

Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-128462

Applicant: Jonathan Feenstra, Pasadena, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-128400

Applicant: Christina M. Sloop, Sonoma, California

The applicant requests a permit to remove/reduce to possession *Orcuttia pilosa* (hairy orcutt grass) and *Neostapfia colusana* (Colusa grass) from Federal lands throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-128416

Applicant: Ro M. LoBianco, Danville, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) the California freshwater shrimp (*Syncaris pacifica*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

We solicit public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment, but you should be aware that we may be required to disclose your name and address pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by

appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

Dated: June 21, 2006.

Michael Fris,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Two Applications for Incidental Take Permits for Construction of Two Single-Family Homes in Volusia County, FL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of an incidental take permit (ITP) and Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Cory Palmateer (Applicant) and America's First Home (Applicant) each request an ITP pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Applicants anticipate taking about 0.4 acre combined of Florida scrub-jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*) (scrub-jay) foraging and sheltering habitat incidental to lot preparation for the construction of two single-family homes and supporting infrastructure in Volusia County, Florida (Project). The destruction of 0.4 acre of foraging and sheltering habitat is expected to result in the take of two families of scrub-jays. The Applicants' Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) describe the mitigation and minimization measures proposed to address the effects of the Projects to the Florida scrub-jay.

DATES: Written comments on the ITP applications and HCPs should be sent to the Jacksonville Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before August 23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the applications and HCPs may obtain a copy by writing the Service's Jacksonville Field Office. Please reference permit number TE128571-0, for Palmateer, and TE128569-0, for America's First Home, in such requests. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Jacksonville Field Office, 6620 Southpoint Drive South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, Florida 32216-0912.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Jennings, Fish and Wildlife

Biologist, Jacksonville Field Office, Jacksonville, Florida (see **ADDRESSES**), telephone: 904/232-2580, ext. 113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. Please reference permit number TE128571-0, for Palmateer, and TE128569-0, for America's First Home, in such requests. You may mail comments to the Service's Jacksonville Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the Internet to michael_jennings@fws.gov. Please also include your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from us that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Service office listed under **ADDRESSES**. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Residential construction for Palmateer will take place within Section 09, Township 18, Range 30, Orange City, Volusia County, Florida, on lots 17, 18, and 19, East Dorseys Blue Spring Park. Residential construction for America's First Home will take place within Section 30, Township 18, Range 31, Deltona, Volusia County, Florida, on lot 10, Block 103, Deltona Lakes. Each of these lots is within scrub-jay occupied habitat.

The lots combined encompass about 0.4 acre, and the footprint of the homes, infrastructure, and landscaping preclude retention of scrub-jay habitat on each of these respective lots. In order to minimize take on site the Applicants propose to mitigate for the loss of 0.4 acre of scrub-jay habitat by contributing a total of \$18,180.96 (\$7,727 for Palmateer and \$10,453.96 for America's

First Home) to the Florida Scrub-jay Conservation Fund administered by The Nature Conservancy. Funds in this account are ear-marked for use in the conservation and recovery of scrub-jays and may include habitat acquisition, restoration, and/or management.

The Service has determined that the Applicants' proposals, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCPs. Therefore, the ITPs are "low-effect" projects and qualify as categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1). This preliminary information may be revised based on our review of public comments that we receive in response to this notice. Low-effect HCPs are those involving (1) minor or negligible effects on federally listed or candidate species and their habitats, and (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources.

The Service will evaluate the HCPs and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). If it is determined that those requirements are met, the ITPs will be issued for the incidental take of the Florida scrub-jay. The Service will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITPs comply with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITPs.

Authority: This notice is provided pursuant to section 10 of the Endangered Species Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: July 18, 2006.

David L. Hankla,

Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit for Construction of a Single-Family Home, Brevard County, FL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of an incidental take permit (ITP) application and Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Lawrence Bank (Applicant) requests an ITP, for a 2-year term, for an individual lot pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Applicant anticipates taking about .25 acres of Florida scrub-jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*) (scrub-jay) foraging and sheltering habitat incidental to lot preparation for the construction of one single-family home and supporting infrastructure in Brevard County, Florida (Projects). The destruction of .25 acres of foraging and sheltering habitat is expected to result in the take of one family of scrub-jays. The Applicant's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) describes the mitigation and minimization measures proposed to address the effects of the Project to the Florida scrub-jay.

DATES: Written comments on the ITP application and HCP should be sent to the Jacksonville Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before August 23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application and HCP may obtain a copy by writing the Service's Jacksonville Field Office. Please reference permit number TE128564-0 in such requests. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Jacksonville Field Office, 6620 Southpoint Drive South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, Florida 32216-0912.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Jennings, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Jacksonville Field Office, Jacksonville, Florida (see **ADDRESSES**), telephone: 904/232-2580, ext. 113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. Please reference permit number TE128564-0 in such requests. You may mail comments to the Service's Jacksonville Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the Internet to michael_jennings@fws.gov. Please include your name and return address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from us that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Service office listed above (see **ADDRESSES**). Our

practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Residential construction will take place within section 02, Township 24 South, Range 35 East, Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida, on lot 14, Block 28. This lot is within locations where scrub-jays were sighted during surveys for this species from 1999 through 2003.

The lot encompasses about 1.00 acres, of which .25 acres will be used for the footprint of the home, infrastructure, and landscaping. The remaining .75 acres will be retained as scrub-jay habitat. In order to minimize take on site, the Applicant proposes to preserve the remaining .75 acres of scrub habitat on site and not clear the property or begin construction until the completion of the nesting season (March 1-June 30).

The Applicant proposes to mitigate for the loss of .25 acres of scrub-jay habitat by contributing a total of \$4,200 to the Florida Scrub-jay Conservation Fund administered by The Nature Conservancy. Funds in this account are ear-marked for use in the conservation and recovery of scrub-jays and may include habitat acquisition, restoration, and/or management.

The Service has determined that the Applicant's proposal, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, will have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, the ITP is a "low-effect" project and qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1). This preliminary information may be revised based on our review of public comments that we receive in response to this notice. Low-effect HCPs are those involving (1) minor or negligible effects on federally listed or candidate species