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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), National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended, and the Department of the Interior's implementing regulations (43 CFR part 46).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0034; FXES1114040000-267-FF04EF4000]

Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Sand Skink; Marion 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 Marion County Public Schools (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink incidental to the construction of a municipal development in Marion 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, both of which are 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 March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The documents this notice announces, as well as any comments and other materials that we

receive, will be available for public inspection online in Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0034 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 FWS-R4-ES-2026-0034.
- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-0034; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lindsay Needs, by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**), by telephone at 772-226-8158 or via email at lindsay_needs@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, announce receipt of an application from Marion County Public Schools (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 threatened sand skink (*Neopseps (=Plestiodon reynoldsi)*) incidental to the construction and operation of a public school in Marion 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 the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations (43 CFR part 46), and the DOI's Departmental Manual (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 10-year ITP to take skinks via the conversion of approximately 2.51 acres (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering skink habitat incidental to the construction and operation of a

municipal development on 7.06 ac on Parcel # 37506-002-00 in Section 15, Township 16S, and Range 23E, Marion County, Florida.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for take of the skinks by purchasing credits equivalent to 5.02 ac 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 preliminary determinations that reasonably foreseeable effects of the applicant's proposed project, including the construction of a municipal development and associated infrastructure, would have a minor effect on the sand skink and the human environment and that the extraordinary circumstances in 43 CFR 46.215 do not 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 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 PER24590859 to Marion County Public Schools.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Public Meetings of the Advisory Committee on Landslides

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is publishing this notice to announce that a Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Advisory Committee on Landslides (ACL) will take place and is open to members of the public.

DATES:

Meeting: The ACL will meet in-person on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Registration: Registration to attend or participate in the meetings is required. To register, please contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

ADDRESSES: Meetings on March 4, 2026, and March 5, 2026, will be held in the Flat Iron Hotel, 20 Battery Park Ave., Asheville, NC 28801. Members of the public may attend the meeting in-person or can attend via web conference. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. Comments can be sent to the DFO (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). The meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jonathan Godt, Landslide Hazards Program Coordinator, Natural Hazards Mission Area, USGS, by email at jgodt@usgs.gov; or by telephone at (303) 905-9468.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the FACA of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Ch. 10), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR part 102-3.

The ACL is composed of no fewer than 11 members, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, who are selected for their established qualifications in landslide hazard and risk or related fields, records of distinguished service in their professional community, knowledge of issues affecting the National Landslide Hazards Reduction Program (NLHRP), and to represent a cross-section of views and expertise, including a range of geographies and communities impacted by landslide hazards in the United States.

Purpose of the Meeting: The ACL provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior through the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Landslide Hazards on implementation of the National Landslide Hazards Reduction Program. Additional information about the ACL is available at Advisory Committee on Landslides (ACL) | U.S. Geological Survey.

The purpose of the meetings is for the ACL to review the outcomes of subcommittee work; finalize

recommendations; discuss agency activities under the National Landslide Hazards Reduction Program; and receive briefings on landslide hazard and risk science and applications to enhance public safety. Agendas may change to accommodate ACL business. Final agendas will be posted on the ACL website at Advisory Committee on Landslides (ACL) | U.S. Geological Survey.

Members of the public wishing to participate in the web conference meeting should contact the DFO (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. After pre-registering, participants will be provided with instructions on how to join via web conference. Any member of the public wishing to attend the in-person meeting in person must pre-register to be admitted into the building. Please contact the DFO (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting. Non-U.S. citizens may need to submit additional information. Seating for in-person attendees may be limited due to room capacity. For detailed information on building access requirements, please email Jonathan Godt.

Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations: Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, language translation services, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact the DFO (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting to give the USGS sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Public Disclosure of Comments: There will be an opportunity for public comment during the meeting. Depending on the number of people who wish to speak and the time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Written comments may also be sent to the ACL for consideration. To allow for full consideration of information by the ACL members, written comments must be provided to Jonathan Godt (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Individuals who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated, and those who were unable to participate are invited to submit written statements by email to at Jonathan Godt (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other