

Date: April 16, 2008.

Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Clayton C Huntley, PhD., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institutes of Health/NIAID/DHHS, 6700B Rockledge Drive, MSC 7616, Bethesda, MD 20892-7616, 301-451-2570. chuntley@niaid.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Special Emphasis Panel To Review an Unsolicited P01.

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: March 19, 2008.

Anna Snouffer,

Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Review of An Unsolicited P01 Application.

Date: April 14, 2008.

Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institute of Health, 6700-B Rockledge Drive, Rockville, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Peter R. Jackson, PhD., Chief, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, NIAID, NIH, DHHS, 6700-B Rockledge Drive, Room 3133, MSC 7616, Bethesda, MD 20892-7616, 301-496-2550, pjackson@niaid.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; To Review Contract Proposals.

Date: April 21-22, 2008.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Grand Ballroom B, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Mercy R. Prabhudas, PhD., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, NIAID/NIH/DHHS, 6700B Rockledge Drive, MSC 7616, Bethesda, MD 20892-7616, 301-451-2615, Mp457n@nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of Applications for Five Incidental Take Permits for the Construction of 24 Single-Family Homes and an Addition to an Existing Single-Family Home in Santa Cruz County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of five Incidental Take Permit (ITP) Applications and Habitat

Conservation Plans (HCPs) from the following five applicants: Hochler Construction, Scotts Valley LLC, James and Melinda Carter, Ronald Sunde, and College Heights Development Corp. Hochler Construction, Scotts Valley LLC, and James and Melinda Carter each request an ITP for a duration of 5 years; Ronald Sunde requests an ITP for a duration of 3 years; and College Heights Development Corp. requests an ITP for a duration of 6 years under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The applicants collectively anticipate removing a total of approximately 7.23 acres of Mount Hermon June beetle (*Polyphylla barbata*) occupied habitat incidental to constructing 24 single-family homes and an addition to an existing single-family home in Santa Cruz County, California (Projects). The applicants' HCPs describe the mitigation and minimization measures the applicants propose to address the effects of the Projects on the Mount Hermon June beetle. In addition, the College Heights Development Corp. HCP includes the federally endangered Ben Lomond wallflower (*Erysimum teretifolium*) and Ben Lomond spineflower (*Chorizanthe pungens* var. *hartwegiana*) as covered species, and their HCP describes mitigation and minimization measures for those species as well.

We are requesting comments on the permit application and on our preliminary determination that the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) qualifies as a "low effect" HCP, eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. We explain the basis for this possible determination in draft Environmental Action Statements (EAS) and associated Low Effect Screening Forms. The Applicants' Low Effect HCPs describe the mitigation and minimization measures they would implement, as required in Section 10(a)(2)(B) of the Act, to address the effects of the project on the Mount Hermon June beetle. These measures are outlined in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. The draft HCPs and EASs are available for public review.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 28, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Please address written comments to Diane Noda, Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, California 93003. You may also send comments by facsimile to (805) 644-3958. To obtain copies of draft

documents, see "Availability of Documents" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jen Lechuga, HCP Coordinator, (see **ADDRESSES**) telephone: (805) 644-1766 extension 224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

You may obtain copies of the applications and HCPs by contacting the HCP Coordinator (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Documents will also be available for review by appointment, during normal business hours, at the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**), or via the Internet at: <http://www.fws.gov/ventura>.

Background

Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulations prohibit the "take" of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened, respectively. Take of listed fish or wildlife is defined under the Act to mean to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to cover incidental take, i.e., take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are found at 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22, respectively. Among other criteria, issuance of such permits must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plants.

The Projects are located on soils known as "Zayante sands." These soils support the Zayante sandhills ecosystem that occurs exclusively in the Santa Cruz Mountains near the city of Scotts Valley and the communities of Ben Lomond, Mount Hermon, Felton, Olympia, Corralitos, and Bonny Doon. The Mount Hermon June beetle is restricted to Zayante sands soils in the Scotts Valley-Mount Hermon-Felton-Ben Lomond area and is found in association with vegetation of the Zayante sandhills, which is characterized by a mosaic of ponderosa pines (*Pinus ponderosa*), silverleaf manzanita (*Arctostaphylos silvicola*), and areas that are sparsely vegetated with grasses and herbs.

The five (5) applicants are requesting to remove approximately 7.23 acres of combined Mount Hermon June beetle habitat incidental to the construction of 24 single-family homes and an addition to an existing single-family home in Santa Cruz County, California.

Residential construction of one single-family home for Ronald Sunde would occur within parcel 066-201-13 in Mount Hermon, Santa Cruz County, California. Residential construction of four single-family homes for Scotts Valley LLC would occur within parcel 021-031-13 in Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz County, California. Residential construction of an addition to an existing single-family residence for James and Melinda Carter would occur within parcel 067-533-04 near the city of Scotts Valley in Santa Cruz County, California. Residential construction of four single-family homes for Hochler Construction would occur within parcels 067-041-14 and 067-581-07 near the city of Scotts Valley in Santa Cruz County, California. Residential construction of 13 single-family homes for College Heights Development Corp. would occur within parcel 022-631-22 in Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz County, California.

