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Eastern Collier Multispecies HCP

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All,

The latest ECMSHCP files are available for download with your Smartfile account. The new folder is entitled "2015 ECMSHCP 2014-Q4 release". As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any problems accessing the data.

Regards,

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Your timing is amazing. I'm just sitting her talking with David Shindle, our new Panther Coordinator, about what his involvement in reviewing the HCP should be. Connie is back and we plan to talk this week to continue to get me up to speed.  
Thanks  
Rox

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On Tue, Jun 30, 2015 at 2:26 PM, Christian Spilker <[CSpilker@collierenterprises.com](mailto:CSpilker@collierenterprises.com)> wrote:  
Roxanna,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with us as you settle in. As promised , I am providing a link to the Florida Panther Protection Program website. We look forward to advancing the HCP and EIS with you and your staff.

<http://www.floridapantherprotection.com/>

Regards,

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Thanks so much. I appreciate the call and the follow-up.  
Have a great weekend.

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On Fri, Jun 26, 2015 at 11:25 AM, Johnson, Bruce <[Bruce.Johnson@stantec.com](mailto:Bruce.Johnson@stantec.com)> wrote:  
Roxanna,

Per our conference call discussion this morning, please find attached the Section 6 grant announcement (see page 4 of 10), and the grant application itself.

The corresponding contract (administered by FWC) included the grant application scope as an attachment. The contract is due to expire at the end of 2015, but as noted we will be applying for an extension. The FWS grant schedule incorporated 90-day turnaround times between FWS and the applicant for document review and editing, which we will need to strive for if we are to complete the work before the grant ultimately expires.

If you have any questions or need other background materials, please let us know.

Thank You,

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**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
FY 2013 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund  
Project Descriptions Arranged by State**

**Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Grants by State:**

**California**

**Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (Riverside County)  
\$3,000,000.**

This grant will result in the acquisition of up to 3,114 acres that will greatly enhance the existing Coachella Valley MSHCP by securing key regional wildlife linkages, sand transport areas, and preserving core habitat areas. The land acquisition will benefit 20 species, including federally listed species such as the Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard, desert tortoise, and peninsular bighorn sheep. The acquisition will complement and greatly enhance the ecological value of the many other acquisitions that have previously occurred in these areas in the last few years.

**San Diego County Water Authority Subregional NCCP/HCP (San Diego County)  
\$3,000,000.**

These funds will purchase up to 300 acres that provide important habitat for the federally listed species covered by the HCP, including southwestern willow flycatcher, least Bell's vireo, and coastal California gnatcatcher. The SDCWA NCCP/HCP is the most recently approved regional plan in southern California. The HCP area encompasses approximately 922,000 acres of land within western San Diego County and southwestern Riverside County. The acquisition of these lands will complement the areas already protected by the HCP and are critically important to many listed species.

**Western Riverside County Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan\* (Riverside County)  
\$2,773,398.** This grant will support the acquisition of approximately 483 acres of land in Riverside County. This acquisition will benefit numerous sensitive species including federally listed species like the California gnatcatcher, Arroyo southwestern toad, and Quino checkerspot butterfly. The acquisition will support the assembly of the 500,000-acre preserve that is part of the Western Riverside MSHCP by protecting large blocks of coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and grassland habitats.

**Utah**

**Washington County HCP Desert Tortoise Acquisition\* (Washington County) \$1,419,266.**

This grant will support the acquisition of up to 1,245 acres of habitat for the desert tortoise in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in southwestern Utah. Acquisition of these lands is essential in preserving the integrity of the reserve as these unburned parcels provide critical refugia for desert tortoises and seed sources for restoration of other areas of the reserve impacted by wildfires due to cheat grass invasions. Protecting this habitat will greatly complement the Washington County HCP and the work of many partners in establishing and managing the reserve for endangered species conservation.

## **Washington**

### **I-90 Wildlife Corridor Phase V (King and Kittitas Counties) \$2,000,000.**

This project will protect an additional 1,000 acres of habitat for the federally listed bull trout, northern spotted owl, gray wolf, and grizzly bear. In addition, it will protect habitat and improve habitat connectivity for 60 terrestrial vertebrates including wolverine, American marten, and Pacific giant salamander. This improved connectivity will increase the effectiveness of wildlife crossing infrastructure associated with the adjacent I-90 freeway. Acquisitions in this location are essential, as the opportunities to protect lands connecting the northern and southern Cascades are limited due to natural features and increasing human development. This latest acquisition, along with lands already protected by the Washington Department of Natural Resources, will contribute to the ecological integrity of the Central Cascades Ecosystem, including the lands covered by the Cedar River Watershed HCP.

### **Mountain View 4-O Ranch 2013 (Asotin County) \$2,000,000.**

This project will protect 2,400 acres in extreme southeastern Washington, including one mile of the Lower Grande Ronde River and three miles of tributaries that support federally listed bull trout, as well as steelhead, interior redband trout, Pacific lamprey, and many other sensitive aquatic species. This project is part of a larger, multi-phased, landscape-level project that will eventually protect 13,000 acres and 15 miles of streams. The project is bordered on the north by Forest Service lands and on the south and east by Bureau of Land Management lands. This is a rare opportunity to purchase a large, ecologically-intact, and diverse landscape that protects many habitat types including uplands, cliff and talus habitats, meadows, springs, curl-leaf mahogany shrubland, interior grassland, and Ponderosa pine woodlands that support the federally listed gray wolf, as well as elk, bighorn sheep, deer, and golden eagles.

\* indicates partial funding

## **Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants by State:**

### **California**

#### **Bay Delta Conservation Plan (Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta) \$410,818.**

This grant will support the development of an HCP/NCCP for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta (Delta) Region. The Delta is the largest estuary on the West Coast. The Delta supports over 750 plant and animal species, 126 of which are sensitive or listed as threatened or endangered. The Delta is also critical to California's economy, serving as the "hub" of the State's water infrastructure, supplying drinking water for two-thirds of Californians and irrigation water for over 7 million acres of highly-productive agricultural lands. The Bay Delta HCP/NCCP is being developed as a long-term comprehensive plan that will conserve and manage covered species and natural communities in perpetuity while providing reliable water supplies for the State's myriad of beneficial uses.

**Placer County Conservation Plan (Placer County) \$911,500.**

This funding will support the planning phase of the Placer County Conservation Plan in northern California. The county has partnered with other local, state, and federal agencies to develop the plan. Participating local agencies include unincorporated Placer County, the City of Lincoln, and the Placer County Water Agency. The primary objective of the plan is to balance development with the conservation of the county's natural resources and provide for the protection of sensitive species and their respective habitats. Numerous listed and sensitive species will benefit from this plan including vernal pool fairy shrimp, giant garter snake, and American peregrine falcon.

**Yolo County Habitat Conservation Plan (Yolo County) \$999,000.**

This funding will support the planning phase of the Yolo Natural Heritage Program (Yolo County HCP/NCCP) in northern California. The Yolo County Habitat Conservation Plan, comprised of Yolo County and all four incorporated cities (Davis, Woodland, Winters, and West Sacramento) is collaboratively developing a plan to protect habitat and agricultural land countywide while allowing for effective coordination between development agencies and conservation agencies to ensure conservation occurs through an effective, collaborative, and cost-effective process. The plan will also direct growth within cities while preserving open space to ensure important species habitat remains undeveloped. Numerous listed and sensitive species will benefit from this plan including vernal pool tadpole shrimp, giant garter snake, California tiger salamander, and least Bell's vireo.

**Owens and Mono Basins Riparian Habitat Conservation Plan (Mono and Inyo Counties) \$182,250.**

This funding will support the planning phase of the Owens and Mono Basins Riparian Habitat Conservation Plan in eastern California. The draft HCP covers 310,000 acres owned by the City of Los Angeles and managed by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in Inyo and Mono Counties, including all of the major waterways in the region. Other proposed plan activities include power production, livestock grazing, prescribed burning, fire suppression, weed control, agriculture, road maintenance, and habitat management. The HCP targets seven species including four federally endangered species: Least Bell's vireo, southwestern willow flycatcher, Owens pupfish, and Owens tui chub.

**Florida**

**Statewide Habitat Conservation Plan for Florida Beaches (35 Coastal Counties-Statewide) \$735,098.**

This grant will assist stakeholders develop a plan to assimilate acquired data into a detailed draft of the HCP. Activities in the coastal area and their threats to listed species will be also be analyzed. The goal of the HCP is to allow for ongoing beach structure protection measures while limiting and mitigating the adverse effects to nesting loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, leatherback, green, and hawksbill sea turtles, five beach mouse subspecies, and shorebirds, including wintering piping plover. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is leading this effort in conjunction with builders groups, municipalities, and others.

**Polk County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (Polk County) \$277,029.**

This grant will assist in initiating planning for a county-wide HCP for scrub habitats benefitting the Florida scrub-jay, eastern indigo snake, sand skink, blue-tailed mole skink, and other dry scrub species. Implementation of an HCP in Polk County marks a significant step forward for scrub conservation in the heart of Florida's central ridge that can be linked to similar efforts in neighboring counties.

**East Collier County Multiple-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (Collier County) \$615,408.**

This grant will assist planning for the first area-wide HCP to cover the endangered Florida panther. Expected results include production of a draft HCP and environmental impact statement. Implementation of this HCP will provide the first such conservation plan in the panther's primary recovery zone. The plan represents a collaborative effort among many private stakeholders with ranching, development, and conservation interests.

**Georgia**

**Lower Flint River Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (15 Southwest Georgia Counties) \$263,458.**

This grant will assist in the second year of planning for a basin-wide HCP for aquatic habitats used by federally-listed mussels such as the shinyrayed pocketbook, oval pigtoe, Gulf moccasinshell, purple bankclimber, and fat threeridge. Other aquatic species to benefit include fifteen fish, mussel, reptile, and amphibian species of state management concern. Increasing demands for water resources in this vital agricultural area combined with recent droughts have made clear the need for proactive conservation planning in this region.

**Hawaii**

**Coordination and Planning of the Kaua'i Seabird Habitat Conservation Program on Kaua'i, Hawai'i (Kaua'i County) \$445,331.**

This project will continue the development of an HCP for 14 applicants, including the County of Kaua'i, Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative, and the Hawai'i Department of Transportation, to address incidental take of listed species from light attraction and utility line collisions. Three federally listed species -- the Hawaiian petrel, Newell's shearwater and green sea turtle -- one candidate species, the band-rumped storm petrel, and a host of endangered plants will be covered under the HCP. The green sea turtle was recently added to the covered species based on new information indicating that coastal lights have resulted in the take of nesting turtles. Ninety percent of the world's Newell's shearwater population breeds on Kaua'i and the population has declined by 75% since the early 1990s. When completed, the HCP will provide a legal solution to the incidental take of listed seabirds, enable multiple entities to obtain federal and state authorization of this take, and initiate mitigation to offset take through management that will benefit nesting seabirds and sea turtles.

**Kaua'i Nēnē Island-wide Habitat Conservation Plan (Kaua'i County) \$508,348.**

This project will develop an island-wide HCP for incidental take of the federally endangered Nēnē, or Hawaiian goose, associated with agriculture, public/air safety, and residential homes. The HCP will implement effective take avoidance and minimization strategies and ensure that these strategies are in accordance with the species' long-term recovery goals. The island of Kaua'i supports the only self-sustaining population of Nēnē and individuals are increasingly found foraging and nesting in agricultural areas, residential areas, and golf courses where fresh

water and food plants are abundant. These areas expose Nēnē to threats from agricultural operations, construction, vehicles, and predation from domestic animals. Occasionally, the presence of Nēnē at airports constitutes a risk to the safe operation of aircraft. The mitigation developed in the HCP will provide a net recovery gain for the species, and core areas where birds can safely forage and breed will be identified and managed. Public outreach and education funded as part of this grant will help offset growing tension among farmers whose crops are being damaged by Nēnē.

## **Multi-State**

### **Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan for Wind Energy Development in the Midwest (Indiana, Michigan, Missouri- Statewide) \$950,000.**

This grant will allow the natural resource agencies within the Service's Midwest Region to continue the development of a landscape-level, multi-species HCP throughout eight states to provide conservation benefits to listed species, while accommodating wind development. The plan will provide a means for wind energy developers to avoid, minimize, mitigate, and compensate for adverse effects to covered species such as the endangered Indiana bat, gray bat, interior least tern, Kirtland's warbler, piping plover, and several unlisted bat species. As a part of the HCP, all eight states in the Midwest Region will work in collaboration with the wind industry and The Conservation Fund to lead a strategic conservation planning process that focuses on integrating species needs with potential habitat mitigation across the landscape.

## **Oregon**

### **Deschutes Basin Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath, Sherman, and Wasco Counties) \$410,000.**

This project will continue the development of an HCP for the Deschutes Basin Board of Control, member irrigation districts, and the City of Prineville that will benefit aquatic-dependent species in the upper Deschutes Basin, while meeting current and future irrigation and municipal water needs in a balanced, economically viable, and sustainable manner. Eleven species will be covered under the HCP, including the federally listed bull trout as well as the middle Columbia River steelhead and the Oregon spotted frog, a candidate for federal protection. When completed, the HCP will provide ecosystem benefits to large areas of the upper Deschutes River basin, which includes the Metolius, Crooked, and Deschutes river basins.

## **Tennessee**

### **Development of a Habitat Conservation Plan by City of Crossville and Cumberland County, Tennessee (Cumberland County) \$645,366.**

This grant will assist in the ongoing development of the Cumberland region-wide HCP to protect aquatic resources. Several mammals, mussels, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and aquatic invertebrates will benefit from this effort to develop protective measures in an ecologically-diverse region that is beginning to experience increased development and resource extraction issues. The HCP will provide management prescriptions and regulatory guidelines to minimize and mitigate development effects on the target species and habitats. With the plan in operation, regulatory processes for the covered municipalities will be streamlined. Listed species include the Indiana bat, gray bat, spotfin chub (a fish species), purple bean (a freshwater mussel), and Cumberland rosemary and Virginia spiraea (plant species).

## **Washington**

### **South Puget Sound Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan (Thurston County) \$626,687.**

This project will continue the development of an HCP for the best remaining prairie habitats and restoration sites in South Puget Sound. It will identify the set of tools necessary to supplement more traditional conservation strategies to achieve the long-term preservation of a network of habitats needed for the survival of up to 18 species such as the threatened golden paintbrush and water howellia, as well as the mardon skipper, Mazama pocket gopher, and other species of concern.

## **Recovery Land Acquisition Grants by State:**

### **Arkansas**

#### **Building a Conservation Corridor for the Recovery of Federally-Listed Species, Saline River (Ashley County) \$1,342,687.**

This grant will enable the acquisition of 1,611 acres of important riparian and upland habitat adjacent to the Saline River to directly benefit two federally-listed endangered freshwater mussels, the winged mapleleaf and pink mucket. This acquisition will also benefit the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker and serve to protect the rabbitsfoot, a mussel recently proposed for listing as threatened. This acquisition will help further achievement of the recovery criteria for these species by protecting known population locations and will increase protection of the most important section of the Saline River for mussels west of the Mississippi River.

### **California**

#### **Metcalf Meadow\* (San Bernardino County) \$1,170,000.**

This project will acquire and permanently conserve land within Metcalf Meadow, one of the few remaining intact meadows on the southern shore of Big Bear Lake. The parcels provide important habitat for the recovery of meadow and pebble plain plant species including the federally listed pedate checker-mallow, California taraxacum, San Bernardino bluegrass, and Bear Valley sandwort. The large, contiguous parcels are connected hydrologically with parts of Metcalf Meadow on nearby San Bernardino National Forest and are important to maintain given the sensitivity of meadow habitat to changes in hydrology that could occur if these lands were otherwise developed. The federally and state endangered southwestern willow flycatcher has also been documented along Metcalf Creek.

#### **San Diego Mountain Ranch\* (San Diego County) \$317,200.**

This project will protect, through fee title acquisition, the San Diego Mountain Ranch which occupies a large part of the Miller Creek watershed and provides local connectivity between Miller Valley and Clover Flat. The areas along the creek offer high groundwater elevations and relatively wide floodplains, supporting wet grasslands. These stream habitats and the adjacent floodplain provide for breeding, rearing, foraging, and overwintering of the federally endangered arroyo toad. Acquisition will also benefit the federally endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly given that the southern three-quarters of the San Diego Mountain Ranch constitute the largest single block of designated critical habitat for the species in the La Posta/Campo core occurrence

complex. Protecting the La Posta/Campo complex is vital to maintaining Quino checkerspot butterfly metapopulation dynamics by enabling exchange of individuals among subpopulations.

