hours at the office below. Send your comments or requests by any one of the following methods.

E-mail: northflorida@fws.gov. Use “Attn: Permit number TE126179-0” as your message subject line.

Fax: Field Supervisor, (904) 731-3045, Attn.: Permit number TE126179-0.


In-person drop-off: You may drop off information during regular business hours at the above office address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Gawera, telephone: (904) 731-3121, e-mail: erin_gawera@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 9 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and our implementing Federal regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17 prohibit the “take” of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. Take of listed fish or wildlife is defined under the Act as “to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct” (16 U.S.C. 1532).

However, under limited circumstances, we 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 in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22, respectively. The Act’s take prohibitions do not apply to federally listed plants on private lands unless such take would violate State law. In addition to meeting other criteria, an incidental take permit’s proposed actions must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plants.

Applicant’s Proposal

The applicant has been approved for take of approximately 7.5 ac of occupied Florida scrub-jay foraging and sheltering habitat incidental to construction of a commercial park, and seeks a 10-year extension on an existing permit. The 9-ac project is located on the southeast corner of Wickham Road and Summer Brook Drive within Section 31, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County, Florida. The project includes development of a commercial park and the associated infrastructure, and landscaping. The applicant has been approved to mitigate for the take of the Florida scrub-jay through the deposit of $149,940 to the Nature Conservancy’s Conservation Fund for the management and conservation of the Florida scrub-jay based on Service Mitigation Guidelines available on the Internet at http://www.fws.gov/northflorida/Scrub-Jays/scrubjays.htm.

Our Preliminary Determination

We have determined that the applicant’s proposal, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, would have minor or negligible effects on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, we determined that the ITP is a “low-effect” project and qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2 Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6 Appendix 1). The notice for this permit was published in the Federal Register on November 8, 2006 (71 FR 65540), and the ITP was issued on December 14, 2006. A low-effect HCP is one involving (1) Minor or negligible effects on federally listed or candidate species and their habitats, and (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the plan and comments we receive to determine whether the ITP extension application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). If we determine that the application meets these requirements, we will issue the extension of ITP # TE126179-0. In December 2006 we determined issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP extension. If the requirements are met, we will issue the permit extension to the applicant.

Public Comments

If you wish to comment on the permit application, plan, and associated documents, you may submit comments by any one of the methods in ADDRESSES.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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.

Authority

We provide this notice under Section 10 of the Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).


David L. Hankla, Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Receipt of 32 Applications for Incidental Take Permits for Single Family and Duplex Residential Developments on the Fort Morgan Peninsula, Baldwin County, AL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice: Receipt of applications for incidental take permits (ITPs) for Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs); availability of proposed HCPs and environmental assessment (EA); request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of proposed HCPs, 32 accompanying ITP applications, and an EA related to proposed developments that would take the Alabama beach mouse (Peromyscus polionotus ammobates) on Fort Morgan Peninsula, Baldwin County, Alabama. The HCPs analyze the take of the federally endangered Alabama beach mouse incidental to constructing 28 new single-family and replacing four existing single-family homes with four duplex residences (Projects). The 24 individual applicants request a total of 32 ITPs under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. The Applicants’ HCPs describe the mitigation and minimization measures proposed to address the effects on the species.

DATES: We must receive any written comments on the ITP applications, EA, and HCPs at our Regional Office (see ADDRESSES) on or before December 14, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Documents will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the
Fish and Wildlife Service’s Regional Office, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345. Send your comments to the same address (Attn: David Dell); or to Field Supervisor, 1208–B Main Street, Daphne, Alabama 36526.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Dell, Regional HCP Coordinator, (See ADDRESSES), telephone: 404/679–7313; or Mr. Darren LeBlanc, Field Office Project Manager, at the Alabama Field Office (See ADDRESSES), telephone: 251/441–5859.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We announce the availability of the proposed HCPs, 32 accompanying ITP applications, and an EA, which analyzes the take of the Alabama beach mouse incidental to the Projects. This group of similar applications has been collected into what we refer to as “ABM Batch V,” for efficiency in their review. The applicants request 50-year ITPs under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), as amended.

We specifically request information and opinions from the public via this notice on our proposed Federal action, including identification of any other aspects of the human environment not already identified in the EA pursuant to NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). Further, we specifically solicit information regarding the adequacy of the HCPs per 50 CFR parts 13 and 17.

An assessment of the likely environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed projects, the EA considers the environmental consequences of a no-action alternative, no-minimization, and the proposed action. The proposed action alternative is issuance of 32 ITPs and implementation of the HCPs as submitted by the Applicants. The HCP covers activities associated with the construction and maintenance of residences on 32 discrete lots totaling 16.9 acres on the Fort Morgan Peninsula. Under the preferred alternative, project development would result in the overall loss of 3.58 acres of ABM habitat. Avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures include a reduced design footprint, on-site land management to maintain use of the project sites by Alabama beach mice, and funding off-site habitat acquisition and management.

Public Comments

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. Please refer to “ABM Batch V” in such comments. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service’s Regional Office (see ADDRESSES). You may also comment via the internet to david_dell@fws.gov. Please include your name and return address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from us that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to either of our offices listed under ADDRESSES. 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.

Covered Area

The area encompassed under the HCP and ITP applications, the Fort Morgan Peninsula, extends over 30 miles from the Alabama-Florida border. Alabama beach mice historically ranged throughout the peninsula, but are now largely restricted to the western half. The following property owners have applied for ITPs in ABM Batch V:

Donald Dixon TE218224–0
Hogue Crossley TE218227–0
William Kenney TE218247–0
Harry Turpin TE218238–0
Aubrey Lucas TE218248–0, TE218249–0
Frances Bridges TE218251–0
Charles Minick TE218274–0
David Newton TE218275–0
Robert Fischer TE218276–0, TE218277–0
Boykin Properties TE218280–0
Becky Harris TE218281–0, TE218283–0
Spencer Harris TE218284–0, TE218285–0
Clinton Adams TE218288–0
Zachary Hutchens TE218291–0
Suzanne Wilcox TE218292–0
James Kastner TE218295–0
Timothy Kiely TE218326–0
Laureen Eick-Benson TE218329–0
Robert Prescott TE218330–0
Stuart Starrett TE218333–0
Christina Petrig TE218336–0, TE218354–0, TE218355–0, TE218356–0, TE218357–0
Andrew Marcotte TE218358–0
Mark Link TE218359–0
Tom Martin Homebuilders TE218362–0.

Next Steps

We will evaluate these ITP applications, including the HCPs and any comments we receive, to determine whether these applications meet the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. We will also evaluate whether issuance of section 10(a)(1)(B) ITPs complies with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the 32 ITPs. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will issue the ITPs for the incidental take of the Alabama beach mouse.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).


Mark Musaau,
Acting Regional Director.

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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries gives notice of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations (portions of which will be open to the public) in Washington, DC at the Office of Professional Responsibility on January 7 and January 8, 2010.

DATES: Thursday, January 7, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, January 8, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 6505IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick W. McDonough, Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, 202–622–8225.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet in Room 6505, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC on Thursday, January 7, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, January 8, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions that may