

grantees to implement the HOTMA final rule, CPD grantees may not be able to comply with the requirements of the HOTMA final rule. Even after the necessary guidance and system updates are made, CPD grantees will still need additional time to incorporate this information into their program policies and procedures and update their systems and software. In recognition of these operational issues and challenges, HUD will allow CPD grantees to set their own compliance date for the applicable HOTMA final rule provisions. This compliance date may be as early as January 1, 2024, and no later than January 1, 2025. CPD grantees may continue to implement the requirements of the prior version of their program regulations and regulations in 24 CFR 5.603, 24 CFR 5.609, 24 CFR 5.611, and 24 CFR 5.617, as applicable, until the CPD grantee's compliance date.

III. Instructions for CPD Programs

HUD provides the below instructions and guidance for CPD programs. Before implementing the HOTMA final rule, CPD grantees must comply with all applicable HOTMA requirements to establish policies and procedures, including establishing hardship policies for programs implementing the hardship provisions contained in 24 CFR 5.611(c)–(e), policies prescribing when and under what conditions a family must report a change in family income or composition in accordance with 24 CFR 574.310(e)(4)(iv), and/or policies describing income verification when using the safe harbor provisions in 24 CFR 5.609(c). In addition, CPD grantees must perform the following, as applicable, to implement the HOTMA final rule:

- Conduct any public process necessary to comply with the consolidated plan requirements.
- Update program guidelines, policies and procedures, templates, income and asset forms, and applications.
- Conduct internal and external system and software updates.
- Update income and asset regulatory citations and requirements in written agreement templates.
- Require owners to send notices to tenants of any expected changes to leases or rents required by the HOTMA final rule.
- Train staff, subrecipients, and contractors on the new income requirements and perform outreach to

housing partners (e.g., project owners) to implement the HOTMA final rule.

To assist CPD grantees in implementing these requirements, HUD intends to issue supplemental guidance to HOME participating jurisdictions and HTF grantees, including guidance on obtaining income eligibility determinations made by PHAs, owners, and providers of HUD rental assistance or subsidy programs. HUD also intends to publish, through a **Federal Register** notice, guidance on implementing HOTMA standards applicable to the HOPWA program.

IV. Conclusion

Accordingly, HUD revises the January 1, 2024 compliance date for the changes made to 24 CFR parts 5, 92, 93, 570, and 574 for the CPD programs described in this notice to January 1, 2025, at which time CPD grantees subject to these parts must comply with the HOTMA final rule. Until January 1, 2025, CPD grantees subject to these parts may instead choose to comply with these parts as they existed prior to January 1, 2024.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Three Incidental Permit Applications and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plans; Lake, Volusia, and Orange Counties, FL; Reopening of Comment Periods

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; reopening of public comment periods.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are reopening the comment periods on notices announcing three incidental take permit applications, three proposed habitat conservation plans, and related documents. We are taking this action because of a disruption in the public's access to *regulations.gov* as a means of viewing documents and submitting

comments when the three notices were initially published. We invite comments from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies. If you already submitted a comment, you do not need to resubmit it.

DATES: The comment periods on the three notices, all of which published October 23, 2023 (88 FR 72774, 88 FR 72775, and 88 FR 72776), are reopened. We will accept comments received or postmarked on or before January 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: You may obtain copies of documents for review, and view received public comments, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please see the table in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** to ensure that you are looking in the desired docket.

Submitting Comments: Please make sure you are commenting on the desired docket. See the table in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for docket information. You may submit written comments by one of the following methods:

- **Online:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on the desired docket.

- **U.S. mail:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: [insert correct docket number]; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB/3W, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Gawera, by telephone at 904–404–2464 or via email at erin_gawera@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are reopening the comment periods on notices announcing three incidental take permit applications, three proposed habitat conservation plans, and related documents. We are taking this action because of a disruption in the public's access to *regulations.gov* when the three notices were initially published. If you previously submitted a comment, you need not resubmit it. The three notices for which we are reopening the comment periods are in the table below.

Notice subject	Federal Register citation	Docket No.
Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Florida Scrub-Jay and Sand Skink; Lake County, FL; Categorical Exclusion Applicants: Founders Ridge Development, LLC and Founders Ridge Development II, LLC.	88 FR 72774; October 23, 2023.	FWS-R4-ES-2023-0198
Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Florida Scrub-Jay; Volusia County, FL; Categorical Exclusion Applicant: Hector Aponte.	88 FR 72775; October 23, 2023.	FWS-R4-ES-2023-0194
Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Sand Skink; Orange County, FL; Categorical Exclusion Applicant: Orange County Parks and Recreation Division.	88 FR 72776; October 23, 2023.	FWS-R4-ES-2023-0193

Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508 and 43 CFR 46).

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Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation and survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before January 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES:

Document availability and comment submission: Submit a request for a copy of the application and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name and application number (*e.g.*, Dana Ross, ES001705):

- *Email:* permitsR1ES@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Marilet Zablan, Regional Program Manager, Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232–4181.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Colson, Regional Recovery Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (503) 231–6283 (telephone); permitsR1ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered under the ESA.

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA's definition of "take" includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting, in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Application No.	Applicant, city, state	Species	Location	Take activity	Permit action
PER0008917–2	Institute for Applied Ecology, Corvallis, OR.	Taylor's checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha taylori</i>).	Oregon	Harm and harass by pursuit, capture, handle, identify, release; capture gravid adult females in the wild and transport to a captive propagation facility; transport larvae and pupae from a captive propagation facility to the wild; and salvage.	Amend.