## **Colorado**

### **Segelke-Carey Ranch for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse (Larimer County) \$400,000.**

This grant will fund the acquisition of the Segelke-Carey property, a rare opportunity to protect more than one mile of excellent riparian habitat for the threatened Preble's meadow jumping mouse along the Colorado Front Range, where land values have kept protection out of reach. This acquisition will prevent development from encroaching on this important riparian and upland habitat and ensure connectivity with protected areas up and down stream.

## **Florida**

### **Listed Species Recovery on the Lake Wales Ridge Conservation Easement for the Robinson Property (Highlands County) \$854,364.**

This grant will enable the acquisition of a conservation easement on 565 acres on the Lake Wales Ridge to protect scrub habitat important for the federally threatened Florida scrub jay and sand skink as well as the gopher tortoise, a Federal candidate species. The conservation easement will help achieve recovery criteria for the Florida scrub jay and sand skink, expand an existing conservation area, and provide connectivity among existing managed lands.

## **Georgia**

### **Acquisition of the Ironstob-Braswell Mountain Tract within the Raccoon Creek Basin, a Tributary to the Etowah River (Paulding County) \$1,000,000.**

This grant will enable the acquisition of 1,000 acres along Raccoon Creek in the Etowah basin to benefit two federally-listed fish, the endangered Etowah darter and the threatened Cherokee darter. Raccoon Creek has been identified as essential habitat for the long-term survival of these fish and the acquisition of this tract will help meet recovery objectives for these species. Permanent protection of this tract will also provide important connectivity to other protected areas and benefit a number of other rare aquatic and terrestrial species in the watershed.

## **Hawai'i**

### **Kalauao Acquisition and Endangered Species Recovery (Honolulu County) \$578,250.**

This project will acquire 635 acres of forested lands on the island of O'ahu. This narrow tract lies between two existing conservation areas and extends to top of the Ko'olau Mountains at 2,750 feet in elevation and is part of USFWS-designated critical habitat for the endangered O'ahu 'Elepaio, an endemic Hawaiian songbird, and eleven plant species. The upper reaches of this parcel support some of the best examples of native forest remaining on O'ahu. The popular 'Aiea Ridge Trail falls entirely on the subject parcel, and thus offers hikers the opportunity to access high quality native forest and to observe native birds. This purchase will ensure continued public use, which in turn will result in a greater public appreciation for native forest. Project partners include the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership, and Kamehameha Schools.

## **Nebraska**

### **Recovery Land Acquisition for the Salt Creek Tiger Beetle (Lancaster County) \$190,301.**

Acquisition and restoration of the habitat on this parcel will allow for reintroduction of the endangered Salt Creek tiger beetle. Providing additional reintroduction locations is critical for avoiding extinction of this highly-imperiled species with only a few hundred individuals left. This effort will also protect and restore Eastern Saline Wetlands, which are the most limited and endangered wetland type and vegetation community in Nebraska.

## **New Jersey**

### **Bog Turtle Recovery in Sussex County I (Sussex County) \$40,000.**

This acquisition project will purchase 20 acres of bog turtle habitat connecting two high-quality bog turtle population sites, thus providing landscape-level protection for this vulnerable federally threatened species. This property is part of a unique spring-fed wetland complex with calcareous fens and is host to a globally rare plant, the spreading globeflower. The State of New Jersey Green Acres Program is working with the New Jersey Lands Trust to protect and manage this and adjacent properties in perpetuity.

### **Bog Turtle Recovery in Sussex County II (Sussex County) \$400,000.**

This acquisition project will protect the bog turtle through a purchase of four tracts from a single landowner for a total of 143.6 acres. This property connects two known bog turtle habitat areas within a large wetland complex and stream corridor. The property also provides landscape-level protection with upland forest and grassland habitats, thus conserving the hydrology and water quality of the wetlands. It is a rare opportunity in New Jersey to find such a large, undeveloped property adjacent to a growing network of protected properties that can help meet the recovery goals for this imperiled species.

## **North Carolina**

### **Conservation of Habitat for the Spotfin Chub, Littlewing Pearlymussel, and Appalachian Elktoe (Macon County) \$142,500.**

This project will acquire 39 acres with approximately 2,600 feet of frontage on the Little Tennessee River in western North Carolina to benefit three federally-listed aquatic species: the threatened spotfin chub, the endangered littlewing pearlymussel, and the endangered Appalachian elktoe. Acquisition of this land will help achieve the highest priority recovery goals for these species by protecting important habitat and reducing the threat of increased sedimentation.

## **Oregon**

### **Upper Sevenmile Creek Flow Restoration Easement (Klamath County) \$355,719.**

This project, which was provided partial funding in 2012, will acquire a conservation easement on the JaCox Ranch that will permanently transfer water rights to instream flow in order to restore year-round hydrologic connectivity to Sevenmile Creek. The existing water rights allow for the diversion of the entire summer flow of Sevenmile Creek, dewatering two miles of important habitat and disconnecting upstream and downstream pristine habitat. The acquisition will restore hydrologic connectivity and fish passage in an important area for endangered bull



trout. This project will also increase lake levels and improve access to cold-water springs and wetland refugial habitats during the late summer period for the protection of endangered Lost River and shortnose sucker. This acquisition will provide benefits to multiple other species in the middle and lower reaches of the Klamath River basin including lamprey, Chinook and the federally listed coho salmon.

## **Pennsylvania**

### **Acquisition of a Bog Turtle Site of Global Significance in Pennsylvania (Monroe County) \$262,500.**

This acquisition project lies in eastern Pennsylvania's Cherry Valley, at the core of the range of the federally listed threatened bog turtle. The Fish and Boat Commission (PAFBC) will work with multiple partners to purchase approximately 95 acres that provide core, secondary, and buffer habitat for the largest known population of bog turtle in the northern range of this species, and possibly the largest wild population in the world. The protection of this property provides an extension of a growing network of protected habitat and important landscape features including The Nature Conservancy and National Wildlife Refuge lands secured for the long-term conservation of this globally-significant bog turtle population. The protection of this property will also directly benefit many state species of greatest conservation need, as well as improve watershed features for federal species of concern found within this valley, including the American eel, dwarf wedgemussel, northeastern bulrush, and the Indiana bat.

## **Texas**

### **Solana Ranch Preserve (Bell County) \$881,250.**

This funding will allow the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to acquire a 256-acre tract located in Bell County to benefit the Salado salamander. The acquisition will provide protection for the species in three of the seven springs in which it is known to occur. Acquisition of the Solana Ranch Preserve will protect an area of 75 percent of the proposed critical habitat units for this species in the Service's Southwest Region. The acquisition will also protect the quality of cave and spring water, minimize ground water pollution, protect groundwater and spring flow, and exclude cattle and feral hogs.

## **Washington**

### **Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve (NAP) In-holdings (Chelan County) \$749,400.**

This project will acquire 60 acres of private land in the Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve (NAP), which supports an estimated 95% of the worldwide population of the federally endangered Wenatchee Mountains checker-mallow, a locally endemic species only known from five sites within a five-by-ten mile range. The land acquired will be protected in perpetuity for the benefit of this and other federally and state-listed species, including the northern spotted owl, Wenatchee larkspur, tall agoseris, and white-headed woodpecker. This acquisition will contribute to the recovery of the Wenatchee Mountains checker-mallow by protecting individual plants as well as habitat on private lands. Adding these lands to the NAP will enhance the viability of the population throughout the entire site by protecting additional contiguous, occupied habitat and the last unprotected reach of a stream important to the site's hydrology. Purchasing these in-holdings improves the conservation value of the entire NAP by eliminating potential land-use conflicts.

## **Wisconsin**

### **Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Land Acquisition (Adams County) \$759,000.**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is awarded \$759,000 to acquire up to 1,500 acres of land to benefit the endangered Kirtland's warbler, Karner blue butterfly, and associated barrens species. Land will be acquired in fee title or conservation easement and will be managed in perpetuity to provide nesting habitat for this endangered migratory song bird and other species. Completion of this acquisition contributes to a larger project to protect 9,150 contiguous acres of habitat in central Wisconsin.

\* indicates partial funding

**Application for Habitat Conservation Planning  
Assistance Grant**

**“Eastern Collier Multiple Species Habitat Plan”**

**Collier County, Florida**

Funding Opportunity Number: CESCOF-2013

CFDA Number: 15.615 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

Submitted January 11, 2013

## PROJECT STATEMENT

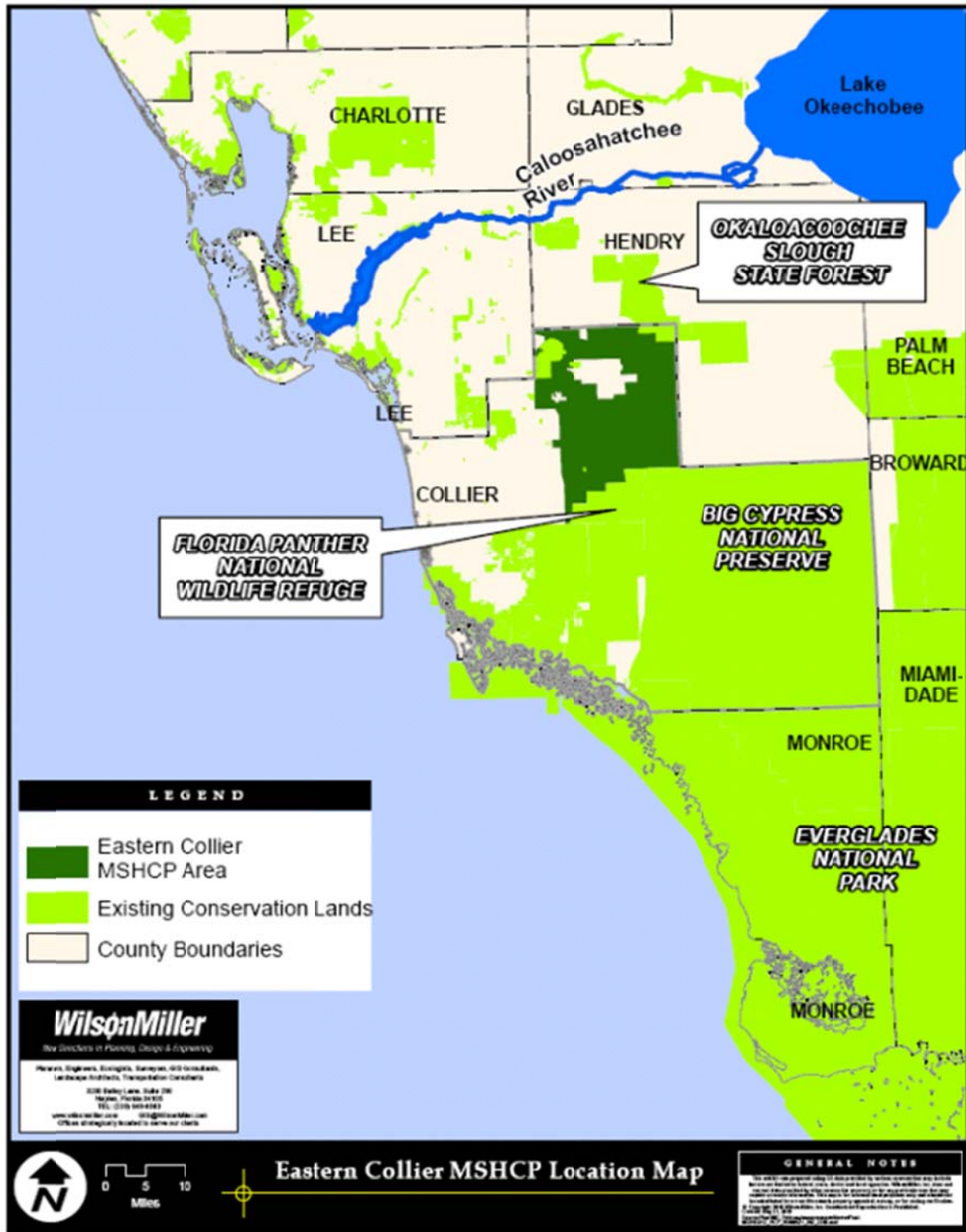
**Need:** The last remaining population of Florida panther (*Puma concolor coryii*) exists in southwest Florida, with the core population occurring in Collier and Hendry Counties. Historical losses of native panther habitat to agriculture and development land conversions, along with habitat fragmentation, have reduced the acreage and functional connectivity of native habitats that provide primary ecological support for the panther.

On a local and state level, a unique land use program, known as the Rural Land Stewardship Area Overlay Program (RLSA), has been established for a 196,000+/-acre area in eastern Collier County, where a significant number of panther home ranges exist. This program creates strong incentives for the perpetual conservation of higher quality habitats, in exchange for development rights on more ecologically impacted lands (*i.e.*, previously converted and/or disturbed lands). The habitat evaluations are performed in a landscape-scale context, explicitly recognizing major wildlife corridors, with a high degree of emphasis on habitat protection for panther and other listed species.

The RLSA has successfully demonstrated an ability to provide high-quality habitat protection for panther and other listed species; however, no federal process currently exists or is in place for a comprehensive federal review of projects subject to the RLSA program. The development and implementation of a multi-species HCP through the federal Endangered Species Act will provide the federal parallel to the state/local RLS program, and will achieve the primary goals of the Cooperative Agreement between the State of Florida and the Department of the Interior under Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act.

**Objective:** The objective of the Eastern Collier Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (herein MSHCP) is to provide a long-range (50 year) conservation and land-use planning framework for approximately 177,000± acres in southwest Florida (Figure 1). The MSHCP establishes a regional Habitat Conservation Plan to cover twelve (12) federally listed, candidate, and non-listed species (Table 1), which will include an associated Implementing Agreement and an Incidental Take Permit (ITP). The MSHCP process is subject to the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

**Expected Results:** Establishment of the MSHCP will allow the implementation of long-term conservation measures for Florida panther and other federally listed species on a coordinated landscape-level scale, rather than on a case-by-case permitting basis. The MSHCP provides increased certainty for conservation planning, and will ultimately result in a balance of natural areas, agricultural landscapes, and sustainable development within the MSHCP area. The FY2013 grant will advance the MSHCP into the final review and approval stages.



**Figure 1.** Eastern Collier MSHCP location map. The MSHCP area is bounded on the south by two federal preserves (Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge and Big Cypress National Preserve), with Everglades National Park to the south and east. The MSHCP area and the Okaloacoochee State Forest provide important linkages for panthers dispersing northward into central Florida.

**Table 1: Covered species for the Eastern Collier MSHCP.**

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	FEDERAL STATUS <sup>1</sup>
<b>BIRDS</b>		
Florida scrub jay	<i>Aphelocoma coerulescens</i>	T
Northern crested caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	T
Wood stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	E
Red-cockaded woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	E
Everglade snail kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus</i>	E
<b>REPTILES</b>		
American alligator	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	T(S/A)
Eastern indigo snake	<i>Drymarchon corais couperi</i>	T
Gopher tortoise	<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>	C
<b>MAMMALS</b>		
Florida bonneted bat	<i>Eumops floridanus</i>	C
Florida panther	<i>Puma concolor coryi</i>	E
White-tailed deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	NL
Feral hog	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	NL

<sup>1</sup> Federal status abbreviations: T -Threatened; T(S/A) – Threatened (Similarity of Appearance); E – Endangered; C- Candidate species for federal listing; NL- Not Listed

**Approach:** A group of eight (8) large property owners, collectively identified as the Eastern Collier Property Owners (ECPO), has initiated major steps to work towards establishment of the MSHCP. ECPO has already invested a significant amount of time, resources, and money to advance the MSHCP process, prior to receiving any federal matching funds. These efforts have been and are endorsed by many environmental NGOs and other stakeholders (see letters of endorsement in Attachment 1).

The Eastern Collier MSHCP was previously awarded a Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grant in FY2012, for \$149,949 (out of a requested amount of \$270,000). Under the FY2012 grant, the deliverables due by September 30, 2013 include:

- A complete initial draft of the MSHCP document
- Details of HCP plan elements/thresholds and funding mechanisms
- Publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) for an EIS in the *Federal Register*

As evidence of progress made to date, ECPO and its consultants have held a series of internal meetings related to the design and implementation of the MSHCP. ECPO's technical consultants have compiled and reviewed a large volume of scientific literature related to the MSHCP, and will begin the draft MSHCP document this month. ECPO worked with FWS to produce a third-party EIS bid package in early 2012, which was sent to qualified consulting firms within Florida. A third-party EIS consultant was selected by FWS in October 2012, and is poised to begin preparations for public scoping and publication of the NOI under the FY2012 grant.

This grant application seeks to build upon these existing activities by initiating and completing the following discrete activities in FY2013 (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014). Time estimates were arrived at in consultation with FWS and through use of an EIS timeline spreadsheet. Due to the number of activities and multiple parties involved with development of the MSHCP, EIS, and Implementing Agreement documents, some activities overlap in time. The schedule assumes the effective date of the grant award document is November 2013.

