

will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments due date:* August 6, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: Aneita Waites, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410-5000

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aneita Waites, (202) 708-0614, extension 4114. (This is not a toll-free number) or e-mail at [Aneita\\_L\\_Waites@hud.gov](mailto:Aneita_L_Waites@hud.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will request an extension of and submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (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; (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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Consolidated Public Housing Certificate of Completion.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577-0021.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) are required to certify to HUD that contract requirements and standards have been satisfied in a specific project development and that HUD may authorize payment of funds due the contractor/developer.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* None.

*Members of affected public:* State, Local or Tribal Governments.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* 58 respondents reporting, one hour average per response, 58 hours for a total reporting burden.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Extension of a previously approved collection.

**Authority:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: May 30, 2007.

**Merrie Nichols-Dixon,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Coordination and Compliance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Walton Development LLC Residential Project, City of Redlands, San Bernardino County, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of environmental assessment (EA) and receipt of an application for incidental take permit.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce that Walton Development LLC (applicant) has applied for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. We are considering issuing a 5-year permit to the applicant that would authorize take of the federally endangered San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*; "SBKR"). The proposed permit would authorize the take of individual SBKR. The applicant needs the permit because take of SBKR could occur during the applicant's proposed construction of a residential and light industrial development on a 42.5-acre site in the City of Redlands, San Bernardino County, California. The permit application includes a proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP), which describes the proposed action and the measures that the applicant will undertake to mitigate take of the SBKR.

**DATES:** We must receive any written comments on or before August 6, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Mr. Jim Bartel, Field Supervisor, Fish

and Wildlife Service, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, CA 92011. You also may send comments by facsimile to (760) 918-0638.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Karen Goebel, Assistant Field Supervisor (see **ADDRESSES**), (760) 431-9440.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Availability of Documents

You may obtain copies of these documents for review by contacting the above office. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address and at the San Bernardino County Libraries. Addresses for the San Bernardino County Libraries are: (1) 27167 Base Line, Highland, CA 92346; (2) 25581 Barton Rd., Loma Linda, CA 92354; (3) 1870 Mentone Boulevard, Mentone, CA 92359; and (4) 104 West Fourth Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

#### Background

Section 9 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) prohibits the "take" of fish and wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. Take of federally listed fish and wildlife is defined under the Act to include "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct." We may, under limited circumstances, issue permits to authorize incidental take (i.e., take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity). Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are found in 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22, respectively.

The applicant is proposing development of residential and light industrial facilities on a 42.5-acre site. The site is located southwest and southeast of the intersection of Pioneer Avenue and Judson Street in the City of Redlands, San Bernardino County, California. The proposed project site is surrounded by a mix of active and abandoned citrus orchards, and an active municipal airport is located approximately 0.25 mile north of the project site.

Based on focused surveys, 3.1 acres of the site are considered occupied by the SBKR. The Service has determined that the proposed development would result in incidental take of the SBKR. No other federally listed species are known to occupy the site.

To mitigate take of SBKR on the project site, the applicant proposes to purchase credits towards conservation in perpetuity of nine (9) acres of

conservation credits from the Cajon Creek Conservation Bank in eastern San Bernardino Valley. The conservation bank collects fees that fund a management endowment to ensure the permanent management and monitoring of sensitive species and habitats, including the SBKR.

Our EA considers the environmental consequences of three alternatives: (1) The Proposed Project Alternative, which consists of issuance of the incidental take permit and implementation of the HCP; (2) the On Site Conservation Alternative, which consists of a reduced project footprint and conservation of SBKR within the proposed project site; and (3) the No Action Alternative, which would result in no impacts to SBKR and no conservation.

#### National Environmental Policy Act

Proposed permit issuance triggers the need for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Accordingly, a draft NEPA document has been prepared. We are the lead agency responsible for compliance under NEPA. As NEPA lead agency, we provide notice of the availability and make available for public review the EA.

#### Public Review

We invite the public to review the HCP and EA during a 60-day public comment period (see **DATES**).

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made 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.

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(a) of the Act and the regulations for implementing NEPA, as amended (40 CFR 1506.6). We will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of NEPA regulations and section 10(a) of the Act. If we determine that those requirements are met, we will issue a permit to the Applicant for the incidental take of the SBKR. We will make our final permit decision no sooner than 60 days after the date of this notice.

Dated: May 31, 2007.

**Alexandra Pitts,**

*Acting Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Record of Decision for the Final Bison and Elk Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, as lead agencies, announce the availability of a Record of Decision (ROD) for the final Bison and Elk Management Plan (Plan) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the National Elk Refuge and Grand Teton National Park/John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway (Grant Teton National Park). The final Plan/EIS was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966; as amended; the National Park Service Management Policies of 2006; and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The final Plan/EIS was prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS); the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service; the Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and the State of Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD). The final Plan/EIS describes our proposal for management of the Jackson bison and elk populations within their respective jurisdictions for 15 years. The effects of six alternatives for the management of bison and elk populations for the National Elk Refuge and Grand Teton National Park are disclosed in the final Plan/EIS and are described in the ROD. We adopted and plan to implement Alternative 4—Adaptively Manage Habitat and Populations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, or to request a copy of the final Plan/EIS or the ROD, contact Laurie Shannon, Planning Team Leader, Region 6, 134 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, Colorado 80228, 303-236-4317 (Phone); 303-236-4792 (Fax); [laurie\\_shanon@fws.gov](mailto:laurie_shanon@fws.gov) (e-mail). Additionally, a copy of the Final Plan/EIS may be obtained by writing to:

Jackson Bison and Elk Management Planning Office, P.O. Box 510, Jackson, Wyoming 83001; Telephone: 307-733-9212, or E-mail:

[bisonelk\\_planning@fws.gov](mailto:bisonelk_planning@fws.gov) or by download from the project Web site: <http://www.bisonandelkplan.fws.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Elk Refuge and Grand Teton National Park are located north of Jackson, Wyoming. Together with the Bridger-Teton National Forest, they make up most of the southern half of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. The National Elk Refuge comprises approximately 24,700 acres, Grant Teton National Park comprises 309,995 acres, and the John D. Rockefeller Jr., Memorial Parkway is approximately 23,777 acres. The Jackson bison and elk herds make up one of the largest concentrations of free-ranging ungulates in North America. Currently, these herds number over 1,000 bison and 13,000 elk. The herds migrate across several jurisdiction boundaries, including Grant Teton National Park and southern Yellowstone National Park, Bridger-Teton National Forest, BLM resource areas, and State and private lands, before they winter primarily on the National Elk Refuge. Due to the wide range of authorities and interest, including management of resident wildlife by the State of Wyoming on many federal lands, we have used a cooperative approach to management planning involving all of the associated federal agencies and the WGFD.

The effects of six alternatives for the management of bison and elk populations for the National Elk Refuge and Grand Teton National Park are disclosed in the final Plan/EIS and are described in the ROD. Significant issues considered in the ROD include: Bison and elk populations and their ecology; restoration of habitat and management of other species of wildlife; supplemental winter feeding operations of bison and elk; disease prevalence and transmission; recreational opportunities; cultural opportunities and western traditions and lifestyles; commercial operations; and the local and regional economy.

The ROD provides the basis for our decision on the proposed Bison and Elk Management Plan. We adopted and plan to implement Alternative 4—Adaptively Manage Habitat and Populations, as described in the Final Plan/EIS, because it balances the major issues and stakeholder perspectives identified during the planning process with the purposes, missions, and management