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Public Hearing Set on Proposal to List Miami Tiger Beetle as Endangered Species

VERO BEACH, Florida – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is seeking public comment on its proposal to list the Miami tiger beetle as “endangered” under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). A hearing for members of the general public to comment on that proposal in person is set for Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

The hearing will run from 6 p.m. to approximately 9 p.m. at Miami Dade College – Kendall Campus, Building 6000, Room 6120, 11011 SW 104th Street in Miami. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for an informal informational session that will last until 6 p.m. During the hearing, those wishing to comment will have a limited amount of time to speak. The Service is seeking more information about the Miami tiger beetle related to its biology, distribution, and threats including development and collection. (A campus map is attached, Building 6000 where the hearing will take place is circled. Room 6120 is actually the building's auditorium). This information will be used by the Service to help decide if this species should be listed under the ESA.

Those attending the hearing can also submit written comments at the event. Anyone who wants to comment on the proposal, but can't attend the hearing can comment by submitting written comments by one of the following methods until February 22, 2016:

(1) Electronically: Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal:

<http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS-R4-ES-2015-0164, which is the docket number for this rulemaking. Then, in the Search panel on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, click on the Proposed Rules link to locate this document. You may submit a comment by clicking on “Comment Now!”

(2) By hard copy: Submit by U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R4-ES-2015-0164; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Headquarters, MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

All comments will be posted on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

For more information about the Miami tiger beetle and the Service's proposal to list it under the ESA, please visit www.fws.gov/southeast/wildlife/insect/miami-tiger-beetle.

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