**DISCRETE ACTIVITY**

**START POINT – END POINT**

Third-party EIS consultant analyzes public comments to be considered in EIS

November 2013 – December 2013

Third-party EIS consultant prepares first administrative draft of DEIS (submitted to FWS in February 2014)

November 2013 – February 2014 (*FWS review from March – May 2014*)

Per FWS comments on initial MSHCP draft, applicant's technical consultant prepares second draft of MSHCP document (second draft submitted March 2014)

January 2014 – March 2014 (*FWS review from April – June 2014*)

Applicant's legal and technical consultants develop first draft of Implementing Agreement (submittal to FWS in March 2014)

January 2014 – March 2014 (*FWS review from April – June 2014*)

Per FWS comments, third-party EIS consultant prepares second administrative draft of DEIS (submittal to FWS in September 2014)

July – September 2014

Applicant's technical consultant prepares final draft of MSHCP document (per FWS review from April – June 2014); submittal of final draft to FWS

July – September 2014

Applicant's legal and technical consultants prepare second

July – September 2014

draft of Implementing Agreement (submittal to FWS in September 2014)

For this FY2013 grant application, the deliverables will be the MSHCP, DEIS and Implementing Agreement documents, which will have undergone at least two full reviews by FWS, and will be ready for review by the FWS Regional Office and Solicitor.

**Location:** The location of the area for the proposed HCP is 177,000+/-acre area located in the eastern portion of Collier County, Florida as depicted on Figure 1.

**Estimated Costs:** ECPO's efforts and total costs for consultants necessary to complete the activities identified for FY2013 under *Approach*, above, are estimated at \$1,207,908, not including expenditures to date. The proposed percentage of cost share provided by non-Federal partners (primarily allowable costs incurred by ECPO) is 50 percent, which would correspond to a grant award of \$615,408 if fully funded. Full funding of the Eastern Collier MSHCP, the second largest private-sector HCP in the southeastern United States, will allow the project to maintain the projected schedule and secure significant conservation measures for the Florida panther and nine other covered species.

The estimated costs for producing the DEIS (\$635,000) are in accordance with past DEIS costs for projects of similar size and complexity. The number is also consistent with the mean estimates from multiple bids received by FWS for the Eastern Collier MSHCP third-party EIS contractor. The multi-party DEIS working meetings and calls anticipate a minimum of 240 hours of conference calls between the third-party EIS consultant, FWS, the applicant, NGOs, and/or the applicant's consultants, along with a minimum of four (4) all-day meetings in Vero Beach or Naples, Florida.

Two revisions to the draft MSHCP document are in accordance with HCP costs for other projects, especially considering the large size of this MSHCP (177,000± acres), the number of covered species (12), and the number of ITP co-permittees (initially 8, with the capacity to add others). The budget assumes a minimum of eight (4) all-day internal meetings between the co-permittees and their consultant(s), and a minimum of four (4) half-day meetings with FWS in Vero Beach, Florida.

Development and finalization of the Implementing Agreement (IA) comprises the most complex and intensive work effort associated with the MSHCP. The drafting and negotiating of the IA involves eight co-permittees (ECPO members), three environmental NGOs, FWS, technical consultants, legal consultants, and other stakeholders within the MSHCP area. The estimated costs reflect the number of parties involved, the number of covered species (12), the size and complexity of the MSHCP, and the logistics of negotiating a long-term (50 year) Implementing



Agreement that is acceptable to all parties. Due to the complexity and uniqueness of this MSHCP, the draft IA will require a large amount of original text that will be drafted by the applicant’s legal consultant. The budget assumes 80 hours of conferences calls amongst the parties to the IA negotiations, and four (4) all day meetings in Naples or Vero Beach, Florida.

An overview of the project activities for FY2013 is provided in Table 2. A more detailed breakdown of estimated costs and the applicant match can be found in Table 3.

Given the large total cost of the MSHCP effort, ECPO cannot expend the full amount required to bring the MSHCP into its final review stages. The FY2013, if fully funded as shown in Table 3, will push the Eastern Collier MSHCP into its final stages, securing major conservation actions for the Florida panther and the 11 other covered species.

**Table 2: Estimated costs by Activity**

ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED COST
Preparation of DEIS document (includes analysis of public comments, initial draft and two revisions per FWS comments)	\$ 635,000
Revisions to MSHCP document (two technical revisions per FWS comments and feedback from EIS process; legal review)	\$ 180,000
Preparation of Implementing Agreement (includes internal meetings; legal consulting fees; technical consulting fees; meetings with FWS; two revisions per FWS comments and feedback from EIS process)	\$ 370,000
FWC Direct and Indirect Grant-Related Costs	\$ 22,908
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,207,908</b>

**Table 3. Cost breakdowns for the Eastern Collier MSHCP in FY2013**

ACTIVITY*	APPLICANT 50% MATCH	FEDERAL HCP GRANT REQUEST	TOTAL
<b>PREPARATION OF DEIS DOCUMENT</b>			
Analysis/incorporation of public comments	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Preparation of first DEIS draft	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$280,000
Preparation of second DEIS draft	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$140,000
Multi-party DEIS working meetings and calls	\$87,500	\$87,500	\$175,000
<b>DEIS Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$317,500</b>	<b>\$317,500</b>	<b>\$635,000</b>
<b>REVISIONS TO MSHCP DOCUMENT</b>			
MSHCP revisions from first FWS review and EIS process	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$90,000
MSHCP revisions from second FWS review and EIS process	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$45,000
Legal consulting and document review	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
Internal meetings and meetings with FWS	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
<b>MSHCP Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>
<b>PREPARATION OF IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT (IA)</b>			
Meetings/negotiations between co-permittees, NGOs, and FWS	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$110,000
Technical consulting fees for drafting IA text	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$60,000
Legal consulting fees for drafting IA text and side agreements	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$150,000
Two revisions of draft IA per FWS comments	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
<b>IA Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$185,000</b>	<b>\$185,000</b>	<b>\$370,000</b>
<b>FWC DIRECT AND INDIRECT GRANT-RELATED COSTS</b>			
Direct costs for FWC staff time	-	\$20,314	\$20,314
Indirect costs for FWC	-	\$2,594	\$2,594
<b>FWC Sub-Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$22,908</b>	<b>\$22,908</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$592,500</b>	<b>\$615,408</b>	<b>\$1,207,908</b>
* Explanations for each Activity are provided in the grant application narrative			

## RANKING CRITERIA SUMMARY

**Species Benefits:** This grant application supports development of a multispecies HCP to include 12 covered species (as listed on the eventual permit; Table 1), including the endangered Florida panther. As a wide-ranging species, panther protection and recovery require the planning of conservation and conservation measures on a landscape scale. By establishing this regional MSHCP, large swaths of habitat and wildlife corridors can be protected to benefit to the Florida panther, and to benefit the 11 other covered species that occupy the landscape matrix needed to support panther. The two non-listed species covered under the permit, white-tailed deer and feral hog, provide the primary prey base for panther.

The MSHCP will protect habitat within a portion of the panther’s core population area. In the context of climate change, the Florida Natural Area Inventory (FNAI) has estimated that “The Florida panther (*Puma concolor coryi*) would lose about 15% of current habitat with 1 meter of

sea level rise and up to half with a rise of 3 meters” (FNAI, 2011; Atlas of Florida’s Natural Heritage; [http://www.fnai.org/PDF/Atlas\\_Climate\\_Change.pdf](http://www.fnai.org/PDF/Atlas_Climate_Change.pdf)). The MSHCP area (Figure 1) occurs on a regional topographic high known as the Immokalee Rise, with elevations ranging from 4-15 meters (13-45 feet) above current sea level. This area of relatively high land is therefore important for long-term conservation of the core panther population, whether under current or future climate (sea level rise) scenarios.

**Ecosystem Benefits:** The 177,000± acre MSHCP area (Figure 1) contains a diverse mix of native habitats (upland forests, wetland forests, herbaceous wetlands, and dry prairies) occurring as a landscape matrix with agricultural fields, ranchlands, and compact developments. The MSHCP proposes that approximately 132,000± acres of native habitats and agricultural lands be protected to provide large swaths of interconnected habitats that support the 12 covered species.

The native habitats within the MSHCP area require minimal management and contain all of the natural occurring biotic and abiotic factors necessary for a fully functioning ecosystem. Indeed, it is the vastness, diversity, and quality of the natural ecosystems that have long supported panthers in the first place. The interspersed agricultural fields and ranchlands also provide support for most of the covered species, and actually serve as primary habitat for the northern crested caracara.

**Fostering HCP Partnerships:** ECPO itself is comprised of eight stakeholders who are large property owners. The history of the RLSA and MSHCP processes has been a hallmark of open dialogue and partnering between the ECPO property owners, environmental NGOs, other property owners within the MSHCP area, state and local governments, and business interests. At a minimum, stakeholders include the eight ECPO property owners, three major environmental NGOs (Defenders of Wildlife, Florida Wildlife Federation, and Audubon of Florida), an unknown number of property owners within the MSHCP area, the Gulf Citrus Growers, and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce (13 stakeholders minimum). The Implementing Agreement will contain provisions for a “Certificate of Participation,” similar to some California HCPs, that will allow other property owners within the MSHCP area to participate after issuance of the Incidental Take Permit. Multiple endorsement letters from various stakeholders are included at the end of this document as Attachment 1.

**Delivery or Completion:** ECPO has demonstrated a strong commitment to pursuing the MSHCP process, and has coordinated closely with FWS. Significant initial steps in the MSHCP process have thus far been undertaken solely at ECPOs expense with the expressed purpose of following through the full implementation of the MSHCP. These past, current and future work

efforts demonstrate a clear commitment by ECPO to further the goals of panther and other listed species conservation via the MSHCP.

The discrete activities listed under the *Approach* section will effectively finalize the MSHCP planning process, as they will result in the delivery of a MSHCP document, a DEIS document, and an Implementing Agreement that are sufficient for review by the FWS Regional Office and Solicitor. The schedule for these discrete activities builds in sufficient review time for FWS, and anticipates delivery of the MSHCP, DEIS, and IA documents well before the end of 2014.

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**(STAKEHOLDER ENDORSEMENT LETTERS)**



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January 26, 2012

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Trish Adams, HCP Coordinator  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
1339 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vero Beach, FL 32960

RE: Eastern Collier County Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan Section 6 Grant

Dear Mr. Ostertag and Ms. Adams:

For more than ten years, Audubon Florida and Collier County Audubon Society have had constructive and collaborative relationships with the major landowners in the 180,000 acres of private agricultural and natural lands surrounding Immokalee in eastern Collier County. Our mutual habitat and wetland conservation interests have led us, along with other conservation groups, to forge the innovative Florida Panther Protection Program ([www.FloridaPantherProtection.com](http://www.FloridaPantherProtection.com)) based on the Rural Land Stewardship Program in the same area. This group of landowners, under the collective organization called the Eastern Collier Property Owners (ECPO), with our participation and input, is pursuing a multi-species regional Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). In addition, they are currently applying for grant funding under the Endangered Species Act Section 6 to assist in their completion of the HCP.

Collier County Audubon Society and Audubon Florida fully support these important endeavors for their landscape level habitat and imperiled species benefits and urge a positive response to their current HCP Section 6 grant application.

Sincerely,

Southwest Florida Policy Associate  
Collier County Audubon Society and Audubon Florida



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**Subject: Endorsement of Multi-Species HCP for Eastern Lands of Collier County, Florida**

Dear Mr. Ostertag and Ms. Adams:

It has come to our attention, that the Eastern Collier Property Owners (ECPO), a group of property owners representing the vast majority of lands within approximately 196,000 acres in rural eastern Collier County, has initiated the process to establish a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for that portion of the county. This letter from the Gulf Citrus Growers Association is to support the concept and plan as proposed to establish this important HCP in eastern Collier County. Our organization has been actively engaged in working with interested agencies and organizations on conservation programs aimed at protecting natural resources throughout Southwest Florida, and has provided input regarding the future of the Florida panther and other listed species in our region for over 25 years.

Further, the Gulf Citrus Growers Association understands that ECPO is submitting an application for grant funding under Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and fully supports this application along with the goals and purpose of this HCP. We wholeheartedly believe that regional ecological benefits will be realized as a result of this initiative. The Gulf Citrus Growers Association is a trade association representing the citrus growing industry in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties.

Sincerely;

Ron Hamel, executive vice president  
Gulf Citrus Growers Association



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Re: Endorsement of Application for Section 6 Funding to Support Development of Eastern Collier County Multi-Species HCP, Florida

Mr. Ostertag and Ms. Adams:

We are writing to express our support for ECPO's application for Section 6 grant funding to help develop a Panther/Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for Eastern Collier County. Defenders of Wildlife (Defenders) is a national, non-profit membership organization dedicated to the protection of native wild animals and plants in their natural communities.

ECPO, a group of property owners representing the vast majority of lands within an area of approximately 196,000 acres in rural eastern Collier County, has begun the process to establish an HCP for eastern Collier County. Defenders strongly supports the concept and plan to establish this important HCP. Further, for the past several years, we have worked with the major landowners and provided substantial input regarding conservation of the Florida panther and the other listed species in southwest Florida.

Defenders fully supports moving forward with establishing the HCP to further conservation of the Florida panther and other covered species.

Sincerely,

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January 26, 2012

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Tallahassee, Florida

RE: Endorsement of Eastern Collier Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan  
Collier County, Florida

Dear Ms. Adams and Mr. Ostertag:

Florida Wildlife Federation supports the Eastern Collier Property Owners' application for grant funding under Section 6 of the U.S. Endangered Species Act. The grant will assist in the development of a Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan for approximately 196,000 acres in eastern Collier County.

The Federation's Southwest Florida Office is dedicated to the protection and recovery of the endangered Florida panther and other listed species native to the Western Everglades. For years the Federation has been working with the Eastern Collier Property Owners, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and conservation colleagues to implement a preservation strategy for rural eastern Collier County.

The Eastern Collier Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan can be that comprehensive program and can serve as the nucleus of a wider vision for a regional network of protected wildlife habitat across the Western Everglades.

The Federation looks forward to working with the wildlife agencies, property owners, and interested parties as the Habitat Conservation Plan moves forward.

Sincerely,

*Nancy A. Payton*

Nancy A. Payton  
Southwest Florida Field Representative

cc: Manley Fuller, Florida Wildlife Federation



January 26, 2012

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Tom Ostertag  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Tallahassee, Florida

Subject: Endorsement of Eastern Collier Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan  
Collier County, Florida

Dear Ms. Adams and Mr. Ostertag:

On behalf of requests from Brad Cornell, Collier County Audubon Society, and Nancy Payton, Florida Wildlife Federation, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce submits this letter in support of the Eastern Collier Habitat Conservation Plan for the Florida panther and other endangered wildlife.

The goal of this Habitat Conservation Plan is to protect a significant, contiguous range of Florida panther habitat while balancing the property rights of landowners.

The Eastern Collier Habitat Conservation Plan will be a boon not only to endangered species, but will also aid the economic advancement of eastern Collier County because the wildlife permitting obligations will be fulfilled prior to development. When a company is deciding where to locate, the approved Habitat Conservation Plan could be the card that tips the scale in favor of Collier County over another region.

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce endorses the Eastern Collier Property Owners' application for grant funding under Section 6 of the U.S. Endangered Species Act to develop a Multi-Species Habitat Conservation.

Sincerely,

Michael V. Reagen, Ph.D.  
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HCP

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The Eastern Collier HCP is mentioned in the attached clip.  
<http://wgcu.org/post/fwc-revisits-florida-panther-recovery-plan>

Regards,

Christian Spilker

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Thank you.

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On Fri, Jul 31, 2015 at 10:20 AM, Christian Spilker <[CSpilker@collierenterprises.com](mailto:CSpilker@collierenterprises.com)> wrote:

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Regards,

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**Subject:** got your message

Tom,  
I got your message the other day, and I'm sure we can do better than January with the NOI. Roxanna will call you later today to give you some updates. We would also like to send an update out to others (Florida Wildlife Federation, Audubon, Defenders, etc.) who have recently asked about the status of the HCP. Roxanna can discuss with you what that update will say.

Thanks,

Larry

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Thanks. Please have her call Christian. 239-434-4011.

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**To:** Tom Jones  
**Cc:** Constance Cassler; Roxanna Hinzman  
**Subject:** got your message

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Thanks,

Larry

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**"Hinzman, Roxanna" <roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov>**

**From:** "Hinzman, Roxanna" <roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Sep 10 2015 11:50:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Tom Jones <TJones@barroncollier.com>  
"Williams, Larry" <larry\_williams@fws.gov>, Constance Cassler  
**CC:** <Constance\_Cassler@fws.gov>, CSpilker  
<cspilker@collierenterprises.com>  
**Subject:** Re: got your message

Thanks!

