residence and its associated structures. For these reasons, the No-Action Alternative has been rejected.

Under the Reduced Take Alternative, we would issue an incidental take permit for the development of 10 residential units instead of the proposed 15. However, due to the relatively small project site dimensions, the County’s zoning ordinance of a minimum 5-acre parcels, and infrastructure that would still be required by the landowner (e.g., roads, utilities, etc.) any further reduction in the number of lots would make the project economically unviable. In addition, even though this alternative would result in larger lot size and slightly less vehicular traffic due to the reduced number of homeowners, the impacts to the covered species relative to the increase in preserved upland habitat would be small. For these reasons, the Reduced Take Alternative was rejected.

Under the Proposed Action Alternative, we would issue an incidental take permit for the applicant’s proposed project, which includes the activities described above. The Proposed Action Alternative would result in permanent loss of 55 acres of upland grassland habitat for the California tiger salamander. To mitigate for these effects, the applicant proposes to protect, enhance, and manage in perpetuity 54 acres of on-site grassland habitat.

National Environmental Policy Act

As described in our EAS, we have made the preliminary determination that approval of the proposed Plan and issuance of the permit would qualify as a categorical exclusion under NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), as provided by Federal regulations (40 CFR 1500, 5(k), 1507.3(b)(2), 1508.4) and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2 and 516 DM 8). Our EAS found that the proposed plan qualifies as a “low-effect” habitat conservation plan, as defined by our Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook (November 1996). Determination of low-effect habitat conservation plans is based on the following three criteria: (1) Implementation of the proposed plan would result in minor or negligible effects on federally-listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) implementation of the proposed 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, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources that would be considered significant. Based upon the preliminary determinations in the EAS, we do not intend to prepare further NEPA documentation. We will consider public comments when making the final determination on whether to prepare an additional NEPA document on the proposed action.

Public Comments

We request data, comments, new information, or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, Tribes, industry, or any other interested party on this notice. We particularly seek comments on the following:

1. Biological information concerning the species;
2. Relevant data concerning the species;
3. Additional information concerning the range, distribution, population size, and population trends of the species;
4. Current or planned activities in the subject area and their possible impacts on the species;
5. The presence of archeological sites, buildings and structures, historic events, sacred and traditional areas, and other historic preservation concerns, which are required to be considered in project planning by the National Historic Preservation Act; and
6. Identification of any other environmental issues that should be considered with regard to the proposed development and permit action.

Authority

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and the NEPA public-involveinent regulations (40 CFR 1500.1(b), 1500.2(d), and 1506.6). We will evaluate the permit application, including the Plan, and comments we receive to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If the requirements are met, we will issue a permit to the applicant for the incidental take of the Central California Distinct Population Segment of the California tiger salamander from the implementation of the covered activities described in the Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for the California Tiger Salamander, Calaveras County, California. We will make the final permit decision no sooner than 30 days after the date of this notice.

Dated: June 11, 2012.

Susan K. Moore,
Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, Sacramento, California.
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The consultation sessions will be held on the following dates, at the following locations:

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*Meeting start time will be 1 hour later.

Meeting Agenda (All Times Local)

9 a.m.–9:15 a.m. ........ Welcome and Introductions.
9:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m. ... Proposed/Access Roads (Recommendation, Expectations, Implementation).
10:45 a.m.–11 a.m. ....... Break.
11 a.m.–11:45 a.m. ...... Question 10 Update.
11:45 a.m.–1 p.m. ....... Lunch.
1 p.m.–3 p.m. .......... Tribal Transportation Program Streamlining.
3 p.m.–3:15 p.m. ........ Break.
3:15 p.m.–4:00 p.m. ...... Reauthorization Update.
4:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. ...... Closing Comments.
4:30 p.m. ............... Adjourn.

Dated: June 7, 2012.

Donald E. Lavedure,
Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Renewal of Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites public comments on, and plans to request approval to continue, the collection of information that is necessary to implement two provisions of the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act—one which requires Federal agencies to consult with interested parties to develop a listing of significant caves, and another under which Federal and State governmental agencies and bona fide educational and research institutions may request confidential information regarding significant caves. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has assigned control number 1004–0165 to this information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on the proposed information collection by August 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronic mail. Mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240. Fax: to Jean Sonneman at 202–245–0050. Electronic mail: Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Goodbar, at 575–234–5929. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339, to leave a message for Mr. Goodbar.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d) and 1320.12(a). This notice identifies an information collection that the BLM plans to submit to OMB for approval. The Paperwork Reduction Act provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond. The BLM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany our submission of the information collection requests to OMB.

The following information is provided for the information collection: Title: Cave Management: Cave Nominations and Confidential Information (43 CFR Part 37). Forms: None. OMB Control Number: 1004–0165. Abstract: The information covered in this Information Collection Request applies to caves on Federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Reclamation. The BLM collects information from appropriate private sector interests, including “cavers,” in order to update a list of significant caves that are under the jurisdiction of the agencies listed above. The BLM also processes requests for