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*Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Construction of an Elementary School in Lake County, FL

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice: receipt of application for an incidental take permit; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) Application and Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The Lake County School Board (applicant) requests an ITP for a duration of 20 years under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The applicant anticipates taking approximately 0.48 acre (ac) of sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*)—occupied habitat incidental to constructing a two-story elementary school and accessory structures, play areas, and infrastructure in Lake County, Florida (Project). The applicant's HCP describes the mitigation and minimization measures the applicant proposes to address the effects of the Project to the sand skink.

**DATES:** We must receive any written comments on the ITP application and HCP on or before June 18, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to review the application and HCP, you may write the Field Supervisor at our Jacksonville Field Office, 6620 Southpoint Drive South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, FL 32216, or make an appointment to visit during normal business hours. If you wish to comment, you may mail or hand deliver comments to the Jacksonville Field Office, or you may e-mail comments to [paula\\_sisson@fws.gov](mailto:paula_sisson@fws.gov). For more information on reviewing documents and public comments and submitting comments, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paula Sisson, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Jacksonville Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**); telephone: 904/232-2580, ext. 126.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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 can 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.

Please reference permit number TE132192-0 for the Lake County School Board Project in all requests or comments. Please include your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from us that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

#### Background

The sand skink is known to occur in Lake County, primarily within the Lake Wales Ridge, and much less frequently within the Mt. Dora Ridge. Although originally thought to inhabit xeric, scrub habitat exclusively, the sand skink is currently being identified in non-traditional areas with sub-marginal habitat, including pine plantation, abandoned citrus groves, and disturbed areas. Sand skinks require soil moisture for thermoregulation, egg incubation, and prey habitat. High activity periods, which have been associated with the breeding season for this species, range from mid-February to early May, with egg-hatching typically occurring from June through July. Due to the reduction in quality and acreage and the rapid development of xeric upland communities, the sand skink is reportedly declining throughout most of its range. However, biological information regarding the sand skink is limited, due to the cryptic nature of the species.

#### Applicant's Proposal

The applicant is requesting take of approximately 0.48 acres of occupied sand skink habitat incidental to the Project. The ±19.1 acre Project currently includes an elementary school site and accessory structures, play areas, and infrastructure encompassing ±16.0 acres. In order to mitigate for the loss of 0.48 acres of sand skink habitat, the Applicant proposes to restore and manage ±2.14 acres of occupied sand skink habitat to remain on-site, as well as a ±0.96 acre mitigation area (currently unoccupied by the species). Restoration will be achieved through a combination of tree removal (planted pine and citrus) and a planting effort of scrub oak species. Additional mitigation measures

will include incorporation of a natural path with educational signage, to serve as an educational tool for the elementary school students. The conservation areas are expected to increase the overall functional value of the habitat given the existing conditions versus the proposed conditions of these conservation areas.

We have determined that the applicant's proposal, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, would have minor or negligible effects on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, the ITP is a "low-effect" project and qualifies for categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2 Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6 Appendix 1). This preliminary information may be revised based on our review of public comments that we receive in response to this notice. A low-effect HCP is one involving (1) Minor or negligible effects on federally listed or candidate species and their habitats, and (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources.

We will evaluate the HCP and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). If we determine that the application meets those requirements, we will issue the ITP for incidental take of the sand skink. We will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP.

**Authority:** We provide this notice under Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: May 10, 2007.

**David L. Hankla,**

*Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of Applications for Incidental Take Permit for Four Condominium Complexes in Escambia County, Florida

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service announces the availability of four habitat conservation plans (HCPs), accompanying applications, and an environmental assessment (EA). One EA has been prepared for the four projects and analyzes the take of Perdido Key beach mice (*Peromyscus polionotus trissyllepsis*) incidental to developing, constructing, and human occupancy of Acropolis Development Enterprises, LLC, Midnight Property, Lorelei Development, LLC, and The Millennium Group I, LLC (Applicants) four condominium complexes in Escambia County, Florida (Projects). The applicants request incidental take permits (ITPs) pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. The Applicants' HCPs describe the mitigation and minimization measures proposed to address the effects of the Project to the Perdido Key beach mouse.

**DATES:** Written comments on the ITP applications and HCPs should be sent to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before July 16, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Aaron Valenta); or Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 1601 Balboa Avenue, Panama City, FL 32405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Aaron Valenta, Regional HCP Coordinator (see **ADDRESSES**), telephone: 404/679-4144, or Ms. Sandra Sneckenberger, Field Office Project Manager (see **ADDRESSES**), at 850/769-0552, ext. 239.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We specifically request information, views, and opinions from the public via this notice on the Federal action, including the identification of any other aspects of the human environment not already identified in the EA. Further, we specifically solicit information regarding the adequacy of the HCPs as measures against our ITP issuance criteria found in 50 CFR parts 13 and 17.

The EA is an assessment of the likely environmental impacts associated with the Projects and considers the environmental consequences of two alternatives and the proposed action. The proposed action alternative is issuance of the ITPs and implementation of the HCPs as submitted by the Applicants. The HCPs

provide for: (1) Minimizing the footprint of the development; (2) restoring, preserving, and maintaining onsite beach mouse habitat at the project site; (3) incorporating requirements in the operation of the residence that provide for the conservation of the beach mouse; (4) monitoring the status of the beach mouse at the project site post-construction; (5) donating funds initially and on an annual basis to Perdido Key beach mouse conservation efforts; (6) including conservation measures to protect nesting sea turtles and non-breeding piping plover; and, (7) funding the mitigation measures.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. Please reference permit numbers TE-143687-0, TE-143686-0, TE-143685-0, and TE-143688-0 in such comments. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the internet to [aaron\\_valenta@fws.gov](mailto:aaron_valenta@fws.gov). Please include your name and return address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from us that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed below (see **FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to either Fish and Wildlife Service office listed (see **ADDRESSES**). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

The areas encompassed under the four ITPs total 5.77 acres along the beachfront of the Gulf of Mexico. Three of the projects are located on the western portion of Perdido Key, a 16.9 mile barrier island, and one project is located centrally on the Key. Perdido Key constitutes the entire historic range of the Perdido Key beach mouse.

We will evaluate the HCPs, applications and any received comments to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If it is determined that those requirements are met, the ITPs will be issued for the incidental take of the Perdido Key beach mouse. We will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITPs comply with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITPs.

Dated: February 13, 2007.

**Jackie Parrish,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[NM220-1430 ES; NM-114207]

**Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; New Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has determined that land located in Santa Fe County, New Mexico is suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to Santa Fe County under authority of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP), as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The county plans to use the land for an organized, county recreation area.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit comments to the BLM Taos Field Office Manager at the address below. Comments must be received by no later than July 2, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all written comments concerning this Notice to Sam DesGeorges, BLM Taos Field Office Manager, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, New Mexico 87571.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Francina Martinez, Realty Specialist, at the above address or (505) 758-8851.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 315f, the following described land has been examined and found suitable for classification for a non-profit, public purpose—specifically a site for a county owned and operated, organized