III. Comment

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. 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 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.


Tina A. Campbell,
Chief, Division of Policy and Directives Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Receipt of Applications for Two Incidental Take Permits; Availability of Proposed Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plans; Reed Motors, Inc. and Clermont Land Development, LLC, Lake County, FL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment/information.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received two applications for incidental take permits (ITP), Reed Motors, Inc. and Clermont Land Development, LLC each request a 5-year ITP under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). We request public comment on the permit applications and accompanying proposed habitat conservation plans (HCPs), as well as on our preliminary determination that the plans qualify as low-effect under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, which are also available for review.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by September 10, 2012.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to review the applications and HCPs, you may request documents by email, U.S. mail, or phone (see below). These documents are also available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the office below. Send your comments or requests by any one of the following methods.

Email: northflorida@fws.gov. Use “Attn: Permit number TE81294A–0” for Reed Motors, Inc. and/or “Attn: Permit number TE81293A–0” for Clermont Land Development, LLC as your message subject line.

Fax: David L. Hankla, Field Supervisor, (904) 731–3045, Attn.: Permit number TE81294A–0 for Reed Motors, Inc. and/or Attn: Permit number TE81293A–0 for Clermont Land Development, LLC.

U.S. mail: David L. Hankla, Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Ecological Field Office, 12125 River View Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225.
Hatchineha Ranch Conservation Bank.

shall not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plants.

Applicants’ Proposals

The applicants are requesting combined take of approximately 2.65 ac of occupied sand skink foraging and sheltering habitat incidental to construction of commercial developments, and they each seek a 5-year permit. The 10-ac Reed Motors, Inc. project is located on parcel # 09–22–26–110000700001 within Section 26, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida. The 2.49-ac Clermont Land Development, LLC project is located on parcel # 09–22–26–1600000000100 within Section 29, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida. The projects include construction of two commercial developments and the associated infrastructure, and landscaping. Reed Motors, Inc. proposes to mitigate for the take of the sand skink by the purchase of 1.0 mitigation credits within the Hatchineha Ranch Conservation Bank.

We have determined that the applicant’s proposals, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, would have minor or negligible effects on the species covered in the HCPs. Therefore, we determined that the ITPs are “low-effect” projects and qualify 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). 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 HCPs and comments we receive to determine whether the ITP applications meet the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). If we determine that the applications meet these requirements, we will issue ITP # TE81294A–0 and ITP # TE81293A–0. We will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITPs comply 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 ITPs. If the requirements are met, we will issue the permits to the applicants.

Public Comments

If you wish to comment on the permit applications, HCPs, 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, email 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).

Dated: August 6, 2012.

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

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U.S. Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of currently approved information collection.

SUMMARY: We (the U.S. Geological Survey) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) 1028–0103 described below. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This collection is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2013.

DATES: Submit written comments by October 9, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); (703) 648–7199 (fax); or smbaloch@usgs.gov (email). Please Reference Information 1028–0103 in the subject line.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: USA National Phenology Network—The Nature’s Notebook Plant and Animal Observing Program.

OMB Control Number: 1028–0103.

Type of Request: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Abstract: The USA–NPN is a program sponsored by the USGS that uses standardized forms for tracking plant