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Applicant's Proposed Project

We received an application for an ITP, along with a proposed HCP. The applicant requests a 2-year permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). If we issue the permit, the applicant anticipates taking 1.41 acres of scrub-jay breeding, feeding, and sheltering habitat for construction of six single-family residences and associated infrastructure in North Port, Sarasota County, Florida.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for the loss of 1.41 acres of occupied scrub-jay habitat through the purchase of 2.82 credits from a Service-approved conservation bank within 30 days of permit issuance.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's project, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, issuance of the ITP is a "low-effect" action and qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by 43 CFR 46.205 and 46.210. A low-effect HCP is one involving: (1) minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) impacts when, considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result over time in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources that would be considered significant.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the HCP and comments we receive to determine whether the ITP application meets the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation to evaluate take of the scrub-jay in accordance with section 7 of the ESA. We will use the results of

the consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our analysis of whether or not to issue the ITP. If the requirements are met we will issue ITP number TE84046C-0 to the applicant.

Authority

We provide this notice under Section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

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Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Notice of Renewal of the Advisory Committee on Water Information

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the Advisory Committee on Water Information Charter.

Following consultation with the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior is renewing the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI).

The ACWI has been established under the authority of the Office of Management and Budget and Budget Memorandum No. M-92-01 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of this Presidential Committee is to represent the interests of water-information users and professionals in advising the Federal Government on Federal water-information programs and their effectiveness in meeting the Nation's water-information needs. Member organizations help to foster communications between the Federal and non-Federal sectors on sharing water information.

Membership represents a wide range of water resources interests and functions. Representation on the ACWI includes all levels of government, academia, private industry, and professional and technical societies. Member organizations designate their representatives and alternates. Membership is limited to a maximum of 35 organizations.

The Committee will function solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Charter will be filed under the Act, 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Adrienne Bartlewitz, Acting ACWI Executive Secretary, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 436, Reston, VA 20192. Telephone: 703-648-4304; Fax: 703-648-5002.

Dated: June 29, 2018.

Ryan Zinke,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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Royalty Policy Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the fourth meeting of the Royalty Policy Committee (Committee). This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, in Lakewood, CO, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time.

ADDRESSES: The Committee meeting will be held at the Denver Federal Center Building 85, located at Sixth Avenue and Kipling Street, Denver, CO 80225. Members of the public may attend in person (Photo ID required at visitors' gate) or view documents and presentations under discussion via WebEx at <https://onrr.webex.com/onrr/j.php?MTID=m8b07b197593ce80917ef1715ae9f262a> and listen to the proceedings at telephone number 1-888-469-0854 or International Toll number 517-319-9462 (passcode: 9724702).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chris Mentasti, Office of Natural Resources Revenue at (202) 513-0614 or email to rpc@ios.doi.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of the Interior established the Committee on April 21, 2017, under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior and regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the Committee is to ensure that the public receives the full value of resources produced from Federal lands. The duties of the Committee are solely advisory in nature. More information about the Committee, including its charter, is available at www.doi.gov/rpc.

Meeting Agenda: At the September meeting, the Committee will receive