

**Notification of States**

For petitions to list, delist, or change the status of a species, or for petitions to revise critical habitat, petitioners must provide notice to the State agency responsible for the management and conservation of fish, plant, or wildlife resources in each state where the species that is the subject of the petition occurs of their intention to submit a petition. This notification must be made

at least 30 days prior to submission of the petition. Copies of the notification letters must be included with the petition. States may provide to the Service whatever information they want to be considered in the listing decisions.

*Title of Collection:* Implementing Regulations for Petitions, 50 CFR 424.14.

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0165.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses, or organizations.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* \$1,000.00 (for materials, printing, postage, data equipment maintenance, etc.).

Requirement	Annual number of respondents	Average number of responses each	Annual number of responses	Average completion time per response (hours)	Estimated annual burden hours
<b>Petitioner—Prepare and Submit Petitions (50 CFR 424.14(c), (d), (e), and (g))</b>					
Individuals .....	10	1	10	120	1,200
Private Sector .....	40	1	40	120	4,800
<b>Petitioner—Notify States (50 CFR 424)</b>					
Individuals .....	100	1	100	1	100
Private Sector .....	400	1	400	1	400
<i>Totals:</i> .....	550	.....	550	.....	6,500

An agency 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.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: March 11, 2019.

**Madonna Baucum,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Sand Skink and Blue-Tailed Mole Skink, Polk County, FL; Categorical Exclusion**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments and information.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Nucor Steel Florida, Inc. (applicant), for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant requests the

ITP to take the federally listed sand skink and blue-tailed mole skink incidental to construction in Polk County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) and the Service's preliminary determination that this HCP qualifies as "low-effect," categorically excluded under the National Environmental Policy Act. To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments on or before April 15, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Obtaining Documents:* You may obtain copies of the documents by any of the following methods:

- *Telephone:* Alfredo Begazo, 772-469-4234.
- *Email:* [alfredo\\_begazo@fws.gov](mailto:alfredo_begazo@fws.gov).
- *U.S. mail:* Alfredo Begazo, South Florida Ecological Services Office, Attn Nucor Steel Florida, Inc., Permit TE12906D, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1339 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960-3559.
- *In-person:* The documents may be reviewed by appointment during normal business hours at the above address. Please call to make an appointment.
- *Fax:* Alfredo Begazo, 772-562-4288.

*Submitting Comments:* If you wish to submit comments on any of the

documents, you may do so in writing via the above email address, U.S. mail address, or fax number, or you may hand-deliver comments to the above address during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Alfredo Begazo, by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**) or via phone at 772-469-4234. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Nucor Steel Florida, Inc. (applicant), for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*) and blue-tailed mole skink (*Eumeces egregius*) (skinks) incidental to the construction of a metal recycling steel plant (project) in Polk County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) and the Service's preliminary determination that this HCP qualifies as "low-effect," categorically excluded under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.

## Project

Nucor Steel Florida, Inc. requests a 5-year ITP to take skinks incidental to the conversion of approximately 4.68 acres of occupied skink foraging and sheltering habitat for the construction and operation of a metal recycling steel plant located on a 183.77-acre parcel in Section 33, Township 32 South, Range 28 East, Polk County, Florida. The applicant proposes to mitigate for take of the skinks by purchasing credits equivalent to 9.36 acres of skink-occupied habitat from a Service-approved mitigation bank in Polk County. The Service would require the applicant to purchase the credits prior to engaging in land clearing activities on the parcel.

## Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made available to the public. While you may request that we withhold your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

## Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's project, including land clearing, construction of the plant, and the proposed mitigation measure, would individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the skinks and the environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily concluded that the ITP for this project would qualify for categorical exclusion and the HCP is low effect under our NEPA regulations at 43 CFR 46.205 and 46.210. A low-effect HCP is one that would result in (1) minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) impacts that, when considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonable foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not over time result in significant cumulative effects to environmental values or resources.

## Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments received to determine whether to issue the requested permit. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the above findings, we will

determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue ITP number TE12906–D to Nucor Steel Florida, Inc.

## Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) (16 U.S.C. 1539(c)) of the ESA and NEPA regulation 40 CFR 1506.6.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Black Rock City LLC's Burning Man Special Recreation Permit Renewal in Pershing, County, Nevada

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Black Rock Field Office, Winnemucca, Nevada have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and by this notice are announcing the beginning of the public comment period to solicit public comments on the Draft EIS. The BLM is the lead agency in development of the Draft EIS and will be evaluating Black Rock City LLC's (BRC) request for a 10-year Special Recreation Permit (SRP) for the Burning Man Event in Pershing County, Nevada.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public comment period for the Draft EIS. Comments may be submitted in writing until April 29, 2019. The date(s) and location(s) of any comment meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the BLM website at: <https://go.usa.gov/xEmSY>. In order to be included in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 45-day public comment period. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Final EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Black Rock City LLC's

Burning Man Special Recreation Permit Renewal Draft EIS by any of the following methods:

Burning Man Special Recreation Permit Renewal Draft EIS:

- Website: <https://go.usa.gov/xEmSY>.
- Email: [blm\\_nv\\_burningmaneis@blm.gov](mailto:blm_nv_burningmaneis@blm.gov).

- Fax: (775) 623–1741.

- Mail: Winnemucca District Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, NV 89445.

The Draft EIS may be viewed on the website listed above. Copies of the Draft EIS are available for viewing in the BLM Winnemucca District Office at the above address; and at the BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno Nevada 89502.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about the proposed SRP renewal contact Mark Hall—Black Rock Field Office Field Manager, telephone: (775) 623–1500, address: 5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445. Contact Mark Hall to have your name added to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The applicant, BRC, has applied for a 10-year SRP under 43 CFR 2930 and has submitted a proposal to conduct the Burning Man event on public lands administered by the BLM Black Rock Field Office. BRC's proposal includes the following:

- Population increase to permit up to 100,000 total persons at the event;
- Expansion of the BLM Closure Order boundary by 561 acres, to a total of 14,714 acres;
- Creation of alternative transportation (Burner Express Bus/Burner Express Air);
- Expansion of the perimeter fence to 10.4 miles total length;
- Arrival of as many as 30,000 staff and builders one week prior to opening;
- Expansion of Black Rock City to 1,250 acres;
- Installation of additional interactive camps;
- Installation of additional large scale art pieces;
- BRC licensing of art cars and ADA compliant vehicles to drive on the playa during event week;
- Use of approximately 16.5 million gallons of water per year would be