underground burrow systems are critical during the drier months of the year, though juveniles and adults use them throughout the year to grow and survive. Loss and fragmentation of habitat is a major threat to the species and the protection of breeding habitat and adjacent upland habitats is needed for their recovery.

National Environmental Policy Act Compliance

The development of the draft SHA and the proposed issuance of an enhancement of survival permit are Federal actions that trigger the need for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). We have prepared a draft EAS to analyze the impacts of permit issuance and implementation of the SHA on the human environment in comparison to the no-action alternative. We have made a preliminary determination that issuing the permit and implementing the SHA would have minor or negligible impacts to the environment, and thus the proposed SHA and permit actions are eligible for categorical exclusion under NEPA. The basis for our preliminary determination is contained in the EAS, which is available for public review (see ADDRESSES).

Next Steps

We will evaluate the permit application, associated documents, and comments we receive to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of the ESA, NEPA, and their implementing regulations. If we determine that all requirements are met, we will sign the proposed SHA and issue a permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA to the applicant. We will not make our final decision on the permit application until after the end of the public comment period, and we will fully consider all comments we receive during the comment period.

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 the entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made 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(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32), and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6; 43 CFR part 46).

Kim Turner,
Acting Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service


Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Sand Skink, Lake County, FL; Categorical Exclusion

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from PKY Clermont Owner, LLC (Magnolia Pointe) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink (Neoseps reynoldsi) incidental to the construction of a commercial development (project) in Lake County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant’s proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on the Service’s preliminary determination that this HCP qualifies as “low-effect,” categorically excluded, under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4231 et seq.). To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.

Project

The applicant requests a 5-year ITP to take sand skinks through the conversion of approximately 13.00 acres (ac) of occupied sand skink foraging and sheltering habitat incidental to the construction of a commercial development located on a 52.99-ac parcel in Sections 25 and 26; Township 22 South; Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida, identified by Parcel ID numbers 25–22–26–0002–0000–1300, 25–22–26–0002–0000–1400, 26–22–26–0001–0000–3000. The applicant proposes to mitigate for take of the sand skinks by the purchase of 26 credits from Lake Wales Ridge Conservation Bank or another Service-approved Conservation Bank. The Service would require the applicant to purchase the credits prior to engaging in activities associated with the project on the parcel.

Supplementary Information

We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from PKY Clermont Owner, LLC (Magnolia Pointe) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink (Neoseps reynoldsi) incidental to the construction of a commercial development (project) in Lake County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant’s proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on the Service’s preliminary determination that this HCP qualifies as “low-effect,” categorically excluded, under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4231 et seq.). To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.
comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made available to the public. While you may request that we withhold your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant’s project, including land clearing, infrastructure building, landscaping, and the proposed mitigation measures, would individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on sand skinks and the environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily concluded that the ITP for this project would qualify for categorical exclusion and the HCP is low effect under our NEPA regulations at 43 CFR 46.205 and 46.210. A low-effect HCP is one that would result in (1) minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) impacts that, when considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not over time result in significant cumulative effects to environmental values or resources.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments received to determine whether to issue the requested permit. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the above findings, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will consider the above findings, we will issue an ITP number PER0017025 to PKY Clermont Owner, LLC.

Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6 and 43 CFR 46.305).

Robert L. Carey,
Division Manager, Environmental Review, Florida Ecological Service Field Office.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

[42-11-00]

2021 Draft List of Critical Minerals; Correction


ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The U.S Geological Survey published a document in the Federal Register on November 9, 2021 that presented a description of the draft methodology used to identify a draft list of critical minerals; a draft list of minerals, elements, substances, and materials that qualify as critical minerals; and a draft list of critical minerals recovered as byproducts and their host minerals. The document contained a billing address code and docket number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Mosley, (703) 648–6312, jmosley@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

In FR Doc. 2021–24488, appearing on page 62199 in the Federal Register of November 9, 2021, the following corrections are made:

1. On page 62200, in the first column, under ADDRESSES, correct to read:


2. On page 62203, in the second column, correct the BILLING CODE to read:

   4338–11.

   Dated: November 12, 2021.

Dionne Duncan–Hughes,
Federal Liaison Officer, USGS.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS–IR1–GEWA–3196; PS.SNELA0102.00.1]

Minor Boundary Revision at George Washington Birthplace National Monument

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notification of boundary revision.

SUMMARY: The boundary of George Washington Birthplace National Monument is modified to include 1.01 acres (more or less) of land located in Colonial Beach, Westmoreland County, Virginia, immediately adjoining and being surrounded by the boundary of George Washington Birthplace National Monument. Subsequent to the boundary revision, the National Park Service will acquire the property from The Trust for Public Land, a non-profit organization.

DATES: The effective date of this boundary revision is November 17, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The map depicting this boundary revision is available for inspection at the following locations: National Park Service, Interior Region 1, Land Resources Program Center, 115 John Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852, and National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Realty Officer Jennifer Cherry, National Park Service, Interior Region 1, Land Resources Program Center, 115 John Street, 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852, telephone (978) 970–5260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 54 U.S.C. 100506(c), the boundary of George Washington Birthplace National Monument is modified to include one adjoining tract containing 1.01 acres of land, more or less. This boundary revision is depicted on Map No. 332/173,707, dated September 2020. 54 U.S.C. 100506(c) provides that, after notifying the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make a boundary revision upon publication of notice in the Federal Register. The Committees have been notified of this boundary revision. This boundary revision and subsequent acquisition will ensure preservation and protection of the Park’s historic and natural resources.

Deborah Conway,
Acting Regional Director, Interior Region 1.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS–NER–SARA–30417; PS.SNELA0070.00.1]

Minor Boundary Revision at Saratoga National Historical Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: The boundary of Saratoga National Historical Park is modified to include 1.01 acres of land located in Saratoga County, New York.