



# Boiling Spring Lakes

What can we do to help protect the species and development?

## Incidental Take Permits

Private landowners, corporations, state or local governments, or other non-Federal landowners who wish to conduct activities on their land that might incidentally harm (or "take") wildlife that is listed as endangered or threatened must first obtain an incidental take permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

## Habitat Conservation Plans

To obtain a permit, the applicant must develop a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), designed to offset any harmful effects the proposed activity might have on the species. The HCP process allows development to proceed while promoting listed species conservation.



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## Habitat Conservation Plans

### A brief overview

HCPs are documents that outline the necessary steps that identify the mitigation efforts that will be used to offset the loss of species and/or habitat

HCPs allow development to take place and take of species to happen legally

HCPs can be developed and used for any landowner regardless of the size of property

HCPs can be developed for towns, communities, counties and states

HCPs take from 1 to 2 years to develop

HCPs can cost money to develop and implement

There have been 16 HCP's to date to assist the RCW



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What USFWS can do to help

We are available to work with the town of Boiling Spring Lakes and the community members

Money may be found to help offset the cost of preparation of an HCP