

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey by mail, fax, or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Division of International Conservation awards grants funded under the:

- (1) African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4201-4245).
- (2) Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4261).
- (3) Great Apes Conservation Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-411).
- (4) Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306).
- (5) Marine Turtle Conservation Act (Pub. L. 108-266).
- (6) Wildlife Without Borders Programs - Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Russia.

The information that we collect for grants awarded under the Marine Turtle Conservation Act is approved under OMB Control No. 1018-0128, which expires March 31, 2009. We are proposing to include that information collection with the others in this approval request, all under OMB Control Number 1018-0123.

Applicants submit proposals for funding in response to Notices of Funding Availability that we publish on

Grants.gov. We collect the following information under each Notice of Funding Availability:

- (1) Cover page with basic project details (FWS Form 3-2338). This is a new form that we propose to replace the six forms currently approved under OMB Control No. 1018-0123.
- (2) Project summary and narrative.
- (3) Letter of appropriate government endorsement.
- (4) Brief curricula vitae for key project personnel.
- (5) Complete Standard Forms 424, 424a and 424b (nondomestic applicants do not submit the standard forms).

Proposals may also include, as appropriate, a copy of the organization's Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NIRCA) and any additional documentation supporting the proposed project.

The project summary and narrative is the basis for this information collection request for approval. A panel of technical experts reviews each proposal to assess how well the project addresses the priorities identified by each program's authorizing legislation. As all of the on-the-ground projects funded by these programs are conducted outside the United States, the letter of appropriate government endorsement ensures that the proposed activities will not meet with local resistance or work

in opposition to locally identified priorities and needs. Brief curricula vitae for key project personnel allow the review panel to assess the qualifications of project staff to effectively carry out the project goals and objectives. As all Federal entities must honor the indirect cost rates an organization has negotiated with its cognizant agency, we require all organizations with a NICRA to submit the agreement paperwork with their proposals to verify how their rate is applied in their proposed budget. Applicants may provide any additional documentation that they believe best supports their proposal.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018-0123.

Title: International Conservation Grant Programs.

Service Form Number(s): 3-2338.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Domestic and nondomestic Federal, State, and local governments; nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations; public and private institutions of higher education; and any other organization or individual with demonstrated perience deemed necessary to carry out the proposed project..

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

| Activity | Number of annual respondents | Number of annual responses | Completion time per response | Annual burden hours |
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| Cover page (FWS Form 3-2338) | 489 | 489 | 1 hour | 489 |
| Narratives | 489 | 489 | 11 hours | 5,379 |
| Reports (mid-term and final) | 231 | 231 | 30 hours | 6,930 |
| Totals | 1,209 | 1,209 | | 12,798 |

III. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this IC on:

- (1) whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include and/or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC.

Dated: March 1, 2007

Hope Grey,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for Construction of a Combination of Commercial Buildings and Residential Units in Palm Beach 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). Royal Tequesta LLC (Applicant) requests an ITP pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Applicant anticipates taking about 2.24 acres of Florida scrub-jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*) (scrub-jay) foraging and sheltering habitat incidental to partial land clearing of their 6-acre lot and subsequent commercial and residential construction and supporting infrastructure in Palm Beach County, Florida (Project). The destruction of 2.24 acre 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 applications and HCPs should be sent to the South Florida Ecological Services Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before April 16, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application and HCP may obtain a copy by writing the Service's South Florida Ecological Services Office. Please reference permit number TE 136147-0 in such requests. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the South Florida Ecological Services Office, 1339 20th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960-3559.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Trish Adams, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, South Florida Ecological Services Office, Vero Beach, Florida (see **ADDRESSES**), telephone: 772/562-3909, ext. 232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. Please reference permit number TE 136147-0 in such requests. You may mail comments to the Service's South Florida Ecological Services Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the Internet to trish_adams@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.

Construction of the Project will take place within Section 30, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, Tequesta, Palm

Beach County, Florida. The Project site is bounded by the Casa del Sol development project on the north, County Line Plaza on the south, U.S. Highway 1 on the east, and by the Village of Tequesta water treatment plant on the west. Scrub-jays occupy 3.58 acres of the 6-acre site.

The Applicant proposes to minimize take of scrub-jays by avoiding land clearing activities during the breeding or nesting season (March through June) and by preserving, restoring, and maintaining 1.34 acres of scrub-jay habitat on their 6-acre lot in perpetuity. The Applicants propose to mitigate for the loss of 2.24 acres of occupied scrub-jay habitat by contributing a total of \$384,017.78 to the Florida Scrub-jay Conservation Program 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 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 for 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 and their habitats, and (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources.

The Service will evaluate the HCP and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets 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 ITP 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) ITP complies 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 ITP.

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

Dated: March 9, 2007.

Paul Souza,

Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA). It describes how we intend to manage Missisquoi NWR during the next 15 years. We prepared this Draft CCP/EA in conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended.

DATES: The Draft CCP/EA will be available for public review and comment for a 30-day period starting with the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain copies of the draft CCP/EA on compact diskette or in print by writing to Carl Melberg, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Northeast Regional Office, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035-9589, or by electronic mail at northeastplanning@fws.gov, noting in the subject line "Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge." You may also view the draft on the Web at <http://library.fws.gov/ccps.htm>. During the 30-day comment period, we plan to host public meetings in the local area. We will post the details of each meeting at least 2 weeks in advance to our project mailing list in local papers, at the refuge and at our Web site, <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/missisquoi refuge/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl Melberg, 413-253-8521.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires the Service to develop a CCP for each refuge. The purpose of developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with