Tom, Connie will be calling Christian this afternoon. She is working on the some feedback from our first review of the HCP, and will share the info we'd like to send to others to make sure y'all are OK with it.

Rox

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Roxanna Hinzman  
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Field Supervisor  
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On Thu, Sep 10, 2015 at 10:32 AM, Tom Jones <[TJones@barroncollier.com](mailto:TJones@barroncollier.com)> wrote:  
Thanks. Please have her call Christian. 239-434-4011.

**From:** Williams, Larry [mailto:[larry\\_williams@fws.gov](mailto:larry_williams@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 10:31 AM  
**To:** Tom Jones  
**Cc:** Constance Cassler; Roxanna Hinzman  
**Subject:** got your message

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Update on ECMS HCP

**"Cassler, Constance" <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Cassler, Constance" <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Sep 10 2015 13:19:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>  
**Subject:** Update on ECMS HCP

Hi Christian,

I want to touch base with you about different aspects of the HCP: the NOI, staffing, and the preliminary review. We have also received inquiries from interested parties and would like to let you know how we are planning on responding to them. Please call me when you get a chance.

Connie

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**"Cassler, Constance" <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>**

**From:** "Cassler, Constance" <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Sep 11 2015 09:21:46 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>, "Pride, Tom" <tom.pride@aecom.com>  
**Subject:** signed page from Statement of Responsibilities  
**Attachments:** 20150910\_signature page\_FWS signed Statement of Responsibility for ECMSHCP.pdf

Hi Christian and Tom,

I am attaching the page with Roxanna's signature. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Connie

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**"Pride, Tom" <tom.pride@aecom.com>**

**From:** "Pride, Tom" <tom.pride@aecom.com>  
**Sent:** Fri Sep 11 2015 09:25:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Cassler, Constance" <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>, Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>  
**Subject:** RE: signed page from Statement of Responsibilities

Thanks Connie. As soon as Mr. Boaz signs we will be off and running from our end.

**Tom Pride**  
Greater Florida - Natural Resources Practice Lead  
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[Tom.Pride@aecom.com](mailto:Tom.Pride@aecom.com)

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**From:** Cassler, Constance [mailto:constance\_cassler@fws.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2015 11:22 AM  
**To:** Christian Spilker; Pride, Tom  
**Subject:** signed page from Statement of Responsibilities

Hi Christian and Tom,

I am attaching the page with Roxanna's signature. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Connie

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**Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>**

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**From:** Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>  
**Sent:** Fri Sep 11 2015 12:25:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Cassler, Constance" <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>  
**CC:** "Pride, Tom" <tom.pride@aecom.com>  
**Subject:** Re: signed page from Statement of Responsibilities

Thank you Connie.

Regards,

Christian Spilker  
Vice President of Land Management  
Collier Enterprises

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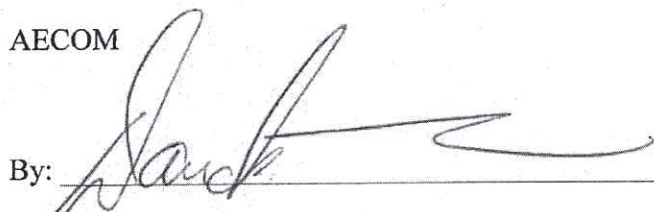
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the USFWS, ECPO, and Consultant have executed this SOR effective as of the last date signed below.

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

By:   
Roxanna Hinzman  
Constance Cassler - Designee  
South Florida Ecological Services Office  
Date: 9/10/15

Eastern Collier Property Owners

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bradley A. Boaz, CFO of  
Barron Collier Management, LLC, as General Partner of  
Barron Collier Partnership, LLLP, Managing Member  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AECOM  
By:   
Dana K. Tallman, PE, BCEE  
Vice President  
Date: August 12, 2015

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Contact information for Ken Warren our Public Affairs Specialist

**"Cassler, Constance" <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Cassler, Constance" <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Sep 14 2015 13:18:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>  
**Subject:** Contact information for Ken Warren our Public Affairs Specialist

Hi Christian,

Below is the contact information for Ken Warren. You wanted to ask him about publications we may have and messaging related to HCPs and ITPs. I have given him your information and let him know you will be contacting him.

Ken Warren  
[ken\\_warren@fws.gov](mailto:ken_warren@fws.gov)  
772-469-4323

Connie

Constance L. Cassler, Ph.D.  
Supervisory Fish and Wildlife Biologist  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
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email: [constance\\_cassler@fws.gov](mailto:constance_cassler@fws.gov)

**Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>**

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**From:** Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>  
**Sent:** Mon Sep 14 2015 13:20:45 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Cassler, Constance" <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Contact information for Ken Warren our Public Affairs Specialist

Thank you very much.

Regards,

Christian Spilker  
Vice President of Land Management  
Collier Enterprises

On Sep 14, 2015, at 3:20 PM, Cassler, Constance <[constance\\_cassler@fws.gov](mailto:constance_cassler@fws.gov)> wrote:

Hi Christian,

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Ken Warren  
[ken\\_warren@fws.gov](mailto:ken_warren@fws.gov)  
772-469-4323

Connie

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Collier HCP

## **Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>**

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**From:** Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>  
**Sent:** Wed Oct 21 2015 09:43:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Constance Cassler (Constance\_Cassler@fws.gov)" <Constance\_Cassler@fws.gov>, "Hinzman, Roxanna (roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov)" <roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Collier HCP

Good Morning Connie and Roxanna,

Hope you are both keeping your collective heads above water. I do not mean to add to the workload but I wanted to check on the status of the NOI for the EIS on the Collier County Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan.

Regards,

**Christian Spilker**

Vice President of Land Management  
Collier Enterprises  
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(239)261-4455

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## **"Cassler, Constance" <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Cassler, Constance" <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Oct 21 2015 13:07:00 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>  
"Hinzman, Roxanna (roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov)"

**CC:** <roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Collier HCP

Hi Christian,

I have not finished editing the NOI as we discussed. I didn't forget, but haven't gotten back to it. I have very little scheduled for Friday and hope to get to it then.

I did reach out to Dawn Jennings to see if she wanted to work on the HCP. After looking at the HCP she decided she would not be able to commit to the amount of time necessary to do the job. Roxanna and I will have to think about how else we may be able to get someone to work on the HCP. I just found out a few minutes ago and we haven't had time to come up with another plan yet.

Connie

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On Wed, Oct 21, 2015 at 11:43 AM, Christian Spilker <[CSpilker@collierenterprises.com](mailto:CSpilker@collierenterprises.com)> wrote:

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Meeting in Atlanta on the Eastern Collier County HCP, Wednesday January 20 from 12:30-2:00 Eastern

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**"Tawes, Robert" <robert\_tawes@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Tawes, Robert" <robert\_tawes@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Jan 12 2016 19:07:55 GMT-0700 (MST)  
Leopoldo Miranda <leopoldo\_miranda@fws.gov>, aturner@hunton.com, Constance Cassler <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>, David Dell <david\_dell@fws.gov>, Jack Arnold <jack\_arnold@fws.gov>, Larry Williams <larry\_williams@fws.gov>, Roxanna Hinzman <roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov>  
**To:**  
**CC:** Vicki Mott <vicki.mott@sol.doi.gov>, Shirley Morrow <shirley\_morrow@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Meeting in Atlanta on the Eastern Collier County HCP, Wednesday January 20 from 12:30-2:00 Eastern

Hello everyone. The results are in. It looks like the afternoon of Wednesday, January 20 will work best for almost everyone. Let's plan to have our meeting at **12:30 eastern time on the 20th**, here in the regional office.

I will forward additional logistical details and a calendar invite soon. I'm looking forward to seeing (or hearing) everyone on the 20th. Rob

On Mon, Jan 11, 2016 at 7:47 PM, Tawes, Robert <[robert\\_tawes@fws.gov](mailto:robert_tawes@fws.gov)> wrote:

Hello everyone,

We would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the referenced HCP for next week in Atlanta. During the meeting we would discuss progress on the HCP and related documents, and the path forward. I'm envisioning a 1- 1.5 hour meeting.

We will create a more detailed agenda and provide additional logistical details once we settle on a time and location. For those who cannot make it to Atlanta we would have a conference line available for remote participation.

Please fill out the doodle poll below to inform me of your availability, and let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Andrew - please forward this doodle poll to your clients. Thanks!

<http://doodle.com/poll/kqe6nynriwesur44>

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**"Tawes, Robert" <robert\_tawes@fws.gov>**

**From:** "Tawes, Robert" <robert\_tawes@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Jan 13 2016 08:27:27 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Leopoldo Miranda <leopoldo\_miranda@fws.gov>, David Dell <david\_dell@fws.gov>, Jack Arnold <jack\_arnold@fws.gov>, Larry Williams <larry\_williams@fws.gov>, Roxanna Hinzman <roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov>, Constance Cassler <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting in Atlanta on the Eastern Collier County HCP, Wednesday January 20 from 12:30-2:00 Eastern  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

FYI. More information on attendance from the Eastern Collier County HCP folks. R  
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**From:** Turner, Andrew <[aturner@hunton.com](mailto:aturner@hunton.com)>  
**Date:** Wed, Jan 13, 2016 at 9:46 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting in Atlanta on the Eastern Collier County HCP, Wednesday January 20 from 12:30-2:00 Eastern  
**To:** "Tawes, Robert" <[robert\\_tawes@fws.gov](mailto:robert_tawes@fws.gov)>  
**Cc:** "[cspilker@collierenterprises.com](mailto:cspilker@collierenterprises.com)" <[cspilker@collierenterprises.com](mailto:cspilker@collierenterprises.com)>, "Albrecht, Virginia" <[valbrecht@hunton.com](mailto:valbrecht@hunton.com)>

Rob

Thank you for making these arrangements. At this point, it looks like the attendees for the Eastern Collier Property Owners will be:

Christian Spilker, Vice President of Land Management, Collier Enterprises

Garrett Wallace, Director of Governmental and Regulatory Affairs, Alico Inc.

Bruce Johnson, Senior Scientist, Stantec

Virginia Albrecht, Special Counsel, Hunton & Williams

Andrew Turner, Partner, Hunton & Williams

I will let you know if there are any changes on our end. We look forward to meeting with all of you next Wednesday.

Best Regards,

Andrew



**Andrew J. Turner**

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**From:** Tawes, Robert [mailto:[robert\\_tawes@fws.gov](mailto:robert_tawes@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2016 9:08 PM

**To:** Leopoldo Miranda; Turner, Andrew; Constance Cassler; David Dell; Jack Arnold; Larry Williams; Roxanna Hinzman  
**Cc:** Vicki Mott; Shirley Morrow  
**Subject:** Meeting in Atlanta on the Eastern Collier County HCP, Wednesday January 20 from 12:30-2:00 Eastern

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**"Hinzman, Roxanna" <roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Hinzman, Roxanna" <roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Jan 19 2016 07:27:33 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Tawes, Robert" <robert\_tawes@fws.gov>  
**CC:** Constance Cassler <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>, David Dell <David\_Dell@fws.gov>, Jack Arnold <Jack\_Arnold@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting in Atlanta on the Eastern Collier County HCP, Wednesday January 20 from 12:30-2:00 Eastern

Hey Rob - one of the things we are trying to run down is where the NOI is in the process. I think David told Connie that the NOI went to the SOL, but we don't know who has it or where it is in the stack. If you can lay your hands on that info it would be helpful cause I know it will come up. I also think I asked Jack to see if he could run it down, but I'd have to go through email to be sure.

Connie, David or Jack, please speak up if I'm confused.

Thanks!  
Rox

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Roxanna Hinzman  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
South Florida Ecological Services Field Office  
Field Supervisor  
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Vero Beach, FL 32960  
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**Sent:** Tue Jan 19 2016 07:34:35 GMT-0700 (MST)



**To:** "Hinzman, Roxanna" <roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov>  
**CC:** "Tawes, Robert" <robert\_tawes@fws.gov>, David Dell <David\_Dell@fws.gov>, Jack Arnold <Jack\_Arnold@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting in Atlanta on the Eastern Collier County HCP, Wednesday January 20 from 12:30-2:00 Eastern

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## Doodle Poll: Eastern Collier County HCP Update

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**Sent:** Fri Jan 22 2016 10:49:35 GMT-0700 (MST)  
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**To:** Jack Arnold <jack\_arnold@fws.gov>, Larry Williams <larry\_williams@fws.gov>, Leopoldo Miranda <leopoldo\_miranda@fws.gov>  
**CC:** Doodle Poll: Eastern Collier County HCP Update  
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**To:** "Johnson, Bruce" <Bruce.Johnson@stantec.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Doodle Poll: Eastern Collier County HCP Update

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I am forwarding a link to the Doodle Poll for an ECMSHCP update call next week.

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**To:** "Cassler, Constance" <[constance\\_cassler@fws.gov](mailto:constance_cassler@fws.gov)>  
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## Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>

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"Hinzman, Roxanna (roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov)" <roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov>, "Andrew Turner (aturner@hunton.com)" <aturner@hunton.com>, "Clements, E. Carter Chandler (eclements@hunton.com)" <eclements@hunton.com>  
**CC:**  
**Subject:** Eastern Collier Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan  
**Attachments:** ECPO Responses to FWS General Comments on HCP.PDF

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Our responses to the general comments you gave me when we met in October on our draft HCP are attached above.

Regards,

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Thanks Christian!

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Here are the Applicant's responses to our October comments.

Connie

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**Responses From Eastern Collier Property Owners to  
USFWS General Comments on the draft East Collier Multiple Species HCP (9/10/2015)**

- **The HCP does not include a discussion of roads needed to support the proposed development. We consider roads interrelated/interdependent activities that have to be analyzed.**

The HCP covers roads that are interrelated/interdependent to the Covered Activities. These are roads that are internal to Covered Activities. Roads that are not controlled by applicants are not Covered Activities in the HCP. See pages 24, 54, 84-85, and 87 of the document for a discussion of roads.

- **This document mentions the existing Rural Lands Stewardship Program (RLSP) but does not indicate which lands have already been protected as part of this program. Generally, the Service can't consider lands that have already been used for mitigation as mitigation for a second project unless a conservation benefit beyond what the original project provided is demonstrated. We recommend a more detailed discussion of the RLSP and how it fits into the HCP.**

As recommended, applicants will address this point and provide a more detailed discussion of how the HCP relates to the RLSP in the next draft of the document.

- **The eastern panther corridor is not well located and does not appear to be wide enough to be functional. Without a functional corridor, it appears the potential east-west development in that area could block movement of panthers north and south.**

Applicants do not agree that the eastern panther corridor would have no functional value, but nonetheless are willing to consider additional information and suggestions as to the location and width of the corridor.

- **The plan allows landowners to implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce the PHUs required to mitigate their projects. While we generally prefer avoidance and minimization of impacts before mitigating for them, options available to each landowner will be specific to the landscape location of their project and existing development in the surrounding area. Avoidance and minimization may not be possible.**

The landscape-scale planning involved in the HCP avoids impacts to species by clustering the lands available for Covered Activities and directing them toward areas with relatively little native habitat and little native habitat connectivity, much of which is already disturbed. See HCP at Figure 2-1 (HCP Land Designations map). Further minimization may be possible at the project-specific level. Applicants are willing to further discuss these issues at the appropriate time.

- **The biological goals for panthers focus on habitat goals. There should be a goal focused on actual panther use of the plan area. Otherwise, due to the landscape scale of this plan and effects to panthers beyond habitat loss as indicated by the Panther Habitat Unit calculations, it is possible to meet habitat goals but reduce panther use of the habitat to a**

**degree that it no longer functions as it is intended.**

The HCP preserves large areas of connected habitat that are utilized by panthers. Compare HCP Figure 2-1 (HCP Land Designations map) with HCP Figures 4-5 through 4-8 (Panther Radio Telemetry and GPS Data). Land designations under the HCP were designed to preserve and enhance land that can serve as corridors to facilitate panther movement through the HCP Area. The HCP therefore creates opportunity for panthers to use the HCP Area and enjoy additional conservation benefits (such as improved conditions in more important habitat areas), and available data indicate panthers are likely to use the area, but many factors affect panther movement that are beyond applicants' control. It would be inappropriate to apply a biological goal focused only on panther use of the area, and nothing in the ESA requires such a goal.