The parcels combined encompass about 21.61 acres, and the footprint of the homes, infrastructure, and landscaping would eliminate 7.23 acres of Mount Hermon June beetle habitat. To mitigate for incidental take on the project sites, Hochler Construction, Scotts Valley LLC, James and Melinda Carter, and Ronald Sunde propose to purchase a total of 3.08 conservation credits for the Mount Hermon June beetle at the recently approved Ben Lomond Sandhills Preserve of the Zayante Sandhills Conservation Bank operated by PCO, LLC. College Heights Development Corp. will establish a permanent conservation easement on 14.0 acres of prime sandhills habitat within the parcel (Preserve). Once the easement is established, they will conduct the following activities within the Preserve: monitor the Mount Hermon June beetle, Ben Lomond wallflower, and Ben Lomond spineflower in perpetuity, remove garbage and debris, remove and control exotic plants, construct permanent fencing to protect the preserve, maintain indigenous sandhill plants, restore native plant communities where temporary impacts occur during construction, and establish an irrevocable assessment against the residential lots to cover anticipated expenses associated with the monitoring and management of the Preserve. In addition, College Heights Development Corp. will implement a number of minimization and mitigation measures including the following: control dust during grading; use of non-insect attracting light bulbs in street lights and exterior light fixtures on the new

residences; erect construction fencing during grading and construction; collect seed from the Ben Lomond spineflower plants growing within the impact area; and implement a fuel management plan to minimize the chance of catastrophic fire events.

We have made a preliminary determination that the HCPs qualify as "low-effect" plans as defined by our Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook (November 1996). Our determination that an HCP qualifies as a low-effect plan is based on the following criteria: (1) Implementation of the plan would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) implementation of the plan would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) impacts of the plan, considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects would not result, over time, the cumulative effects to the environmental values or resources that would be considered significant. As more fully explained in our EASs and associated Low Effect Screening Forms, the Applicants' proposals for residential construction qualify as "low effect" plans for the following reasons:

(1) Approval of the HCPs would result in minor or negligible effects on the Mount Hermon June beetle and its habitat. The Service does not anticipate significant direct or cumulative effects to the Mount Hermon June beetle resulting from the proposed projects.

(2) Approval of the HCPs would not have adverse effects on unique geographic, historic, or cultural sites, or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

(3) Approval of the HCPs would not result in any cumulative or growth-inducing impacts and would not result in significant adverse effects on public health or safety.

(4) The projects do not require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, nor do they threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

(5) Approval of the HCPs would not establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

The Service therefore has made a preliminary determination that approvals of the HCPs qualify as categorical exclusions under the

National Environmental Policy Act, as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1). Based upon this preliminary determination, we do not intend to prepare further National Environmental Policy Act documentation. The Service will consider public comments in making its final determination on whether to prepare such additional documentation.

We will evaluate the permit applications, HCPs, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(B) ITPs 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 ITPs.

Public Review and Comment

If you wish to comment on the permit applications, draft Environmental Action Statements or the proposed HCPs, you may submit your comments to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Our practice is to make comments, including names, home addresses, etc., of respondents available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish us to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must provide a rationale demonstrating and documenting that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. In the absence of exceptional, documented circumstances, this information will be released. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from

individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, are available for public inspection in their entirety.

The Service provides this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and pursuant to implementing regulations for NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: March 20, 2008.

Diane K. Noda,

Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, Ventura, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-320-1330-PE-24 1A]

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Approval Number 1004-0103

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. The ICR is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2008. The BLM may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. However, under OMB regulations, the BLM may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB. On January 8, 2008, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 1364) requesting comment on this information collection. The comment period closed on March 8, 2008. The BLM received no comments. You may obtain copies of the collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the BLM Information Collection Clearance

Officer at the telephone number listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below.

DATES: The OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. Submit your comments to OMB at the address below by April 28, 2008 to receive maximum consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-6566 (fax) or OIRA_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Alexandra Ritchie, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Bureau of Land Management, at U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240. Additionally, you may contact Alexandra Ritchie regarding this ICR at (202) 452-0388 (phone); (202) 653-5287 (fax); or Alexandra_Ritchie@blm.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For program-related questions, contact George Brown on (202) 452-7772 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Brown via message service. For questions regarding this ICR or the information collection process, contact Alexandra Ritchie by phone, mail, fax, or e-mail (see **ADDRESSES**).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 1004-0103.

Title: Mineral Materials Disposal, 43 CFR 3600, 3601, and 3602.

Bureau Form Number: 3600-9.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Private sector.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Annually or monthly (contracts and reporting requirements vary).

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
Form 3600-9:				
43 CFR 3602.10 Contract for the Sale of Mineral Materials	440	440	30 minutes	220
Form Subtotal	440	440	30 minutes	220
Non-form:				
43 CFR 3601.30 Sampling and testing	30	30	30 minutes	15
43 CFR 3602.10 Request for sale	440	440	30 minutes	220
43 CFR 3601.40 Mining and reclamation plans	110	110	24 hours	2,640
43 CFR 3601.40 Mining and reclamation plans (simple case)	200	200	2 hours	400
43 CFR 3602.14 Performance bond	440	440	30 minutes	220