

jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plants.

Applicant's Proposal

The applicant is requesting take of approximately 3.57 ac of occupied sand skink foraging and sheltering habitat incidental to construction of a commercial development, and seeks a 5-year permit. The 3.92-ac project site is located on 21.28-ac parcel #19-22-25-000100005200 within Section 19, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, Lake County, Florida. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the take of the sand skink by the purchase of 7.14 mitigation credits within the Hatchineha Ranch Conservation Bank.

Our Preliminary Determination

We have determined that the applicant's proposal, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, would have minor or negligible effects on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, we determined that the ITP is a "low-effect" project and qualifies for 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). A low-effect HCP is one 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.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the HCP and comments we receive to determine whether the ITP application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). If we determine that the application meets these requirements, we will issue ITP #TE83714A-0. We 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. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP. If the requirements are met, we will issue the permit to the applicant.

Public Comments

If you wish to comment on the permit application, HCP, and associated documents, you may submit comments by any one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other

personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

We provide this notice under Section 10 of the Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: October 5, 2012.

David L. Hankla,

Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Field Office, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 106-503, the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) will hold its next meeting on the campus of the Colorado School of Mines, Ballroom B, in Golden, Colorado. The Committee is comprised of members from academia, industry, and State government. The Committee shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

The Committee will receive reports on the status of activities of the Program and progress toward Program goals and objectives. The Committee will assess this information and provide guidance on the future undertakings and direction of the Earthquake Hazards Program.

Meetings of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee are open to the public.

DATES: October 29, 2012, commencing at 8:30 a.m. and adjourning at Noon on October 30, 2012.

Contact: Dr. William Leith, U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-6786, wleith@usgs.gov.

Dated: October 9, 2012.

David Newman,

Federal Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Land Acquisitions: Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 468.39 acres of land into trust for the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation) on October 10, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Mann-Klager, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Natural Resources, 115 Fourth Ave Southeast, Suite 400, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401; phone: (605) 226-7621; email: diane.mann-klager@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1 and is published to comply with the requirements of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs.

On October 10, 2012, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs decided to accept approximately 468.39 acres of land into trust for the MHA Nation; under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. The parcel is located on the Fort Berthold reservation, in Ward County, North Dakota, and is located in the northeast corner of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation west of Makoti, North Dakota, in N¹/₂ of Section 19 and NW¹/₄ of Section 20 of Township 152 North, Range 87 West, 5th Principal Meridian. The MHA Nation proposes to use the property to construct and operate a new "Clean Fuels Refinery" and grow forage for buffalo.