- **The plan identifies Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) as the entity responsible for panther monitoring and indicates that the applicants will help fund the monitoring, if necessary. Has FWC been contacted about this role? How likely is it that FWC will have the funding to continue its programs? Is there an alternative plan if FWC discontinues monitoring?**

FWC has conducted overall monitoring of panthers for many years and applicants anticipate that FWC's monitoring program will continue. This role is not specific to the HCP. The HCP addresses monitoring at pages 90-91.

- **There is no adaptive management proposed for panthers (or other species) in the plan. As the main species for the plan, there should be adaptive management for panthers. It should be tied to a biological goal for panther use of the area. There is enough uncertainty about the exact types and locations of impacts that an adaptive management plan is warranted.**

There is very little uncertainty under the HCP regarding the locations where impacts can occur. Lands within the HCP Area have been carefully designated for preservation and for Covered Activities. See HCP at Figure 2-1. Although the plan allows a limited amount of flexibility at this stage, Covered Activities can only occur within the 49,848-acre area designated for Covered Activities and will be capped at 45,000 acres, including the Town of Ave Maria, which has already been developed. Please see the HCP at pages 92-93 for a discussion of adaptive management. Please also see applicants' response above to the comment suggesting a biological goal based on panther use. Applicants are willing to work with the Service to identify specific sources of uncertainty and to address them.

- **The plan indicates that no incidental take of caracara will occur despite the fact that five nests and a communal roost or "gathering area" occurs in or adjacent to covered activity areas. Additional discussion is needed about take of caracara.**

The occurrence of caracara is highly dependent on land management practices. See discussion in HCP of caracara habitat use at pages 99-100. Applicants will provide additional discussion regarding potential impacts to and potential take of caracara in the next draft of the HCP.

- **Restoration for one species may not necessarily benefit another species in the mitigation area. For example, wetland restoration for wood storks may not be beneficial for panthers. Impacts associated with restoration or enhancement need to be accounted for within the mitigation area.**

The HCP Area provides sufficient expanses of habitat for the Covered Species to preclude this possibility, but applicants are willing to consider additional information and suggestions.

- **There are differences between the plan and recommendations from the Panther Review Team (PRT). The Service would like to discuss alternatives that are closer to PRT recommendations.**

Please see the discussion in the HCP at pages 225-226 regarding applicants' reasons for not selecting the precise Panther Review Team (PRT) Configuration Alternative. Applicants are willing to consider additional information and suggestions.

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Tom,

We have a call with our Regional Office (RO) and the Applicants on Thursday afternoon to follow-up on a call we had last week. One of the things our RO is trying to find out is when the Solicitor might be finished reviewing the NOI. I hope we will get that information on Thursday. I have provided the RO with the potential dates you gave me so they know what we are shooting for. I can let you know after the phone call what I find out.

Connie

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Any clues as to when counsel may approve the NOI and it can be published? We have held off rescheduling the meeting until we have an idea of when the NOI may be published.

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Hi Tom,

I didn't think about it before, but the NOI provides my email address for providing comments. From looking at other notices, this is standard procedure. I think it is best to be consistent in the address we are asking people to use, so we will give out my address at the public meeting. I'll be responsible for forwarding them to you.

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On Tue, Jan 26, 2016 at 7:15 AM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:  
Connie,

We can invite the county commissioners from both counties – we'll add them to the list.

Any word on the status of the NOI? Has the Service established an email address to which commenters can send their comments? As mentioned below, we can establish one but it would not have the official "...@fws.gov" address. Has the Service's counsel weighed in on what they prefer?

Thanks,

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Hi Tom,

I have a suggestion and I have passed this on to a couple of other Service folks to see if there are any others. My suggestion is to invite someone from both Lee and Hendry Counties since they are adjacent to the HCP area.

Thank you,

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On Wed, Dec 9, 2015 at 3:38 PM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:  
Connie,

We are proceeding with the planning of the Scoping Meeting for January 26 and need to nail down a

couple of items. First, we will need an address to which people can email their comments. There are two options for this:

1. The Service provides an email address for receipt of all comments sent by email. The Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard does this for their NEPA studies and it stems from their counsel saying that the federal agency must be the recipient of the comments. They then pass the comments on to the consultant for processing. My guess is that the Service has a similar requirement?
2. We can establish an email address for receipt of all comments; however, it would not be a "...@fws.gov" address.

Secondly, we need to establish the format of the meeting and the media used – and we need to decide this before Christmas so that we can get the materials developed, printed, etc. We could envision something like the following:

- Welcome/Housekeeping/Introductions (FWS)
- Purpose of the Scoping Meeting (FWS)
- Project Description (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- HCP Process and Purpose of the EIS (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- Scoping Process and How to Submit Comments (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- Closing

We can have brochures printed which can summarize all this and provide instructions on how to submit comments (email address, mailing address), due dates, etc.

Connie and Christian: Attached is our preliminary list of elected officials, organizations, native tribes, and state/federal agencies to receive notice of the Scoping Meeting. No doubt there are additional names that you and Christian may want to add; if both of you can forward those contacts to us we can expand the list.

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Thank you for the update. I am working with our regional office on the NOI.

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On Thu, Nov 19, 2015 at 3:16 PM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:  
Connie – we are starting to put together the scoping package and are assembling a list of public officials and agency representatives to send the scoping package to. We will send you a draft list in a few days for your review.

Christian – based on the Project Scope, ECPO will supply the electronic maps (GIS or pdf formats) for use in the Scoping Meeting. We will take the files you send us and produce large-format paper copies for display at the meeting. I'll send you a list in a few days of the maps we would use at the meeting – essentially a sub-set of those in the HCP.

Thanks to all,

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Hi Tom,

I'm sending a revised NOI to our regional office this morning. I have one question for our RO person and it needs to go to the Solicitor. Larry Williams is going to ask RO to expedite it. I'll ask how long the notice has to be in the Federal Register so we know what to target.

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Connie and Roxanna,

Are you available this week or early next week to discuss the ECPO HCP EIS project? Is the EIS moving forward?

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Hi Connie,

For the Public Scoping meeting we have reserved the meeting room at the Collier County Ag Center for Tuesday, January 26, 2016 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. The actual meeting would be from 5:00 – 7:00 pm so that would give us time to set up and take down. As previously mentioned, we can always change the date/time but we wanted to reserve this date as a placeholder because available dates were slipping away.

What is the status of the NOI and how many days notice do you want to give in the Federal Register when publishing the NOI? A 30-day notice would require publication by Christmas, a 45-day notice by Dec 11, and a 60-day notice by Nov 27.

Let me know if there is anything we can provide or assist you with at this time.

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The email chain about the dates available for the scoping meeting.

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Any clues as to when counsel may approve the NOI and it can be published? We have held off rescheduling the meeting until we have an idea of when the NOI may be published.

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I didn't think about it before, but the NOI provides my email address for providing comments. From looking at other notices, this is standard procedure. I think it is best to be consistent in the address we are asking people to use, so we will give out my address at the public meeting. I'll be responsible for forwarding them to you.

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On Tue, Jan 26, 2016 at 7:15 AM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:  
Connie,

We can invite the county commissioners from both counties – we'll add them to the list.

Any word on the status of the NOI? Has the Service established an email address to which commenters can send their comments? As mentioned below, we can establish one but it would not have the official "...@fws.gov" address. Has the Service's counsel weighed in on what they prefer?

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Hi Tom,

I have a suggestion and I have passed this on to a couple of other Service folks to see if there are any others. My suggestion is to invite someone from both Lee and Hendry Counties since they are adjacent to the HCP area.

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On Wed, Dec 9, 2015 at 3:38 PM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:  
Connie,

We are proceeding with the planning of the Scoping Meeting for January 26 and need to nail down a couple of items. First, we will need an address to which people can email their comments. There are two options for this:

1. The Service provides an email address for receipt of all comments sent by email. The Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard does this for their NEPA studies and it stems from their counsel saying that the federal agency must be the recipient of the comments. They then pass the comments on to the consultant for processing. My guess is that the Service has a similar requirement?
2. We can establish an email address for receipt of all comments; however, it would not be a "...@[fws.gov](mailto:fws.gov)" address.

Secondly, we need to establish the format of the meeting and the media used – and we need to decide this before Christmas so that we can get the materials developed, printed, etc. We could envision something like the following:

- Welcome/Housekeeping/Introductions (FWS)
- Purpose of the Scoping Meeting (FWS)
- Project Description (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- HCP Process and Purpose of the EIS (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- Scoping Process and How to Submit Comments (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- Closing

We can have brochures printed which can summarize all this and provide instructions on how to submit comments (email address, mailing address), due dates, etc.

Connie and Christian: Attached is our preliminary list of elected officials, organizations, native tribes, and state/federal agencies to receive notice of the Scoping Meeting. No doubt there are additional names that you and Christian may want to add; if both of you can forward those contacts to us we can expand the list.

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On Thu, Nov 19, 2015 at 3:16 PM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:  
Connie – we are starting to put together the scoping package and are assembling a list of public officials and agency representatives to send the scoping package to. We will send you a draft list in a few days for your review.

Christian – based on the Project Scope, ECPO will supply the electronic maps (GIS or pdf formats) for use in the Scoping Meeting. We will take the files you send us and produce large-format paper copies for display at the meeting. I'll send you a list in a few days of the maps we would use at the meeting – essentially a sub-set of those in the HCP.

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Hi Connie,

For the Public Scoping meeting we have reserved the meeting room at the Collier County Ag Center for Tuesday, January 26, 2016 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. The actual meeting would be from 5:00 – 7:00 pm so that would give us time to set up and take down. As previously mentioned, we can always change the date/time but we wanted to reserve this date as a placeholder because available dates were slipping away.

What is the status of the NOI and how many days notice do you want to give in the Federal Register when publishing the NOI? A 30-day notice would require publication by Christmas, a 45-day notice by Dec 11, and a 60-day notice by Nov 27.

Let me know if there is anything we can provide or assist you with at this time.

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Connie – Thank you for the voicemail and email yesterday introducing Ken. We took the liberty today to contact Ken and make introductions. Turns out Ken and I are from the same neck of the woods in Tennessee – we speak the same language.

Ken – Thank you for the discussion today. After the call Adam and I reviewed the checklist of items that need accomplished prior to having (or even scheduling) the Scoping Meeting. While we are ready to hit the ground running, we feel that a planning meeting with the Service in Vero would be a wise and beneficial use of time. In fact, we are hesitant to rely solely on email and phone calls to plan the Scoping Meeting. This is the largest and most visible project to occur in the region in a long time and it probably is not a good idea to meet you and the rest of the FWS Team for the first time at the meeting.

We would like to propose to meet you and other available project staff in Vero next week or the following week if possible. We are available any day except Feb 23-24. We can share our ideas, listen to your thoughts, and further plan the meeting format. We will bring drafts of the handout and PowerPoint presentation for review and discussion. We would like to come away from the planning meeting knowing that everyone is comfortable with the format of the Scoping Meeting and that everyone knows their role.

Looking forward to seeing you both soon and meeting you Ken – thanks again,

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Hi Tom,

I left you a phone message, but wanted to fill you in on a few things.

Ken McDonald is now the project biologist for the ECMS HCP. He will be your main point of contact,

but if you can copy me too that will help me keep up with everything. Ken is copied on this email so you have his address. His phone number is 772-469-4284.

The Solicitor is reviewing the NOI and we are waiting to hear how long the review might take. The notice is for 30 days, and mentions that any requests for reasonable accommodations be made 7 days prior to the meeting. It is my understanding that we aim for the public meeting to be in the middle of the public comment period. We have asked the Solicitor to remove the venue and date in the notice and we will fill it in right before it is sent to be published since we may use a different venue and don't know the date.

Ken and I will try to call you later in the week to talk more about the public meeting.

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Hey Tom!

I won't speak for everyone but after a quick peak at the calendar more folks have time available

on Friday, the 19th than any other day. Would that day work for everyone?

Ken

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Connie – Thank you for the voicemail and email yesterday introducing Ken. We took the liberty today to contact Ken and make introductions. Turns out Ken and I are from the same neck of the woods in Tennessee – we speak the same language.

Ken – Thank you for the discussion today. After the call Adam and I reviewed the checklist of items that need accomplished prior to having (or even scheduling) the Scoping Meeting. While we are ready to hit the ground running, we feel that a planning meeting with the Service in Vero would be a wise and beneficial use of time. In fact, we are hesitant to rely solely on email and phone calls to plan the Scoping Meeting. This is the largest and most visible project to occur in the region in a long time and it probably is not a good idea to meet you and the rest of the FWS Team for the first time at the meeting.

We would like to propose to meet you and other available project staff in Vero next week or the following week if possible. We are available any day except Feb 23-24. We can share our ideas, listen to your thoughts, and further plan the meeting format. We will bring drafts of the handout and PowerPoint presentation for review and discussion. We would like to come away from the planning meeting knowing that everyone is comfortable with the format of the Scoping Meeting and that everyone knows their role.

Looking forward to seeing you both soon and meeting you Ken – thanks again,

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**Subject:** Re: ECPO HCP EIS Scoping Meeting - Revised dates

Hi Tom,

I left you a phone message, but wanted to fill you in on a few things.

Ken McDonald is now the project biologist for the ECMS HCP. He will be your main point of contact, but if you can copy me too that will help me keep up with everything. Ken is copied on this email so you have his address. His phone number is 772-469-4284.

The Solicitor is reviewing the NOI and we are waiting to hear how long the review might take. The notice is for 30 days, and mentions that any requests for reasonable accommodations be made 7 days prior to the meeting. It is my understanding that we aim for the public meeting to be in the middle of the public comment period. We have asked the Solicitor to remove the venue and date in the notice and we will fill it in right before it is sent to be published since we may use a different venue and don't know the date.

Ken and I will try to call you later in the week to talk more about the public meeting.

Connie

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Connie,

A key question for your counsel in your discussion with them today is specifically how long of a notice does the Service want to provide in the NOI prior to holding the Scoping Meeting (e.g., 30 days?). The two critical items we need to know for setting the date (and reserving the venue) is: (1) the date of the NOI publication, and (2) the scoping meeting notice period specified in the NOI.

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Can we find another venue? April is ridiculous. How about the UF IFAS center in Immokalee?

Regards,

**Christian Spilker**

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Connie,

Available dates for the venue are now April 13 and April 27 (both are Wednesdays). We have put a provisional reservation on these dates.

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Thanks Connie. February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup> are no longer available. March 10<sup>th</sup> might still be a possibility and we will check today for future dates in March and April.

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Tom,

We have a call with our Regional Office (RO) and the Applicants on Thursday afternoon to follow-up on a call we had last week. One of the things our RO is trying to find out is when the Solicitor might be finished reviewing the NOI. I hope we will get that information on Thursday. I have provided the RO with the potential dates you gave me so they know what we are shooting for. I can let you know after the phone call what I find out.

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We can invite the county commissioners from both counties – we'll add them to the list.

Any word on the status of the NOI? Has the Service established an email address to which commenters can send their comments? As mentioned below, we can establish one but it would not have the official "...@[fws.gov](mailto:fws.gov)" address. Has the Service's counsel weighed in on what they prefer?

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I have a suggestion and I have passed this on to a couple of other Service folks to see if there are any others. My suggestion is to invite someone from both Lee and Hendry Counties since they are adjacent to the HCP area.

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Tom,

I looked at my calendar and Roxanna's and we are both available on the 19th. I would add Ken Warren, our Public Affairs Specialist, to the meeting. His calendar has availability on that day too.

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**Subject:** Re: ECPO HCP EIS Scoping Meeting - Revised dates

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2016 9:20 AM

**To:** Pride, Tom; Cassler, Constance

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**Subject:** RE: ECPO HCP EIS Scoping Meeting - Revised dates

Can we find another venue? April is ridiculous. How about the UF IFAS center in Immokalee?

Regards,

**Christian Spilker**

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Connie,

Available dates for the venue are now April 13 and April 27 (both are Wednesdays). We have put a provisional reservation on these dates.

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**Cc:** Purcell, Adam; [roxanna\\_hinzman@fws.gov](mailto:roxanna_hinzman@fws.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: ECPO HCP EIS Scoping Meeting

Thanks Connie. February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup> are no longer available. March 10<sup>th</sup> might still be a possibility and we will check today for future dates in March and April.

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Tom,

We have a call with our Regional Office (RO) and the Applicants on Thursday afternoon to follow-up on a call we had last week. One of the things our RO is trying to find out is when the Solicitor

might be finished reviewing the NOI. I hope we will get that information on Thursday. I have provided the RO with the potential dates you gave me so they know what we are shooting for. I can let you know after the phone call what I find out.

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Any clues as to when counsel may approve the NOI and it can be published? We have held off rescheduling the meeting until we have an idea of when the NOI may be published.

