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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2025–1067;  
FXES1114040000–256–FF04EF4000]

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

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Osceola County (Westside Technology Park) (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 the construction of a County park in Osceola County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes 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 the 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 January 22, 2026.

#### ADDRESSES:

**Obtaining Documents:** The documents related to this notice, as well as any comments and other materials that we receive, will be available for public inspection online in Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2025–1067 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–2025–1067;

- **U.S. Mail:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2025–1067; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Samantha Hermann, by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**), by telephone at 850–347–2671 or via email at [Samantha.Hermann@fws.gov](mailto:Samantha.Hermann@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 Service, announce receipt of an application from Osceola County (Westside Technology Park) (applicant) for an ITP, also known as a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit, 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 (*Neopseps (=Plestiodon) reynoldsi*) and blue-tailed mole skinks (*Eumeces egregius lividus*) (skinks) incidental to the construction and operation of a County park in Osceola 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.*), DOI's NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46), and DOI's DM (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft screening form and NEPA statement for HCPs, which is available for public review.

#### Proposed Project

The applicant requests a 5-year ITP to take skinks via the conversion of approximately 0.47 acres (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering skink habitat incidental to the construction and operation of Westside Technology Park on 40 acs, Parcel #07–25–27–000000–200000 in Section 07, Township 25 South, Range 27 East, Osceola County, Florida.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for take of the skinks by purchasing credits equivalent to 0.94 ac of skink-occupied habitat within a Service-approved conservation bank. The Service would require the applicant to purchase the credits no later than 30 days after the issuance of the permit and prior to any

clearing activities. The applicant will provide educational opportunities through signage and QR codes that will focus on native plants and wildlife including the sand and blue-tailed mole skinks and their habitat.

#### 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 county park and associated clearing, would have a minor effect on the skinks and the human environment and that 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 and DOI's NEPA regulations and DM. 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 ITP. 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 PER 21116185 to Osceola County.

#### 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. If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such 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 ESA section 10(c) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32) and under 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-HQ-IA-2025-0935; FXIA1671090000/267/FF09A30000; OMB Control Number 1018-0093]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Applications and Reports—Management Authority

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are proposing to renew a currently approved information collection without change.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 23, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on the information collection request (ICR) by one of the following methods (please reference the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control No. 1018-0093 in the subject line of your comment):

- *Internet (preferred):* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-MB-2025-0803.
- *U.S. mail:* Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W); Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov), or by telephone at (703) 358-2503. 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:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA; 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, all information collections require approval under the PRA. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again inviting the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) How might the agency 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 response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your

address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** The general permit requirements at 50 CFR part 13 provide the uniform rules, conditions, and procedures for the application for, and the issuance, denial, suspension, revocation, and general administration of, all permits for all of the laws, treaties, and regulations administered by the Service that authorize activities requiring permits. The requirements in 50 CFR part 13 are in addition to any other permit regulations that may apply to a specific circumstance and are outlined in other sections of our regulations.

The Wild Bird Conservation Act (WBCA; 16 U.S.C. 4901-4916) and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES; 27 U.S.T. 1087, March 3, 1973) mandate a system of permits and certificates to help ensure that international trade is legal and does not threaten the survival of wildlife or plant species in the wild. Permits under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) ensure that activities are consistent with the intent and purposes of the ESA and MMPA. Permitted activities under the Bald and Golden Eagle Act (BGEPA; 16 U.S.C. 668-668d) must be compatible with the preservation of eagles. Permitted activities regarding injurious wildlife under the Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42; 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378) regulate the importation into the United States and any shipment between the continental United States, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any possession of the United States, of animal species determined to be injurious by the Secretary of the Interior. Such importation and shipments are prohibited, except by permit. Although the Service's Division of Management Authority does not administer the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA; 16 U.S.C. 704), we receive authorization from the Migratory Bird Program to issue import/export permits under the MBTA.

Prior to the import or export of species listed under the MBTA, MMPA,