DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615–0040]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: Application for Employment Authorization


ACTION: 60-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed revision of a currently approved collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the Federal Register to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e., the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond), the estimated cost to the respondent, and the actual information collection instruments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until March 16, 2020.

ADDRESSES: All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615–0040 in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS–2005–0035. To avoid duplicate submissions, please use only one of the following methods to submit comments:


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20529–2140, telephone number 202–272–8377 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at http://www.uscis.gov, or call the USCIS Contact Center at 800–375–5283 (TTY 800–767–1833).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: http://www.regulations.gov and enter USCIS–2005–0035 in the search box. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of http://www.regulations.gov.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) Type of Information Collection: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Application for Employment Authorization.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection: I–765; I–765WS; USCIS.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households. Form I–765 collects information needed to determine if an alien is eligible for an initial EAD, replacement EAD, or a subsequent EAD upon the expiration of a previous EAD under the same eligibility category. Aliens in many immigration statuses are required to possess an EAD as evidence of work authorization. To be authorized for employment, an alien must be lawfully admitted for permanent residence or authorized to be so employed by the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) or under regulations issued by DHS. Pursuant to statutory or regulatory authorization, certain classes of aliens are authorized to be employed in the United States without restrictions as to location or type of employment as a condition of their admission or subsequent change to one of the indicated classes. USCIS may determine the validity period assigned to any document issued evidencing an alien’s authorization to work in the United States. These classes are listed in 8 CFR 274a.12.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I–765 is 2,286,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 4.5 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Biometric Processing is 302,535 and the estimated hour burden per response is 4.5 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Passport-Style Photographs is 302,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I–765WS is 302,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is .50 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Replacement EAD and Optional Practical Training is 2,286,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 11,934,966 hours.

(7) An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection: The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is $400,895,820.

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Citizenship and Immigration Services,
Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R4–ES–2020–N009;
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Receipt of Proposed Habitat
Conservation Plan for Sand Skink and
Blue-Tailed Mole-Skink and
Application To Amend Incidental Take
Permit; Osceola 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 to amend an incidental
take permit (ITP) under the Endangered
Species Act of 1973, as amended. K.
Hovnanian at Mystic Dunes, LLC
(applicant) is requesting to modify its 5-
year ITP authorizing take of federally
listed sand skink and blue-tailed mole
skink incidental to construction in
Osceola 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 February 18,
2020.

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.
• U.S. mail: Alfredo Begazo, South
Florida Ecological Services Office, Attn.
Sunbeam Properties, Inc. Permit
TE69951C–1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service, 1339 20th Street, Vero Beach,
FL 32960–3559.
• In-person: The documents may be
reviewed by appointment during regular
business hours at the above address.
Please call to make an appointment.
• Fax: Alfredo Begazo, 772–562–
4288, Attn: Permit number TE69951C–
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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
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
announce receipt of an application from
K. Hovnanian at Mystic Dunes, LLC
to amend an existing 5-year incidental
take permit (ITP) that was issued for take of
the federally listed sand skink (Neoseps
reynoldsi) and blue-tailed mole skink
(Eumenes egregious) incidental to
collection of a residential
development (project) in Osceola
County, Florida. The applicant seeks to
amend the ITP (ITP TE69951C–1) to
account for take of 2.09 acres (ac) of
occupied skink habitat rather the 6.7 ac
currently authorized by the permit. 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
The applicant requests to amend its
ITP to account for take of skinks via the
conversion of 2.09 ac of habitat
occupied for foraging and sheltering.
The take would be incidental to the
construction of a residential
development on a 9-ac parcel in Section
15, Township 25 South, and Range 27
East, Osceola County, Florida. The
applicant proposes to mitigate for the
take by purchasing a number of credits
equivalent to 4.18 ac of occupied skink
habitat from a Service-approved
conservation bank in Osceola County.
The applicant would be required to
purchase the credits prior to engaging in
project 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 modification of the
applicant’s ITP and the project,
including land clearing, construction of
the residential development, and the
proposed mitigation measure, would
individually and cumulatively have a
minor or negligible effect on skinks
and the environment. Therefore, we have
preliminarily concluded that the
amended ITP 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 to
determine whether to amend the permit.
We will also conduct an intra-Service
consultation pursuant to section 7 of the
ESA to evaluate the effects of the
revised take. After considering the
preceding 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 amend the
current permit and issue ITP number
TE69951C–1 to K. Hovnanian at Mystic
Dunes, LLC for incidental take of the
sand skink and blue-tailed skink.

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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Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological
Services Office.

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