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Anaqua Springs Ranch Submits Draft Habitat Conservation Plan

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is announcing the availability of an incidental take permit application that includes a draft Habitat Conservation Plan (dHCP) for the Anaqua Springs Ranch Inc., development in Bexar County, Texas. Publication of this notice begins a 60-day comment period.

Anaqua Springs Ranch, Inc. is requesting an incidental take permit to cover activities associated with the expected clearing and construction of a residential development on the 60.7 acre Anderson Tract in Bexar County, Texas, that may affect the golden-cheeked warbler and its habitat. The incidental take permit, if issued, would be in effect for 10 years. As part of their draft Habitat Conservation Plan, Anaqua Springs Ranch, Inc. proposes to mitigate any incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler with the purchase of 60.7 acres of high quality habitat.

The golden-cheeked warbler is a small, migratory song bird that nests exclusively in central Texas. The bird is threatened by habitat loss and fragmentation as a result of urban encroachment and the clearing of juniper. The Service listed the golden-cheeked warbler as endangered on December 27, 1990.

The Service is requesting public comments on the incidental take permit, dHCP and the draft environmental assessment (dEA). Comments will be accepted until February 17, 2015. You may obtain copies of the dHCP and dEA online at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/>, and you may submit comments electronically to fw2_hcp_permits@fws.gov

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