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Hi Tom,

I didn't think about it before, but the NOI provides my email address for providing comments. From looking at other notices, this is standard procedure. I think it is best to be consistent in the address we are asking people to use, so we will give out my address at the public meeting. I'll be responsible for forwarding them to you.

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We can invite the county commissioners from both counties – we'll add them to the list.

Any word on the status of the NOI? Has the Service established an email address to which commenters can send their comments? As mentioned below, we can establish one but it would not have the official "...@fws.gov" address. Has the Service's counsel weighed in on what they prefer?

Thanks,

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Hi Tom,

I have a suggestion and I have passed this on to a couple of other Service folks to see if there are any others. My suggestion is to invite someone from both Lee and Hendry Counties since they are adjacent to the HCP area.

Thank you,

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Connie,

We are proceeding with the planning of the Scoping Meeting for January 26 and need to nail down a couple of items. First, we will need an address to which people can email their comments. There are two options for this:

1. The Service provides an email address for receipt of all comments sent by email. The Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard does this for their NEPA studies and it stems from their counsel saying that the federal agency must be the recipient of the comments. They then pass the comments on to the consultant for processing. My guess is that the Service has a similar requirement?
2. We can establish an email address for receipt of all comments; however, it would not be a "...@fws.gov" address.

Secondly, we need to establish the format of the meeting and the media used – and we need to decide this before Christmas so that we can get the materials developed, printed, etc. We could envision something like the following:

- Welcome/Housekeeping/Introductions (FWS)
- Purpose of the Scoping Meeting (FWS)
- Project Description (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- HCP Process and Purpose of the EIS (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- Scoping Process and How to Submit Comments (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- Closing

We can have brochures printed which can summarize all this and provide instructions on how to submit comments (email address, mailing address), due dates, etc.

Connie and Christian: Attached is our preliminary list of elected officials, organizations, native tribes, and state/federal agencies to receive notice of the Scoping Meeting. No doubt there are additional names that you and Christian may want to add; if both of you can forward those contacts to us we can expand the list.

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Connie – we are starting to put together the scoping package and are assembling a list of public officials and agency representatives to send the scoping package to. We will send you a draft list in a few days for your review.

Christian – based on the Project Scope, ECPO will supply the electronic maps (GIS or pdf formats) for use in the Scoping Meeting. We will take the files you send us and produce large-format paper copies for display at the meeting. I'll send you a list in a few days of the maps we would use at the meeting – essentially a sub-set of those in the HCP.

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Hi Tom,

I'm sending a revised NOI to our regional office this morning. I have one question for our RO person and it needs to go to the Solicitor. Larry Williams is going to ask RO to expedite it. I'll ask how long the notice has to be in the Federal Register so we know what to target.

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**Subject:** RE: ECMS HCP - Scoping Meeting

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On Tue, Jan 26, 2016 at 8:52 AM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:  
Any clues as to when counsel may approve the NOI and it can be published? We have held off rescheduling the meeting until we have an idea of when the NOI may be published.

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Hi Tom,

I didn't think about it before, but the NOI provides my email address for providing comments. From looking at other notices, this is standard procedure. I think it is best to be consistent in the address we are asking people to use, so we will give out my address at the public meeting. I'll be responsible for forwarding them to you.

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Connie,

We can invite the county commissioners from both counties – we'll add them to the list.

Any word on the status of the NOI? Has the Service established an email address to which commenters can send their comments? As mentioned below, we can establish one but it would not have the official "...@fws.gov" address. Has the Service's counsel weighed in on what they prefer?

Thanks,

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Hi Tom,

I have a suggestion and I have passed this on to a couple of other Service folks to see if there are any others. My suggestion is to invite someone from both Lee and Hendry Counties since they are adjacent to the HCP area.

Thank you,

Connie

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Connie,

We are proceeding with the planning of the Scoping Meeting for January 26 and need to nail down a couple of items. First, we will need an address to which people can email their comments. There are two options for this:

1. The Service provides an email address for receipt of all comments sent by email. The Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard does this for their NEPA studies and it stems from their counsel saying that the federal agency must be the recipient of the comments. They then pass the comments on to the consultant for processing. My guess is that the Service has a similar requirement?
2. We can establish an email address for receipt of all comments; however, it would not be a "...  
[@fws.gov](mailto:@fws.gov)" address.

Secondly, we need to establish the format of the meeting and the media used – and we need to decide this before Christmas so that we can get the materials developed, printed, etc. We could envision something like the following:

- Welcome/Housekeeping/Introductions (FWS)
- Purpose of the Scoping Meeting (FWS)

- Project Description (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- HCP Process and Purpose of the EIS (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- Scoping Process and How to Submit Comments (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- Closing

We can have brochures printed which can summarize all this and provide instructions on how to submit comments (email address, mailing address), due dates, etc.

Connie and Christian: Attached is our preliminary list of elected officials, organizations, native tribes, and state/federal agencies to receive notice of the Scoping Meeting. No doubt there are additional names that you and Christian may want to add; if both of you can forward those contacts to us we can expand the list.

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Thank you for the update. I am working with our regional office on the NOI.

Connie

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On Thu, Nov 19, 2015 at 3:16 PM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:

Connie – we are starting to put together the scoping package and are assembling a list of public officials and agency representatives to send the scoping package to. We will send you a draft list in a few days for your review.

Christian – based on the Project Scope, ECPO will supply the electronic maps (GIS or pdf formats) for use in the Scoping Meeting. We will take the files you send us and produce large-format paper copies for display at the meeting. I'll send you a list in a few days of the maps we would use at the meeting – essentially a sub-set of those in the HCP.

Thanks to all,

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Hi Tom,

I'm sending a revised NOI to our regional office this morning. I have one question for our RO person and it needs to go to the Solicitor. Larry Williams is going to ask RO to expedite it. I'll ask how long the notice has to be in the Federal Register so we know what to target.

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On Wed, Nov 11, 2015 at 8:22 AM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:  
Connie and Roxanna,

Are you available this week or early next week to discuss the ECPO HCP EIS project? Is the EIS moving forward?

Thank you,

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Hi Connie,

For the Public Scoping meeting we have reserved the meeting room at the Collier County Ag Center for Tuesday, January 26, 2016 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. The actual meeting would be from 5:00 – 7:00 pm so that would give us time to set up and take down. As previously mentioned, we can always change the date/time but we wanted to reserve this date as a placeholder because available dates were slipping away.

What is the status of the NOI and how many days notice do you want to give in the Federal Register when publishing the NOI? A 30-day notice would require publication by Christmas, a 45-day notice by Dec 11, and a 60-day notice by Nov 27.

Let me know if there is anything we can provide or assist you with at this time.

Thank you,

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**CC:** "Mcdonald, Kenneth" <kenneth\_mcdonald@fws.gov>, "Purcell, Adam" <adam.purcell@aecom.com>, "roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov" <roxanna\_hinzman@fws.gov>, Ken Warren <ken\_warren@fws.gov>

**Subject:** Re: ECMS HCP - Scoping Meeting

Thanks Tom. We will send a calendar invite so everyone gets it on their calendar.

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Connie and Ken,

Excellent. We are good for Feb 19 – how about 9:30 am? Hopefully finish by noon but if need be we can continue after lunch.

Thank you,

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Tom,

I looked at my calendar and Roxanna's and we are both available on the 19th. I would add Ken Warren, our Public Affairs Specialist, to the meeting. His calendar has availability on that day too.

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Hey Tom!

I won't speak for everyone but after a quick peak at the calendar more folks have time available on Friday, the 19th than any other day. Would that day work for everyone?

Ken

On Tue, Feb 9, 2016 at 4:36 PM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:  
Connie – Thank you for the voicemail and email yesterday introducing Ken. We took the liberty today to contact Ken and make introductions. Turns out Ken and I are from the same neck of the woods in Tennessee – we speak the same language.

Ken – Thank you for the discussion today. After the call Adam and I reviewed the checklist of items that need accomplished prior to having (or even scheduling) the Scoping Meeting. While we are ready to hit the ground running, we feel that a planning meeting with the Service in Vero would be a wise and beneficial use of time. In fact, we are hesitant to rely solely on email and phone calls to plan the Scoping Meeting. This is the largest and most visible project to occur in the region in a long time and it probably is not a good idea to meet you and the rest of the FWS Team for the first time at the meeting.

We would like to propose to meet you and other available project staff in Vero next week or the following week if possible. We are available any day except Feb 23-24. We can share our ideas, listen to your thoughts, and further plan the meeting format. We will bring drafts of the handout and PowerPoint presentation for review and discussion. We would like to come away from the planning meeting knowing that everyone is comfortable with the format of the Scoping Meeting and that everyone knows their role.

Looking forward to seeing you both soon and meeting you Ken – thanks again,

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Hi Tom,

I left you a phone message, but wanted to fill you in on a few things.

Ken McDonald is now the project biologist for the ECMS HCP. He will be your main point of contact, but if you can copy me too that will help me keep up with everything. Ken is copied on this email so you have his address. His phone number is 772-469-4284.

The Solicitor is reviewing the NOI and we are waiting to hear how long the review might take. The

notice is for 30 days, and mentions that any requests for reasonable accommodations be made 7 days prior to the meeting. It is my understanding that we aim for the public meeting to be in the middle of the public comment period. We have asked the Solicitor to remove the venue and date in the notice and we will fill it in right before it is sent to be published since we may use a different venue and don't know the date.

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A key question for your counsel in your discussion with them today is specifically how long of a notice does the Service want to provide in the NOI prior to holding the Scoping Meeting (e.g., 30 days?). The two critical items we need to know for setting the date (and reserving the venue) is: (1) the date of the NOI publication, and (2) the scoping meeting notice period specified in the NOI.

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On Tue, Jan 26, 2016 at 8:52 AM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:  
Any clues as to when counsel may approve the NOI and it can be published? We have held off rescheduling the meeting until we have an idea of when the NOI may be published.

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**From:** Cassler, Constance [mailto:[constance\\_cassler@fws.gov](mailto:constance_cassler@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2016 8:47 AM  
**To:** Pride, Tom  
**Cc:** Purcell, Adam; [roxanna\\_hinzman@fws.gov](mailto:roxanna_hinzman@fws.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: ECPO HCP EIS Scoping Meeting

Hi Tom,

I didn't think about it before, but the NOI provides my email address for providing comments. From looking at other notices, this is standard procedure. I think it is best to be consistent in the address we are asking people to use, so we will give out my address at the public meeting. I'll be responsible for forwarding them to you.

Connie

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On Tue, Jan 26, 2016 at 7:15 AM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:  
Connie,

We can invite the county commissioners from both counties – we'll add them to the list.

Any word on the status of the NOI? Has the Service established an email address to which commenters can send their comments? As mentioned below, we can establish one but it would not have the official "...@fws.gov" address. Has the Service's counsel weighed in on what they prefer?

Thanks,

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**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 4:45 PM  
**To:** Pride, Tom  
**Subject:** Re: ECPO HCP EIS Scoping Meeting

Hi Tom,

I have a suggestion and I have passed this on to a couple of other Service folks to see if there are any others. My suggestion is to invite someone from both Lee and Hendry Counties since they are adjacent to the HCP area.

Thank you,

Connie

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On Wed, Dec 9, 2015 at 3:38 PM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:  
Connie,

We are proceeding with the planning of the Scoping Meeting for January 26 and need to nail down a couple of items. First, we will need an address to which people can email their comments. There are two options for this:

1. The Service provides an email address for receipt of all comments sent by email. The Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard does this for their NEPA studies and it stems from their counsel saying that the federal agency must be the recipient of the comments. They then pass the comments on to the consultant for processing. My guess is that the Service has a similar requirement?
2. We can establish an email address for receipt of all comments; however, it would not be a "...  
[@fws.gov](mailto:@fws.gov)" address.

Secondly, we need to establish the format of the meeting and the media used – and we need to decide this before Christmas so that we can get the materials developed, printed, etc. We could envision something like the following:

- Welcome/Housekeeping/Introductions (FWS)

- Purpose of the Scoping Meeting (FWS)
- Project Description (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- HCP Process and Purpose of the EIS (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- Scoping Process and How to Submit Comments (PowerPoint) (FWS/AECOM)
- Closing

We can have brochures printed which can summarize all this and provide instructions on how to submit comments (email address, mailing address), due dates, etc.

Connie and Christian: Attached is our preliminary list of elected officials, organizations, native tribes, and state/federal agencies to receive notice of the Scoping Meeting. No doubt there are additional names that you and Christian may want to add; if both of you can forward those contacts to us we can expand the list.

Thank you,

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**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2015 10:59 AM

**To:** Pride, Tom

**Cc:** CSpilker ([cspilker@collierenterprises.com](mailto:cspilker@collierenterprises.com)); [roxanna\\_hinzman@fws.gov](mailto:roxanna_hinzman@fws.gov); Purcell, Adam; Scott, Vickie

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Thank you for the update. I am working with our regional office on the NOI.

Connie

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On Thu, Nov 19, 2015 at 3:16 PM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:

Connie – we are starting to put together the scoping package and are assembling a list of public officials and agency representatives to send the scoping package to. We will send you a draft list in a few days for your review.

Christian – based on the Project Scope, ECPO will supply the electronic maps (GIS or pdf formats) for use in the Scoping Meeting. We will take the files you send us and produce large-format paper copies for display at the meeting. I'll send you a list in a few days of the maps we would use at the meeting – essentially a sub-set of those in the HCP.

Thanks to all,

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2015 8:25 AM  
**To:** Pride, Tom  
**Cc:** [roxanna\\_hinzman@fws.gov](mailto:roxanna_hinzman@fws.gov); Purcell, Adam  
**Subject:** Re: ECPO HCP EIS Scoping Meeting

Hi Tom,

I'm sending a revised NOI to our regional office this morning. I have one question for our RO person and it needs to go to the Solicitor. Larry Williams is going to ask RO to expedite it. I'll ask how long the notice has to be in the Federal Register so we know what to target.

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On Wed, Nov 11, 2015 at 8:22 AM, Pride, Tom <[tom.pride@aecom.com](mailto:tom.pride@aecom.com)> wrote:  
Connie and Roxanna,

Are you available this week or early next week to discuss the ECPO HCP EIS project? Is the EIS moving forward?

Thank you,

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**Subject:** ECPO HCP EIS Scoping Meeting

Hi Connie,

For the Public Scoping meeting we have reserved the meeting room at the Collier County Ag Center

for Tuesday, January 26, 2016 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. The actual meeting would be from 5:00 – 7:00 pm so that would give us time to set up and take down. As previously mentioned, we can always change the date/time but we wanted to reserve this date as a placeholder because available dates were slipping away.

What is the status of the NOI and how many days notice do you want to give in the Federal Register when publishing the NOI? A 30-day notice would require publication by Christmas, a 45-day notice by Dec 11, and a 60-day notice by Nov 27.

Let me know if there is anything we can provide or assist you with at this time.

Thank you,

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**From:** Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>  
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**To:** Kenneth Mcdonald <kenneth\_mcdonald@fws.gov>  
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Ken,

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**Sent:** Fri Mar 04 2016 07:05:54 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Eastern Collier visit

Thank you Christian. I'll give it a look over!

Ken

On Thu, Mar 3, 2016 at 3:32 PM, Christian Spilker <[CSpilker@collierenterprises.com](mailto:CSpilker@collierenterprises.com)> wrote:

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All,

If you plan on going up in a helicopter on official business, and if this isn't a commercial flight, please confirm with me that you have met all of your aircraft

safety training requirements.

Thanks,

Rox

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We are looking into the requirements for Ken to be able to go up in the helicopter. He may not be able to meet the requirements and we might have to cancel this part. We also have to check to see if the helicopter meets the requirements.

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I checked with the RO and for "high reconnaissance" flights (above 500 feet except for landing

and take-off, and not over water) there are no training requirements. The real hang-up turned out to be the pilot and the aircraft- any aircraft and pilot taking FWS employees on-board, even for a site visit, has to be approved by DOI-OAS, and that process can take about 2 weeks. Given the sight visit is next week, Christian didn't really have time to submit the pilot and aircraft info for approval so he went ahead and cancelled the reconnaissance flight. The portion of the itinerary where the flight was previously scheduled will now be taken up by an expanded ground visit.

That said, while we were waiting for feedback from the RO and Christian I went ahead and knocked out the courses for aviation safety required, were the flight to have gone below 500 feet, and learned a lot from it. Based on what I learned we might want to look into bringing the water ditching class down here and running folks who haven't been through that training through it, as well as all of the basic aviation safety courses. We might want to also make sure all of the supervisors have the appropriate online-courses knocked out, too (come to find out supervisors need a different online training if any of their employees might end up flying...who knew!?). That way if something like this pops up in the future we're not caught off-guard.

