to complete its contract of participation due to being absorbed into the HCV program of a PHA that did not administer an FSS program.

**Nature of Requirement:** This regulation states the FSS escrow shall be paid to the participant on the contract of participation has been completed and at the time of contract completion the head of the FSS family submits to the PHA a certification that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, no member of the FSS family is a recipient of welfare assistance.

**Granted By:** Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

**Date Granted:** April 8, 2016.

**Reason Waived:** This waiver was granted because for the WHHA’s fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, the waiver was approved because of circumstances beyond the PHA’s control and to prevent additional administrative burdens for the PHA and field office.

**Contact:** Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS–R2–ES–2016–N129; FXES11120200000–167–FF02ENEH00]**

**Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the American Burying Beetle, From American Electric Power, and Availability of Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), we, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application for an incidental take permit (ITP) and a proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) from American Electric Power in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. Our low-effect screening form (LESF), which supports a categorical exclusion for the HCP under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is also available for review. The requested permit, which would be in effect for a period of 3 years, if granted, would authorize incidental take of the American burying beetle resulting from the construction of two segments of the Talawanda to McAlester electric transmission line.

**DATES:** Comments: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by October 12, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Obtaining Documents:
- U.S. Mail: Field Supervisor, Oklahoma Ecological Services Field Office, 9014 East 21st Street, Tulsa, OK 74129; telephone 918–382–4500. Please note that your request is in reference to the American Electric Power (AEP) LEHCP (TE019099C).
- In-Person: Copies of the draft low-effect screening form and draft HCP are also available for public inspection and review at the following locations, by appointment and written request only, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:
  - Department of the Interior, Natural Resources Library, 1849 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20240.
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Avenue SW., Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87201.
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9014 East 21st St., Tulsa, OK 74129; 918–382–4500 (phone); or 918–581–7467 (fax).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonna Polk, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9014 East 21st St., Tulsa, OK 74129; or by telephone at 918–382–4500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), we have received an application for an ITP and a proposed HCP from AEP in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. Our LESF, which supports a categorical exclusion for the HCP under NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.), is also available for review. The requested ITP, which would be in effect for a period of 3 years, if granted, would authorize incidental take of the American burying beetle from the construction of two segments of the Talawanda to McAlester electric transmission line.

Under NEPA, we advise the public that we have gathered the information necessary to determine impacts related to potential issuance of an ITP and have determined that the proposed action qualifies as a low-effect HCP and is categorically excluded from the NEPA process; and, in addition, the applicant has developed and proposes to implement...
its draft HCP, as part of the application
for an ITP, which describes the
measures the applicant has agreed to
take to avoid, minimize, and mitigate
the effects of the incidental take of
American burying beetles (Nicrophorus
americanus; ABB; covered species) to
the maximum extent practicable
pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the
Act.

The requested permit would authorize
incidental take of the ABB as a result of
the construction of two segments along
2.11 miles of the Talawanda to
McAlester transmission line in Pittsburg
County, OK (Permit Area), as a result of
activities associated with the applicant’s
construction and maintenance activities
(covered activities). Such actions may
require disturbance within potential
American burying beetle habitat.

American Electric Power has proposed
to mitigate the impacts to 13.07 acres of
suitable habitat for the American
burying beetle, including 10.42 acres of
temporary impacts, 2.65 acres of
permanent cover change (changing of
vegetative successional stage, but
remaining as suitable ABB habitat), and
0.006 acres of permanent change
(changing of ABB habitat from suitable
to non-suitable). These habitat acres will
be mitigated in perpetuity according to
service-approved mitigation ratios
through the purchase of credits at an
approved conservation bank for ABB.

Additionally, avoidance and
minimization measures will be
implemented including limiting
clearing in temporary work areas, relief
of soil compaction, and revegetation of
temporary and permanent cover change
impacts with native vegetation after
construction is completed.

Section 9 of the Act and its
implementing regulations prohibit
“take” of fish and wildlife species listed
as threatened or endangered under
section 4 of the Act. However, section
10(a) of the Act authorizes us to issue
permits to take listed wildlife species
where such take is incidental to, and not
the purpose of, otherwise lawful
activities and where the applicant meets
certain statutory requirements.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part
of the public record associated with
this action. 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 request in your comment that
we withhold your personal identifying
information from public review, we
cannot guarantee that we will be able to
do so. We will not consider anonymous
comments. All submissions from
organizations or businesses, and from
individuals identifying themselves as
representatives or officials of
organizations or businesses, will be
made available for public disclosure in
their entirety.

Authority

We provide this notice under section
10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.)
and its implementing regulations (50
CFR 17.22) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321
et seq.) and its implementing regulations
(40 CFR 1506.6).

Joy E. Nicholopoulos,
Regional Director, Southwest Region,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting for the
Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory
Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Federal Land Policy and Management
Act and the Federal Advisory
Committee Act, the Bureau of Land
Management’s (BLM) Northwest Oregon
Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will
meet as indicated below.

DATES: The RAC will meet on Thursday
through Friday, October 13–14, 2016,
from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday,
October 20, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The RAC members will review and
select Secure Rural Schools Title II
project proposals for the counties in
Northwest Oregon. They will also
receive an overview of the Record of
Decision (ROD) for the Western Oregon
Resource Management Plans (RMP) and
consider recreation subcommittee work.
The October 14 and 20 meetings will be
held at the BLM Salem District Office,
1717 Fabry Road SE., Salem, OR 97306.
The October 13 meeting will be held at
the BLM Eugene District Office, 3106
Pierce Parkway Suite E, Springﬁeld, OR
97477.
The public comment period will
occur from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. each
meeting day.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jennifer Velez, Coordinator for the
Northwest Oregon RAC, 1717 Fabry
Road SE., Salem, OR 97306, (541) 222–
9241, jvelez@blm.gov.

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at 1 (800) 877–8339 to contact the above
individuals during normal business
hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a
day, 7 days a week, to leave a message
or question with the above individuals.
You will receive a reply during normal
business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
The ﬁfteen-member Northwest Oregon RAC
was chartered to serve in an advisory
capacity concerning the planning and
management of the public land
resources located within the BLM’s
Salem and Eugene Districts.

Members represent an array of stakeholder
interests in the land and resources from
within the local area and statewide.

Planned agenda items include reviewing
and voting on Secure Rural Schools
project submissions for each county in
Northwest Oregon. On each day of
the three day meeting, members of the
public will have the opportunity to
make comments to the RAC during a
public comment period. All advisory
committee meetings are open to the
public. Persons wishing to make
comments during the public comment
period should register in person with
the BLM, at the meeting location,
preceding that meeting day’s comment
period. Depending on the number of
persons wishing to comment, the length
of comments may be limited.
The public may send written comments to
the RAC at the Salem District office,
1717 Fabry Road SE., Salem, OR 97306.
The BLM appreciates all comments.

Kim Titus,
Salem District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting for the
Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory
Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Federal Land Policy and Management
Act and the Federal Advisory
Committee Act of 1972, and the U.S.