public that the Service has made a preliminary determination that issuing the incidental take permit is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based on information contained in the EA and HCP. The final determination will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date 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 permit application, EA and HCP should be received on or before April 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application, HCP, and EA may obtain a copy by writing the Service's Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Regional Office, or the South Florida Ecosystem Office, Vero Beach, Florida. Written data or comments concerning the application, EA, or HCP should be submitted to the Regional Office. Please reference permit under PRT-811902 in such comments.

Endangered/Threatened Species Permit Coordinator, 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, South Florida Ecosystem Office, Post Office Box 2676, Vero Beach, Florida 32961-2676, (telephone 407/562-3909, facsimile 407/562-4288).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Toland at the South Florida Ecosystem Office, Vero Beach, Florida, or Rick G. Gooch at the Atlanta, Georgia, Regional Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Aphelocoma coerulescens* *coerulescens* is geographically isolated from other subspecies of scrub jays found in Mexico and the Western United States. The Florida scrub jay is found almost exclusively in peninsular Florida and is restricted to scrub habitat. The total estimated population is between 7,000 and 11,000 individuals. Due to habitat loss and degradation throughout the State of Florida, it has been estimated that the Florida scrub jay population has been reduced by at least half in the last 100 years. Surveys have indicated that one family of Florida scrub jay inhabit the Project site. Construction of the Project's infrastructure and subsequent construction of the individual homesites will likely result in death of, or injury to, *Aphelocoma coerulescens* *coerulescens* incidental to the carrying out of these otherwise lawful activities. Habitat alteration associated with property development will reduce the availability of feeding, shelter, and nesting habitat.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of three alternatives. The no action alternative may result in loss of habitat for *Aphelocoma coerulescens*

coerulescens and exposure of the Applicant under Section 9 of the Act. A third alternative is the proposed Project that is designed with a different mitigation strategy. The proposed action alternative is issuance of the incidental take permit. This provides for restrictions of construction activity, purchase of offsite habitat for the Florida scrub jay, and the establishment of an endowment fund for the offsite acquired habitat. The HCP provides a funding mechanism for these mitigation measures.

As stated above, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the proposed action, e.g., issuance of the incidental take permit, is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. This preliminary information may be adjusted due to public comment received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the EA and HCP. An appropriate excerpt from the FONSI reflecting the Service's finding on the application is provided below:

Based on the analysis conducted by the Service, it has been determined that:

1. Issuance of the incidental take permit will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of the affected species in the wild or result in the adverse modification of designated critical habitat. This decision is based upon and considers the cumulative impacts of past, present and future issuance of incidental take permits within the area affected in the permit action.

2. Issuance of an incidental take permit would not have significant effects on the human environment in the project area.

3. The proposed take is incidental to an otherwise lawful activity.

4. The Applicant has ensured that adequate funding will be provided to implement the measures proposed in the submitted HCP.

5. Other than impacts to endangered and threatened species as outlined in the documentation of this decision, the indirect impacts which may result from issuance of the incidental take permit are addressed by other regulations and statutes under the jurisdiction of other government entities. The validity of the Service's incidental take permit is contingent upon the Applicant's compliance with the terms of the permit and all other laws and regulations under the control of State, local, and other Federal governmental entities.

Dated: March 8, 1996.

Jerome M. Butler,

Acting Regional Director.

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Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposal for the collection of information described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made with 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 208 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 22092, telephone (703) 648-7313.

Title: Annual National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Announcement.

OMB approval number: 1028-0051.

Abstract: Respondents submit proposals to support research in earthquake hazards and earthquake prediction to earth-science data and information essential to mitigate earthquake losses. This information will be used as the basis for selection and award of projects meeting the program objectives. Annual or final reports are required on each selected performances.

Bureau form number: None.

Frequency: Annual proposals, annual or final reports.

Description of respondents: Educational institutions, profit and non-profit organizations, individuals, and agencies of local or State governments.

Annual responses: 500.

Annual burden hours: 17,200 hours.

Bureau clearance officer: John Cordyack, (703) 648-7313.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

P. Patrick Leahy,

Chief Geologist.

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

This is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that the Oakbrook Chumash People, 3290 Lang Ranch Parkway, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on May 25, 1995, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under §83.9(a) (formerly 54.8(d)) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Room 1362-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

Dated: February 28, 1996.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0153

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.