Ken

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**Sent:** Tue Mar 08 2016 06:53:01 GMT-0700 (MST)  
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**CC:** David Shindle <david\_shindle@fws.gov>, Constance Cassler <constance\_cassler@fws.gov>, David Dell <david\_dell@fws.gov>  
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Good news is that I am up to speed on my training (although my refresher is probably going to be due soon).

I'm interested to know - when I took it the initial course had to be done in person and then refreshers could be done online. You might want to verify your training.

I haven't had water ditching. Refuges often hold these courses as does NPS. I'll check into having training locally.

Thanks,  
Rox

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Ken

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Hi Ken - thanks for sending the note. Unfortunately I won't be able to make it this week. I would like to see the habitat at some point in the future though.

Have a good field visit. R.

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Hello all,

FYI on the agenda. The 14th and 15th are about getting me and anyone else who needs to be up to speed on the layout of the project. The 16th is sitting down with the applicants to spitball how they might trade mitigation credits with one another in the preserve area. Any and all are welcome to come!

Ken

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They are very interested but are in the midst of a potential sale. They are however still a part of ECPO.

Regards,

**Christian Spilker**

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Christian,

Can you provide us with a mailing address for each of the landowners in the HCP? We want to make sure they are copied on everything that is mailed (invitations, etc.).

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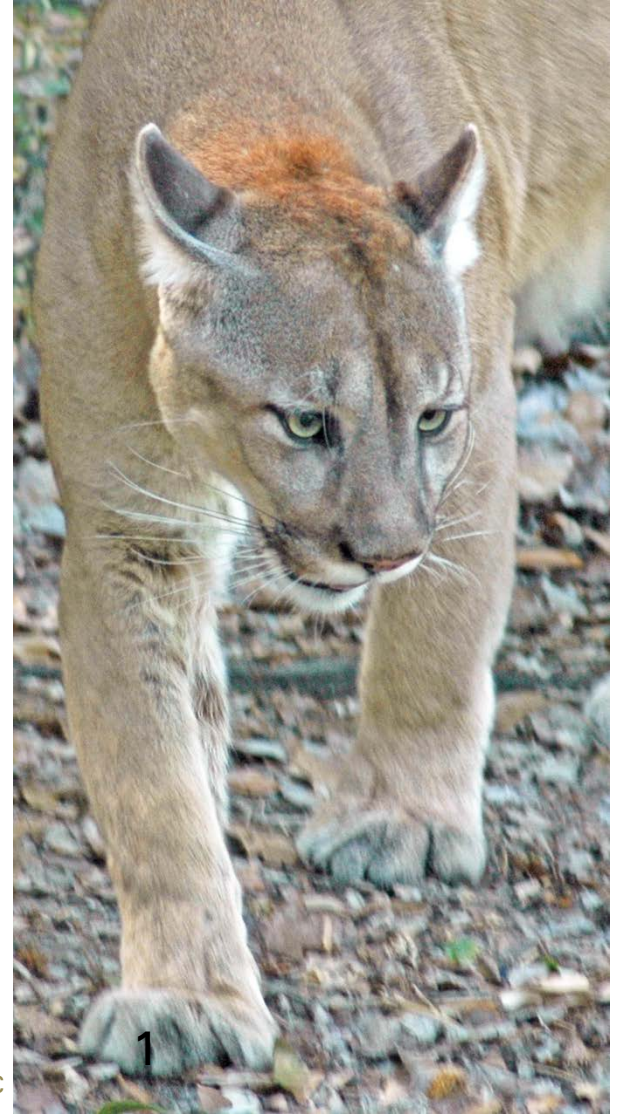
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# Welcome to the

## Eastern Collier Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

# Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Meeting

April 12, 2016 (Naples, FL)



# Meeting Schedule



5:00 pm - Open House

5:30 pm - Presentation

6:00 pm - Public Comment

TBD - Closing



# Purpose of Tonight's Meeting



- Explain the proposed action
- Discuss related regulation and process
  - Endangered Species Act (ESA)
  - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Initiate Scoping
  - The purpose of the public scoping process is to identify relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS.

# Proposed Action



- Issuance of Incidental Take Permit (ITP) by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)
- Covers effects to:
  - 10 Federally-Listed and Candidate Species
  - 6 State-Listed Species
- Covers approximately 152,124 acres of privately owned lands in Eastern Collier County, FL
- Duration of the ITP proposed to be 50 Years

# Applicant



## Eastern Collier Property Owners

- Alico, Inc.
- Barron Collier Investments, Ltd.
- Collier Enterprises Management, Inc.
- Consolidated Citrus Limited Partnership
- English Brothers Partnership
- Heller Bros. Packing Corp.
- John E. Price, Jr. Trust
- Pacific Land, Ltd.
- Sunniland Family Limited Partnership

# Endangered Species Act (ESA)



- Law that protects and promotes the recovery of federally-listed threatened and endangered species
- The Service may issue permits to non-federal parties through processes described in Section 10 of the ESA
- "Incidental take" is the unintended take that may occur as a consequence of engaging in an otherwise lawful activity

## Key Definitions

"Take" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect any threatened or endangered species.

"Harm" may include significant habitat modification where it actually kills or injures a listed species through impairment of essential behavior.

## Section 10 (a) Criteria

- The taking will be incidental;
- The applicant will, to the maximum extent practicable, minimize and mitigate the impact of such taking;
- The applicant will develop an **HCP** and ensure that adequate funding for the plan will be provided;
- The taking will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild; and
- The applicant will carry out any other measures that the Secretary of the Interior may require as being necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the HCP.



# The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Role in this Process



- The Service is providing technical assistance to the applicants and reviewing the Eastern Collier Multiple Species HCP to ensure issuance of an Incidental Take Permit under Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA, to the applicants, will not jeopardize the survival and recovery of federally-listed species.
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# Process Overview

1. The Eastern Collier Property Owners have developed a draft HCP to support a future ITP application. The draft HCP has been submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (May 2015) for review.
2. The Service is preparing a Draft EIS for public review that details potential impacts of the ITP and HCP. After public comment, the Final EIS will be published and the Service will prepare a Record of Decision (ROD).
3. If the Service determines that the Final HCP meets the ESA Section 10(a) criteria, the Service will issue the ITP.



# What is an HCP?

- HCPs are planning documents required as part of an application for an incidental take permit. HCPs describe the action and how it may result in incidental take of federally listed threatened and endangered species; and how potentially adverse effects will be avoided, minimized, or mitigated by the applicant.
- HCPs can apply to both listed and nonlisted species, including those that are candidates or have been proposed for listing.
- The Eastern Collier Multiple Species HCP is available at:  
[www.easterncollierHCPEIS.com](http://www.easterncollierHCPEIS.com)

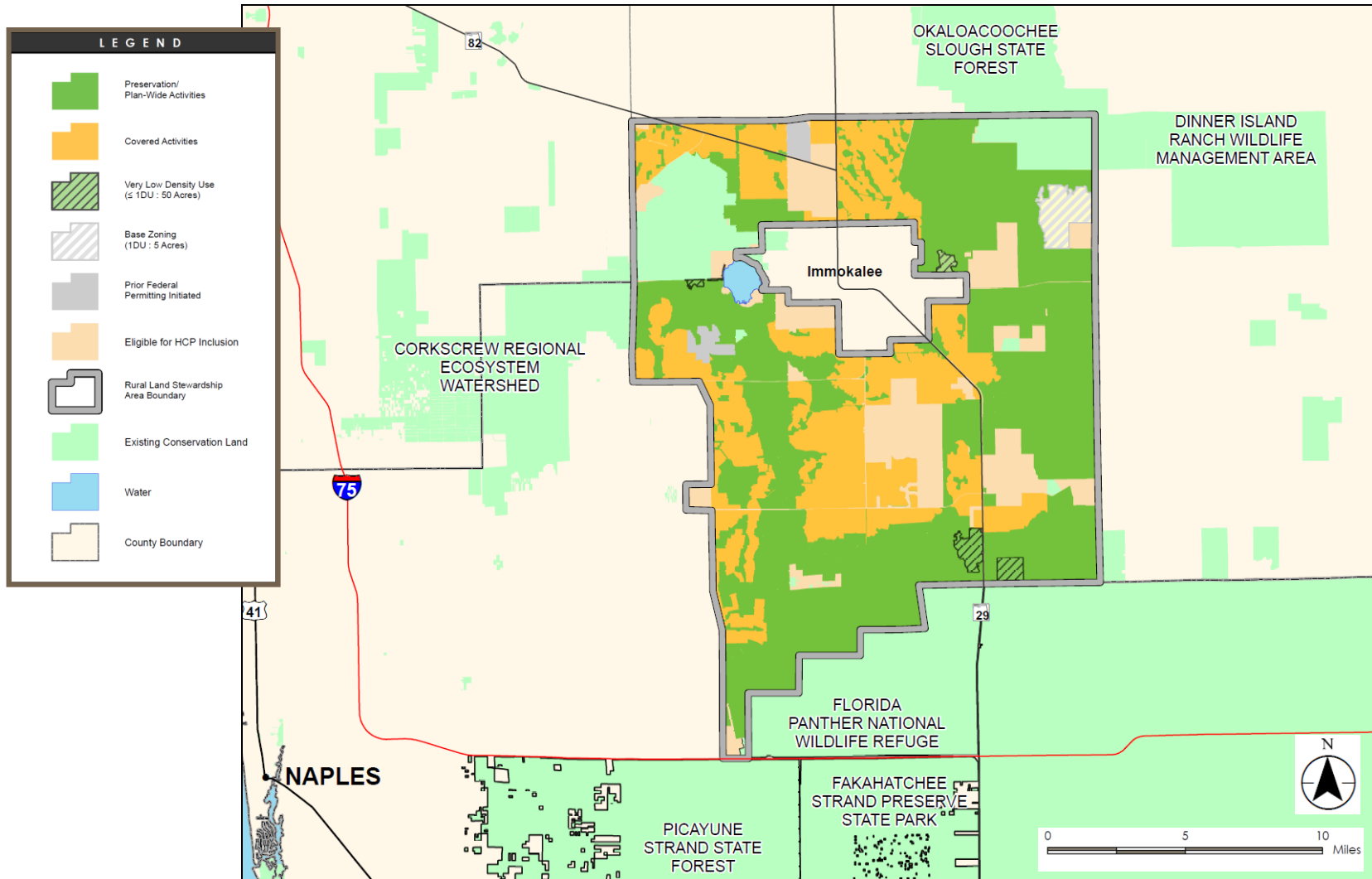
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# HCP

Habitat  
Conservation  
Plan



# HCP Covered Lands: NE Collier County



# HCP Covered Species



## Federally-Listed Species

### Common Name

Florida Scrub Jay

Northern Crested Caracara

Wood Stork

Red-Cockaded Woodpecker

Everglade Snail Kite

Eastern Indigo Snake

Florida Bonneted Bat

Florida Panther

Gopher Tortoise

Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake

### Scientific Name

*Aphelocoma coerulescens*

*Caracara cheriway*

*Mycteria americana*

*Picoides borealis*

*Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus*

*Drymarchon corais couperi*

*Eumops floridanus*

*Puma concolor coryi*

*Gopherus polyphemus*

*Crotalus adamanteus*

### Status

Threatened

Threatened

Threatened

Endangered

Endangered

Threatened

Endangered

Endangered

Candidate Species

Under Review



# HCP Covered Species



## State-Listed Species

### Common Name

### Scientific Name

### Status

Burrowing Owl

*Athene cunicularia*

Threatened

Florida Sandhill Crane

*Grus canadensis pratensis*

Threatened

Little Blue Heron

*Egretta caerulea*

Threatened

Southeastern American Kestrel

*Falco sparverius paulus*

Threatened

Tricolored Heron

*Egretta tricolor*

Threatened

Big Cypress Fox Squirrel

*Sciurus niger avicennia*

Threatened



# Actions Covered by ITP



- Development
  - Single Family / Multi-Unit Housing
  - Public and Private Institutional Facilities
  - Commercial / Office Space
  - Retail Establishments
  - Surface Water Management
  - Internal Roadways
  - Parks / Landscaping
  - Other elements typical of Mixed Use Developments
- Earth Mining
  - Sand, soil, limestone and similar materials



# Major Elements of HCP



- Preservation of approx. 107,000 acres of contiguous land
  - Preservation and Plan-Wide Activities
- Management of Preserved Lands
- Mitigation and Monitoring
- Preservation of existing Panther Movement Corridors
- Coordinate with Florida Panther Protection Program (FPPP)
  - Establishment of the Marinelli Fund



# What is an EIS?

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EIS

Environmental  
Impact  
Statement



- An EIS is a document prepared to comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- An EIS is prepared to analyze and disclose the effects of proposed activities on the human and natural environment.
- The EIS will consider potentially significant short, long-term, direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the proposed action and its reasonable alternatives.
- The EIS incorporates public and agency comments regarding scope and alternatives.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Service prepare an EIS for any federal action that significantly affects the quality of the human environment.

The issuance of an incidental take permit (ITP) by the Service is a major federal action

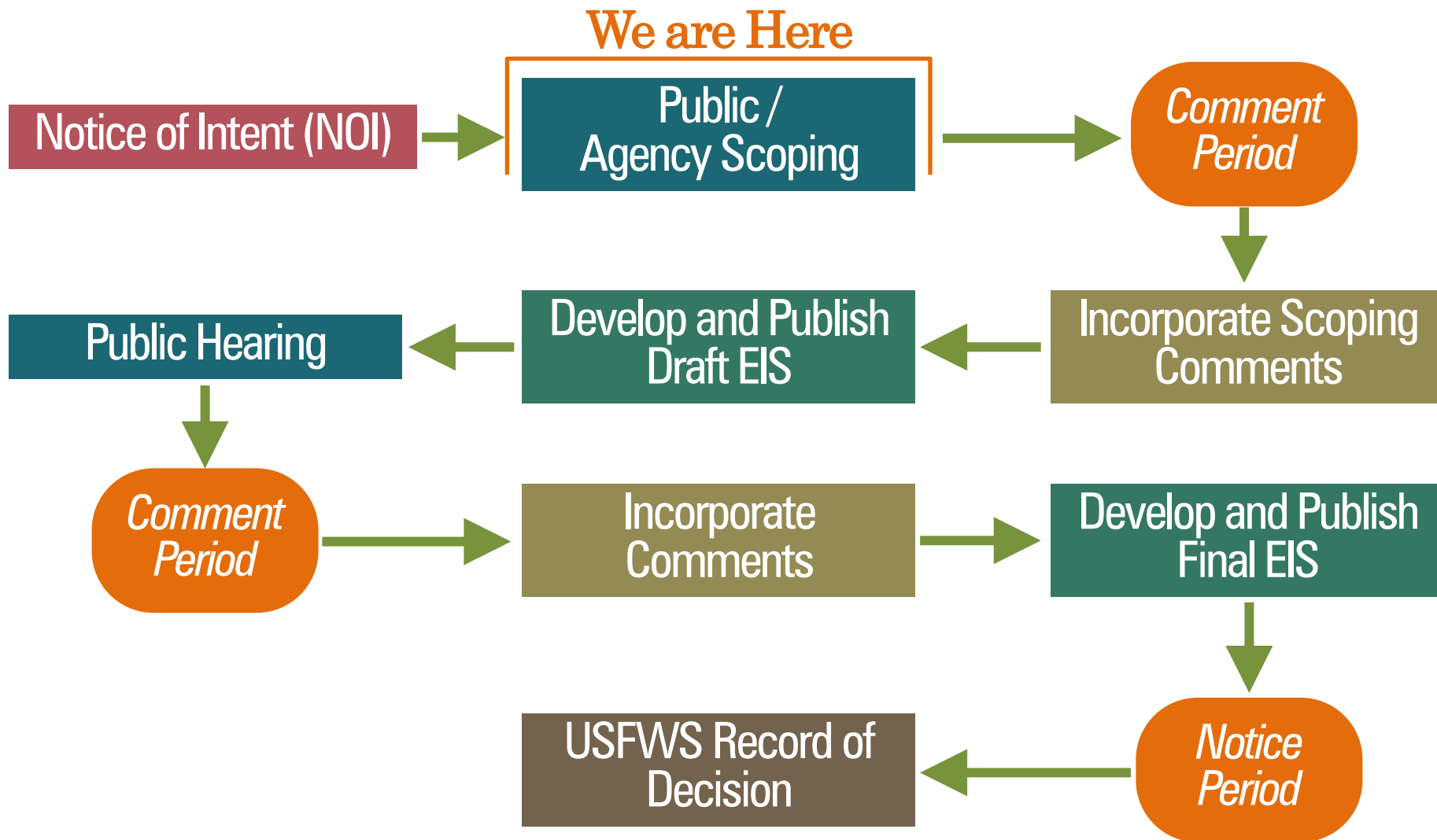


# EIS Analysis



- Human and Natural Environment
  - Geology and Soils
  - Water Resources
  - Air Quality
  - Cultural Resources
  - Visual Resources
  - Socio-Economics and Environmental Justice
  - Transportation
  - Ecological Communities
  - General Wildlife
  - Wildlife Habitat Linkages and Corridors
  - Listed Species / Candidate Species
  - Climate Change

# EIS Process



# Scoping



The purpose of the public scoping process is to identify relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS.

