time-frame for development nor a specific site plan; however, development of this parcel would likely include construction of one or more structures and a parking area, and installation of associated utilities. The applicants propose to minimize impacts to skinks by preserving a total of 1 acre of skink-occupied habitat off site. The Service listed the skinks as threatened in 1987 (November 6, 1987; 52 FR 20715), effective December 7, 1987.

Our Preliminary Determination

We have made a preliminary determination that the applicants’ project, including the mitigation measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, our proposed issuance of the requested ITP qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by the Department of the Interior implementing regulations in part 46 of title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (43 CFR 46.205, 46.210, and 46.215). We base our preliminary determination that issuance of the ITP qualifies as a low-effect action on the following three criteria: (1) Implementation of the project would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) Implementation of the project would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) Impacts of the project, considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources that would be considered significant. This preliminary determination may be revised based on our review of public comments that we receive in response to this notice.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the HCP and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. We will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP. It is determined that the requirements of the Act are met, the ITP will be issued.

Authority

We provide this notice under Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). Dated: March 14, 2016.

Roxanna Hinzman, Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Office.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Receipt of Application for an Incidental Take Permit; Availability of Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan and Associated Documents; Polk County, FL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of an incidental take permit (ITP) and a habitat conservation plan (HCP). Love’s Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc. (applicant) requests ITP TE86106B–0 under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The applicant anticipates taking about 2.54 acres of feeding, breeding, and sheltering habitat used by the sand skink (Neoseps reynoldsi) and blue-tailed mole skink (Eumeces egregius lividus) incidental to land preparation and construction in Polk County, Florida. The applicant’s HCP describes proposed minimization measures and mitigation measures to address the effects of development on the covered species.

Submitting Comments

If you wish to comment on the ITP application or HCP, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

Email: alfredo_begazo@fws.gov. Use “Attn: Permit number “TE86106B–0”” as your message subject line.

Fax: Alfredo Begazo, 772–562–4288.

U.S. mail: Alfredo Begazo, South Florida Ecological Services Field Office, Attn: Permit number “TE86106B–0,” U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1339 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960–3559.

In-person drop-off: You may drop off comments or request information during regular business hours at the U.S. mail address.

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 request in your comments that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Applicant’s Proposed Project

We received an application for an incidental take permit, along with a proposed habitat conservation plan. The applicant requests an ITP under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). If we approve the application, the applicant anticipates taking a total of approximately 2.54 acres of skink breeding, feeding, and sheltering habitat, incidental to land preparation and construction in Section 14,
Township 30 South, Range 27 East, Polk County, Florida. The applicant currently has neither a time frame for development, nor a specific site plan; however, development of this parcel would likely include construction of one or more structures and a parking area, and installation of associated utilities.

The applicant proposes to minimize impacts to skinks by preserving a total of 5.08 acres of skink-occupied habitat off-site. The Service listed the skinks as threatened in 1987 (November 6, 1987; 52 FR 20715), effective December 7, 1987.

Our Preliminary Determination

We have made a preliminary determination that the applicant’s project, including the mitigation measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, our proposed issuance of the requested ITP qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by Department of the Interior implementing regulations in part 46 of title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (43 CFR 46.205, 46.210, and 46.215). We base our preliminary determination that issuance of the ITP qualifies as a low-effect action on the following three criteria: (1) Implementation of the project would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) Implementation of the project would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) Impacts of the project, considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources that would be considered significant. This preliminary determination may be revised based on our review of public comments that we receive in response to this notice.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the HCP and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. We will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP. If it is determined that the requirements of the Act are met, the ITP will be issued.

Authority

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

Dated: March 14, 2016.

 Roxanna Hinzman,
 Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Request for Public Comment: 30-Day Information Collection: Indian Health Service Forms To Implement the Privacy Rule

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments. Request for extension of approval.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Indian Health Service (IHS) invites the general public to comment on the information collection titled, “IHS Forms to Implement the Privacy Rule (45 CFR parts 160 and 164).” Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 0917–0030.

DATES: Comment Due Date: April 21, 2016. Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions regarding the proposed information collection contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for IHS.

To request more information on the proposed collection, or to obtain a copy of the data collection instruments and/or instruction(s), contact Tamara Clay by one of the following methods:

• Mail: Tamara Clay, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Indian Health Service, Office of Management Services, Division of Regulatory Affairs, 5600 Fishers Lane, Mail Stop 09E70, Rockville, MD 20857.
• Phone: (301) 443–4750.
• Email: tamara.clay@ihs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This previously approved information collection project was last published in the Federal Register (81 FR 3806) on January 22, 2016, and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comment was received in response to the notice. This notice announces our intent to submit the collection, which expires April 30, 2016, to OMB for approval of an extension, and to solicit comments on specific aspects of the information collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comment to be submitted directly to OMB. A copy of the supporting statement is available at www.regulations.gov (see Docket ID IHS–2016–1).

Title of Collection: 0917–0030, IHS Forms to Implement the Privacy Rule (45 CFR parts 160 and 164). Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of the currently approved information collection, 0917–0030, IHS Forms to Implement the Privacy Rule (45 CFR parts 160 and 164).

Form(s): IHS–810, IHS–912–1, IHS–912–2, IHS–913, and IHS–917. Need and Use of Information Collection: This collection of information is made necessary by the Department of Health and Human Services Rule entitled “Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information” (Privacy Rule) (45 CFR parts 160 and 164). The Privacy Rule implements the privacy requirements of the Administrative Simplification subtitle of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, creates national standards to protect individual’s personal health information, and gives patients increased access to their medical records. 45 CFR 164.508, 164.522, 164.526 and 164.528 of the Rule require the collection of information to implement those protection standards and access requirements. The IHS will continue to use the following data collection instruments to meet the information collection requirements contained in the Rule.

45 CFR 164.508: This provision requires covered entities to obtain or receive a valid authorization for its use or disclosure of protected health information for other than treatment, payment and healthcare operations. Under the provision, individuals may initiate a written authorization permitting covered entities to release their protected health information to entities of their choosing. The form IHS–810 “Authorization for Use or Disclosure of Protected Health

• Fax: 301–443–2316.