

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.

[FR Doc. 96-6212 Filed 3-14-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-55-P

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.

[FR Doc. 96-6214 Filed 3-14-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-55-M

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* 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* 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* 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*