“Most important, NEPA documents must concentrate on the issues that are truly significant to the action in question, rather than amassing needless detail.”

[40 CFR 1500.1(b)]

# Useful Comments



Comments that raise significant issues are the most helpful. An issue is a point of disagreement, debate, or dispute with a proposed action based on some anticipated environmental effect. Significant issues are those issues that are related to significant or potentially significant effects. *An issue is more than just a position statement.* An issue:

- has a cause and effect relationship with the proposed action or alternatives;
- is within the scope of the analysis;
- has not been decided by law, regulation, or previous decision;
- and is amenable to scientific analysis rather than conjecture.

# Scoping Comments



**The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will use scoping comments to develop/refine Alternatives for analysis in the EIS**

## **Preliminary Alternatives**

- Reject the HCP (No Action)
- Adopt the HCP
- Adopt the HCP with modification

# Identified Preliminary Issues



## **The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has identified the following preliminary issues:**

- The impact of habitat loss and fragmentation on the survival and recovery of the Florida Panther.
- The impact of changing traffic patterns on Florida Panther survivorship.

# Comment Submittal - Options



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# Next Steps



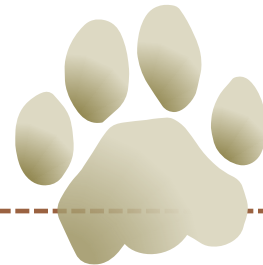
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- EIS Scoping March-June 2016
- Draft EIS June 2016 – June 2017
- Public Hearing July 2017
- Final EIS December 2017
- Record of Decision January 2018

*All dates tentative*



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ITP

Incidental  
Take  
Permit

The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service may issue permits for the "incidental take" of endangered and threatened wildlife species. Incidental take is defined by the ESA as take that is "incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity."

A permit holder is authorized incidental take as long as they are compliant with the terms of the HCP, the ITP, and all other federal and state laws.





# Public Comments



# Thank You



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<b>Section</b>	<b>Figure Description</b>	<b>Labor Estimate</b> (data collection and review, GIS layer development, map production). Includes drafts, edits, finals.
3.2.2	Location map – can use same map produced for Chapter 1	0 hr
3.2.3	Topography – map showing elevation gradient across the Plan Area extending at least two miles outside the ECMSHCP boundary	2.0 hrs
3.2.4	Soils map of the Plan Area based on the 1998 “Soil Survey of Collier County, Florida”	2.0 hrs
3.2.4	Map showing location of historically productive oil and gas wells within the Plan Area	1.5 hrs
3.2.4	Map showing hydric and non-hydric soils in the Plan Area based on the 1998 “Soil Survey of Collier County, Florida”	1.5 hrs
3.2.5	Graph showing monthly mean high and mean low temperatures based on data from Immokalee Airport weather station (IMKFL1). Data is from May 2003 – Mar 2016.	1.5 hrs
3.2.5	Graph showing the number of days of precipitation ( $\geq 0.10$ inch) per month for period May 2003 – Mar 2016 recorded at Immokalee Airport	1.5 hrs
3.2.5	Graph showing total annual precipitation (inches) per year for period 2004 – 2015 recorded at Immokalee Airport	1.5 hrs
3.2.6	Map showing EPA Level III and IV Ecoregions south of the Caloosahatchee River with Plan Area	1.5 hrs
3.2.6	Map showing Natural Communities in Lee, Hendry, and Collier counties (with Plan Area) based on Guide to the Natural Communities of Florida (FNAI 2010)	2.0 hrs
3.2.7	Map showing human Land Use (not vegetative cover) within the Plan Area (roads, pasture, row crop, undeveloped)	2.0 hrs
3.2.8	Map showing existing conservation lands and easements within Collier, Lee, and Hendry counties (with Plan Area)	1.5 hrs
3.2.9	Map showing burn management units on public lands contiguous with the Plan Area	2.5 hrs
3.3.2.1	Figure with Waterbodies and Major Watersheds within and/or contiguous with the Plan Area	1.5 hrs
3.3.2.1	Figure with special hydrologic or restoration projects highlighted within and/or contiguous with the Plan Area	1.5 hrs
3.3.2.1	Figure with Water Supply Planning Area and Protection Zones - Existing wellfields within and/or contiguous with the Plan Area	1.5 hrs
3.3.2.1	Figure with Water Supply Planning Area and Protection Zones - Existing municipal water service areas within and/or contiguous with the Plan Area	1.5 hrs
3.3.3	Figure showing FEMA floodplains within and/or contiguous with the Plan Area	1.5 hrs
3.3.3	Figure showing FEMA regulated floodways within and/or contiguous with the Plan Area	1.5 hrs

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3.3.3	Figure identifying watersheds studied (H&H) more recently than current DFIRM (potential LOMRs) within and/or contiguous with the Plan Area	1.5 hrs
3.3.4	Figure of FDEP WBIDs and 303(d) impairment status within and/or contiguous with the Plan Area	1.5 hrs
3.3.4	Figure with Location of monitoring stations (if applicable) within and/or contiguous with the Plan Area	1.5 hrs
3.3.4	Figures (4) with individual parameters plotted against State water quality standards within and/or contiguous with the Plan Area	6.0 hrs
3.3.4	Figure with nearest Wastewater service area and location of permitted wastewater facilities and treated wastewater discharge or land application sites within and/or contiguous with the Plan Area	1.5 hrs
3.3.6	Figures (3) with project area superimposed on Collier County topography showing seal level rise impacts	4.5 hrs
3.4.2	Plan Area with Locations of Nearby Ambient Air Monitoring Stations	4.0 hrs
3.5.1	Map showing the Socioeconomic Study Area. The study area will likely reflect the average commute distance identified in NHTS or ACS.	2.0 hrs
3.5.2	Map showing total population by Census Block Group.	1.0 hr
3.5.3	Map showing distribution of employment within the study/region area based on LEHD information.	2.0 hrs
3.5.4	Map showing the location of Low-Income and Minority Populations within the study area / region.	1.0 hr
3.6.3	Map showing the location of previously recorded archaeological sites and National Register-listed or eligible sites and areas of high archaeological probability within and/or contiguous with the Plan Area	4.0 hrs
3.8	Map showing Existing Roadway Characteristics within the Plan Area	2.0 hrs
3.8	Map Showing Existing Levels of Service within the Project Area	2.0 hrs
3.8	Map Showing Existing Daily Volumes of Traffic on Roadways within the Plan Area	2.0 hrs
3.8	Map Showing Existing AM/PM Peak Hours Volumes within the Plan Area	2.0 hrs
3.9.2	Land Use/Vegetative Habitats within the Plan Area based on Cooperative Land Cover, Version 3.1	
3.10.1	Map showing the USFWS Panther Focus Area (PFA), including the Primary Zone, Secondary Zone, Dispersal Zone, and Primary Dispersal/Expansion Zone	1.5 hrs
3.10.1	Map covering an area approximately 5 miles around and including the RLSA and showing the PFA, and panther VHF- and GPS-telemetry records to illustrate how the RLSA fits into the surrounding landscape with respect to panther occurrences.	2.0 hrs
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3.10.1	Map showing least-cost-path (LCP) models of paths likely to be used by panthers dispersing among various parcels of public lands in south Florida as indicators of most likely areas for corridors and wildlife crossings on roads. Shape files of LCP models have been produced by Swanson et al.	2.5 hrs

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	(2008) and Kautz et al. (2006).	
3.10.1	Map showing road segments within and around the RLSA that existing panther crossings, or have been proposed by various parties for underpasses to accommodate panther movements.	2.0 hrs
3.10.1	Map showing approved Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), Planned Unit Developments (PUD), and Sector Plans in Collier, Hendry, and Lee Counties in relation to the RLSA to visually communicate degree of cumulative impact on panthers.	2.5 hrs
3.10.1	Map showing the RLSA in relation to the Frakes et al. (2015) model of adult panther breeding habitat.	1.5 hrs
3.10.1	Map showing the areas of the RLSA proposed for additional protection by the FPPP Panther Review Team (PRT).	2.0 hrs
3.10.2	Map showing the Range of the Florida Bonneted Bat	1.0 hrs
3.10.3	Map showing the Range of the Crested Caracara	1.0 hrs
3.10.3	Map showing the areas of Potential Habitat for the Crested Caracara in the Plan Area and on the non-HCP properties in the RLSA.	1.5 hrs
3.10.4	Map showing the Range of the Florida Scrub Jay	1.0 hrs
3.10.4	Map showing the areas of Potential Habitat for the Florida Scrub Jay within the Plan Area, non-HCP properties in the RLSA, and town of Immokalee. Also show locations of existing and previously reported scrub jay colonies.	1.5 hrs
3.10.5	Map showing the Range of the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker	1.0 hrs
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3.10.6	Map showing the Range of the Wood Stork	1.0 hrs
3.10.06	Map showing the areas of Potential Habitat and Active Colonies of Wood Storks within 18.6 miles of the Plan Area and on the non-HCP properties in the RLSA.	2.0 hrs
3.10.7	Map showing the Range of the Snail Kite	1.0 hrs
3.10.7	Map showing the areas of Potential Habitat for the Snail Kite within the Plan Area and on the non-HCP properties in the RLSA.	1.5 hrs
3.10.8	Map showing the Range of the Eastern Indigo Snake	1.0 hrs
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3.10.9	Map showing the areas of Potential Habitat for the Gopher Tortoise within the Plan Area and on the non-HCP properties in the RLSA.	1.5 hrs
3.10.10	Map showing the Range of the Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake	1.0 hrs
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3.11.1	Map showing the Range of the Big Cypress Fox Squirrel	1.0 hrs
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3.11.2	Map showing the Range of the Florida Burrowing Owl	1.0 hrs
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3.12.1	Map showing the Atlantic Migratory Flyway in relation to the Plan Area	1.5 hrs
3.12.1	Map showing the Bird Conservation Region 31 (BCR 31) in relation to the Plan Area.	1.5 hrs
3.12.2	Map showing the Documented Bald Eagle Nests within 1 mile of the within the Plan Area.	2.0 hrs
3.13.1	Map showing range of aboriginal prickly-apple, beautiful pawpaw, Florida prairie-clover, and Garber’s spurge in relation to Plan Area	2.5 hrs
3.13.2	Map showing range of Bartram’s hairstreak butterfly, Florida leafwing butterfly, and Miami blue butterfly in relation to Plan Area	2.5 hrs
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1-2	Rural Land Stewardship Area	Show RLSA in relation to HCP area. Include in legend RLSA lands that are not participating in the HCP
1-3	Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan Area	Show entire CERP area (major projects) with HCP area
1-4	Picayune Strand Restoration Project	Show the major features of the Picayune Strand Restoration Project in relation to the HCP area
1-5	Western Everglades Restoration Project	Show the major features of the Western Everglades Restoration Project in relation to the HCP area
1-6	Southwest Florida Comprehensive Watershed Master Plan Area	Show the area covered by the SWFCWMP and label the SWFCWMP projects that are contiguous with the HCP area
1-7	Northern Golden Gate Estates Flow-way Restoration Area	Show the Northern Golden Gate Estates Flow-way Restoration Area in relation to the HCP area
1-8	Big Cypress Area of Critical State Concern	Show the entire Big Cypress Area of Critical State Concern in relation to the HCP area
1-9	Southwest Hendry County and Rodina Sector Plans	Show both the Southwest Hendry County (Kings Ranch) and Rodina Sector Plans and the HCP area
1-10	Town of Ave Maria and Town of Big Cypress DRIs	Show the Town of Ave Maria DRI and the former DRI boundaries for the Town of Big Cypress
1-11	Florida Forever Projects within the RLSA	Show all Florida Forever projects within 20 miles of the HCP area
1-12	Southwest Florida Landscape Conservation Design	Show the boundaries and targeted conservation parcels of the SWFLCD in relation to the HCP area

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Hi Christian. I understand that you and Ken McDonald have been in discussions regarding the status of the HCP, in particular the NEPA and take questions. Sounds like you are going to be talking with the other ECPO members. I just wanted to let you know that Ken, David Dell and I are available to speak with you and the ECPO members if it would help. I am pretty loaded up through Thursday morning but then my schedule opens up quite a bit, and I will be around next week as well.

Hope you are doing well. R

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**From:** "Tawes, Robert" <[robert\\_tawes@fws.gov](mailto:robert_tawes@fws.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thu Dec 08 2016 11:08:39 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Dell, David" <[david\\_dell@fws.gov](mailto:david_dell@fws.gov)>, Kenneth McDonald <[kenneth\\_mcdonald@fws.gov](mailto:kenneth_mcdonald@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Checking In

Hey guys,

Wanted to let you know that I spoke briefly with Christian yesterday. He said that he would like to convene a meeting in Atlanta, after the holidays, where he can bring up some of the other ECPO members for a meet and greet, and to discuss some of the substantive issues. He also said it would be good if we can invite legal counsel, which I will. We briefly discussed indirect effects (where I said we have a pretty clear Service perspective) and NEPA, where I said we would be able to share information as Ken indicated.

Just wanted to let you know. Thanks. R

On Tue, Dec 6, 2016 at 8:44 AM, Tawes, Robert <[robert\\_tawes@fws.gov](mailto:robert_tawes@fws.gov)> wrote:  
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**Date:** Tue, Dec 6, 2016 at 8:44 AM  
**Subject:** Checking In  
**To:** "Christian Spilker ([CSpilker@collierenterprises.com](mailto:CSpilker@collierenterprises.com))" <[cspilker@collierenterprises.com](mailto:cspilker@collierenterprises.com)>

Hi Christian. I understand that you and Ken McDonald have been in discussions regarding the status of the HCP, in particular the NEPA and take questions. Sounds like you are going to be talking with the other ECPO members. I just wanted to let you know that Ken, David Dell and I are available to speak with you and the ECPO members if it would help. I am pretty loaded up through Thursday morning but then my schedule opens up quite a bit, and I will be around next week as well.

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RE: ECPO MSHCP EIS

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**CC:**  
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HCP Planning Grant, East Collier F14AP00047

**"Mcdonald, Kenneth" <kenneth\_mcdonald@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Mcdonald, Kenneth" <kenneth\_mcdonald@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Dec 16 2016 10:54:13 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** "Johnson, Bruce" <Bruce.Johnson@stantec.com>, Christian Spilker <CSpilker@collierenterprises.com>  
**Subject:** HCP Planning Grant, East Collier F14AP00047

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**To:** "Mcdonald, Kenneth" <kenneth\_mcdonald@fws.gov>  
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**CC:** "Mcdonald, Kenneth (kenneth\_mcdonald@fws.gov)" <kenneth\_mcdonald@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: ECPO MSHCP EIS/AECOM Contract

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We have NOT been authorized to resume work on the EIS. Please see the email below from Christian. However, we need to assemble a cost estimate for AECOM to prepare the figures for the EIS. At this point, I believe we can only estimate for Chapters 1 and 3.

Let's discuss.

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**From:** Christian Spilker [mailto:CSpilker@collierenterprises.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2017 3:51 PM  
**To:** Cartwright, Terry  
**Subject:** RE: ECPO MSHCP EIS/AECOM Contract

Terry,

We will be meeting with USFWS on 30<sup>th</sup> and I am hopeful that we will be able to authorize your resumption of work following that meeting. In the meantime, I understand that you are working on a budget to produce additional figures for the EIS. Please provide me with that proposal as soon as possible as we may be able to have you start on that work in the interim.

Regards,

## Christian Spilker

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**From:** Cartwright, Terry [<mailto:terry.cartwright@aecom.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 05, 2017 1:04 PM  
**To:** Christian Spilker  
**Subject:** ECPO MSHCP EIS/AECOM Contract

Good afternoon Christian,

The USFWS has asked that with the extension of the contract agreement, AECOM resume work on the MSHCP EIS. We are ready and able to do so, but would like confirmation from your office that our work on the project is to again move forward. Pending your authorization to resume work, AECOM will continue with the suspension of activities related to EIS development.

Also, I wanted to make you aware that AECOM is developing a budget supplement request. Several areas of the Statement of Work do not adequately address the effort that is being required by the Service to develop the EIS. Pending a review of the revised HCP, the budget supplement will be finalized and submitted for your consideration.

Please let me know if you wish to discuss. Thanks.

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