

of skink-occupied habitat within a Service-approved conservation bank. The Service would require the applicant to purchase the credits prior to engaging in any phase of the project.

#### Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that reasonably foreseeable effects of the applicant's proposed project, including the construction of the mine and associated clearing, would have a minor effect on the skinks and the human environment. Therefore, no extraordinary circumstances in 43 CFR 46.215 apply. Reasonably foreseeable effects encompass effects of implementation of the action including effects of the action in addition to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future effects.

Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would be a low-effect ITP that may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)) pursuant to NEPA, the DOI's NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. A low-effect ITP is one that would result in (1) negligible or minor individual or cumulative effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) no significant effect on the human environment; and (3) reasonably foreseeable effects that would not result in significant effects to the human environment.

#### Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments 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 preceding and other matters, 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 PER14867408 to Nola Land Company, Inc. (E.R. Jahna Haines City Sand Mine).

#### Public Availability of Comments

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as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

#### 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), NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and DOI's implementing regulations (43 CFR part 46).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2024-0210; FXES11140400000-256-FF04EF4000]

#### Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Sand Skink; Orange 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 Waste Management (Pine Ridge Recycling & Disposal Facility) (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink incidental to the construction of an expansion of the existing Pine Ridge Recycling & Disposal Facility in Orange County, Florida. We request public comment on the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) and on the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed permitting action may be eligible for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual (DM). To

make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft screening form and NEPA statement for HCPs, which is available for public review. We invite comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments on or before October 2, 2025.

#### ADDRESSES:

**Obtaining Documents:** You may obtain copies of the documents online in Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2024-0210; at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**Submitting Comments:** If you wish to submit comments on any of the documents, you may do so in writing by one of the following methods:

- **Online:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2024-0210;
- **U.S. mail:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2024-0210; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Gawera, Florida Ecological Services Field Office, by telephone at 904-404-2464 or via email at [erin\\_gawera@fws.gov](mailto: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 Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Waste Management (Pine Ridge Recycling & Disposal Facility) (applicant) for an 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 federally listed sand skinks (*Neoseps (=Plestiodon) reynoldsi*) (skink) incidental to the construction and operation of the expansion of the existing Pine Ridge Recycling & Disposal Facility in Orange County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's HCP, and on the Service's preliminary determination that this proposed ITP may qualify for a categorical exclusion pursuant to NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the DOI's NEPA regulations (43 CFR part 46), and the DOI's Departmental Manual DM (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft screening form and NEPA statement for

HCPs, both of which are available for public review.

### Proposed Project

The applicant requests a 15-year ITP to take skinks via the conversion of approximately 12.52 acres (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering skink habitat incidental to the construction and operation of an expansion of the existing Pine Ridge Recycling & Disposal Facility on 56.8-ac, Parcel #s 18–23–27–0000–00–002 and 06–23–27–4292–06–080 in Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, Orange County, Florida. The applicant proposes to mitigate for take of the skinks by purchasing credits equivalent to 25.04 ac of skink-occupied habitat within the Lake Livingston Conservation Bank or another Service-approved conservation bank. The Service would require the applicant to purchase the credits prior to engaging in any phase of the project.

### Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that reasonably foreseeable effects of the applicant's proposed project, including the construction and expansion of the existing facility, would have a minor effect on the skink and the human environment, and no extraordinary circumstances in 43 CFR 46.215 apply. Reasonably foreseeable effects encompass effects of implementation of the action including effects of the action in addition to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future effects.

Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would be a low-effect ITP that may qualify for an application of a categorical exclusion (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)), pursuant to NEPA, the DOI's NEPA regulations, and the DOI DM. A low-effect ITP is one that would result in (1) negligible or minor effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) no significant effect on the human environment; and (3) reasonably foreseeable effects that would not result in significant effects to the human environment.

### Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments 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 preceding and other matters, 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 PER14094861 to Waste Management (Pine Ridge Recycling & Disposal Facility).

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### Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32), NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended, and the DOI's implementing regulations (43 CFR part 46).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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### Notice of Public Meeting of the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is announcing that the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children will hold a two-day in-person and online meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to meet the mandates of the

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA) for Indian children with disabilities.

**DATES:** The BIE Advisory Board meeting will be held Thursday, September 25, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and Friday, September 26, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The onsite meeting location will be at the U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240. To attend virtually, participants may use this link to register: [https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/oZH1F0KHR\\_G6rEMDp6TjoA](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/oZH1F0KHR_G6rEMDp6TjoA). Attendees register once and can attend one or both meeting events. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Public comments can be emailed to the DFO at [Jennifer.davis@bie.edu](mailto:Jennifer.davis@bie.edu); or faxed to (602) 265–0293 Attention: Jennifer Davis, DFO; or mailed or hand delivered to the Bureau of Indian Education, Attention: Jennifer Davis, DFO, 2600 N Central Ave., 12th Floor, Suite 250, Phoenix, AZ 85004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Davis, Designated Federal Officer, Bureau of Indian Education, 2600 N Central Ave., 12th Floor, Suite 250, Phoenix, AZ 85004, [Jennifer.Davis@bie.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Davis@bie.edu), or mobile phone (202) 860–7845.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 10), the BIE is announcing the Advisory Board will hold its next meeting in-person and online. The Advisory Board was established under the Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2004 (20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*) to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, on the needs of Indian children with disabilities. All meetings, including virtual sessions, are open to the public in their entirety.

### Meeting Agenda Items

The following agenda items will be for the September 25, 2025, and September 26, 2025, meeting.

- Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Central Office—Updates and Changes.
- The BIE's Special Education Program—Updates and Changes.
- Panel Discussion with current BIE funded School Superintendents, Administrators, and Principals—focusing on how their work aligns with the needs of native students with disabilities. Provides an overview of work, current challenges, recent achievements, and recommendations regarding students with disabilities.