

Public Comments

Submitting Comments

If you wish to comment on any of the documents, you may do so via any one of the following methods. Be sure to specify clearly the ITP applications on which you are commenting.

- *Email, U.S. mail, or In-person drop-off:* See **ADDRESSES**.
- *Fax:* Alfredo Begazo, 772-562-4288.

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 may 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.

Applicants' Proposed Projects

Each applicant requests a permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act. If we issue either permit, the applicant anticipates taking sand skink and blue-tailed mole skink incidental to land preparation and construction. The amount of habitat loss for each proposed project is as follows:

- Florida Bramingham, Inc. (TE94080C-0) anticipates destroying 13.1 acres of species feeding, breeding, and sheltering habitat incidental to land preparation and construction in Section 14, Township 25 South, and Range 27 East, in Osceola County, Florida.
- Palmetto Lake Wales-Hwy 60, LLC (TE94085C-0) anticipates destroying 1.13 acres of species feeding, breeding, and sheltering habitat incidental to land preparation and construction in Sections 7 and 8, Township 30 South, and Range 29 East, in Polk County, Florida.

Each applicant proposes to mitigate for impacts to the species by purchasing credits from a Service-approved conservation bank as follows:

- Florida Bramingham, Inc. proposes to purchase the equivalent of 26.2 acres of credits.
- Palmetto Lake Wales-Hwy 60, LLC proposes to purchase the equivalent of 2.26 acres of credits.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that each applicant's project, including the minimization and mitigation measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered

in its HCP. Therefore, issuance of either of the ITPs would be a "low-effect" action and qualify as a categorical exclusion under the 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 that, 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 each HCP and the 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 on each application to evaluate take of the skinks in accordance with section 7 of the ESA. We will use the results of these consultations, in combination with the above findings, in our analysis of whether or not to issue each ITP. If the requirements are met, we will issue ITP number TE94080C-0 to Florida Bramingham, Inc. and TE94085C-0 to Palmetto Lake Wales-Hwy 60, LLC.

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).

Roxanna Hinzman,

Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-ES-2018-N143;
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Renewal of Incidental Take Permit for Sand Skink and Blue-Tailed Mole Skink, Osceola County, FL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments and information.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce receipt of an application for the renewal of an existing incidental take permit (ITP). The applicants are requesting a 5-year renewal of their existing 2-year ITP

under the Endangered Species Act. The existing ITP expired on June 6, 2018. If granted, the renewed ITP would extend authorization for take of the federally threatened sand skink and blue-tailed mole skink (skinks) incidental to the construction of a single-family residential development located in Osceola County, Florida. The co-applicants are JKAF Investments, LLC, and Kathryn Kendrick Davidow Trust. We request public comments on the permit application, the habitat conservation plan (HCP), and our preliminary determination that this HCP qualifies as low effect under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, which is also available for review.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before March 15, 2019.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: You may obtain copies of the documents by any of the following methods:

- *Telephone:* Alfredo Begazo, 772-469-4234 (telephone).
- *Email:* alfredo_begazo@fws.gov.
- *U.S. mail:* Alfredo Begazo, South Florida Ecological Services Office; Attn: JKAF Investments, LLC, and Kathryn Kendrick Davidow Trust Permit TE 8166B-1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1339 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960-3559.

- *In-person review:* The documents are available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the above address. Please call to make an appointment.

- *Fax:* Alfredo Begazo, 772-562-4288.

Submitting Comments: If you wish to comment on any of the documents, you may do so by submitting your comment in writing to the email address, U.S. mail address (mail or hand-carrying), or fax number above. Please also see *Public Availability of Comments in*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Alfredo Begazo, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, South Florida Ecological Services Office (see **ADDRESSES**), 772-469-4234 (telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application for the renewal of an existing ITP under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The co-applicants are JKAF Investments, LLC, and Kathryn Kendrick Davidow Trust, and they seek a 5-year renewal of an ITP that expired on June 29, 2018. Renewal would give

them the authority to take the federally listed sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*) and threatened blue-tailed mole skink (*Eumeces egregious*) (hereafter, skinks) in Osceola County, Florida. We request public comment on this permit renewal application and habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on our preliminary determination that this HCP qualifies as categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, which are also available for review.

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Applicants' Proposed Project

JKAF Investments, LLC, and Kathryn Kendrick Davidow Trust request a renewal of an expired permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act. If we issue the permit, the applicants anticipated taking sand skink and blue-tailed mole skink incidental to land preparation and construction on 0.5 acres of occupied skinks habitat for the residential development in Section 30, Township 25 South, and Range 27 East, in Osceola County, Florida. The applicants proposes to mitigate for the take resulting from this project by purchasing and protecting 1 acre of skink-occupied habitat at a Service-approved mitigation bank prior to any clearing activities.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicants' project, including the mitigation measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in its HCP. Therefore, we have determined that the renewal of the expired ITP for this project would be "low effect" and qualify for categorical exclusions under the 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 that, when considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonable foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result over time in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources that would be considered significant.

Next Step

We will evaluate the HCP and the 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 on the application to evaluate take of the skinks 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 TE8166B-1 to JKAF Investments, LLC, and Kathryn Kendrick Davidow Trust.

Authority

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

Roxanna Hinzman,

Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Number 1076-0143]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Tribal Self-Governance Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 15, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Ms. Sharee M. Freeman, Director, Office of Self-Governance, 1849 C Street NW, MS-2071, Washington, DC 20240; telephone: (202) 219-0240. Please reference OMB

Control Number 1076-0143 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Ms. Sharee M. Freeman by email at Sharee.Freeman@bia.gov, or by telephone at (202) 219-0240.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BIA; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BIA enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BIA minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, 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.

Abstract: The Self-Governance program is authorized by the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994, Public Law 103-413 (the Act), as amended. Indian Tribes interested in entering into Self-Governance must submit certain information as required by the Act. In addition, those Tribes and Tribal consortia that have entered into Self-Governance funding agreements will be requested to submit certain information as described in 25 CFR 1000. This information will be used to justify a budget request submission on their behalf and to comport with section 405