

organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

DATES: Written comments on the ITP application, draft EA, and HCP should be sent to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before July 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application, HCP, and draft EA may obtain a copy by writing the Service's Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Regional Office, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: Endangered Species Permits), or Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Post Office Box 2676, Vero Beach, Florida 32961-2676.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Dell, Regional HCP Coordinator, (see **ADDRESSES** above), telephone: 404/679-7313, facsimile: 404/679-7081; or Mr. Mike Jennings, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, South Florida Ecosystem Office, Vero Beach, Florida (see **ADDRESSES** above), telephone: 561/562-3909.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sand skinks and bluetail mole skinks are restricted to dry, sandy uplands (xeric communities) in southcentral peninsular Florida. These areas are predominated by deep, well drained soils, and drought tolerant plant species. Sand and bluetail mole skinks are found primarily in sandy areas within xeric uplands. Sand skinks are mostly found on the soil surface or under leaf litter. Bluetail mole skinks are fossorial and remain underground throughout their life.

Due to its high elevation and tendency to remain dry, historic skink habitat was favored by early settlers and subsequently attracted urban and agricultural development. Human settlement has resulted in an estimated 85 percent loss of xeric communities, which has likely adversely affected the distribution and numbers of sand and bluetail mole skinks.

Quantification of historic or current population size and distribution of skinks is difficult because these species are difficult to survey; they are small and hard to locate due to their semi-(sand skink) to completely fossorial (bluetail mole skink) habits. Although widespread, definitive surveys are usually not practicable for these species, existing soils data can provide insight into the distribution of suitable habitat and the subsequent loss of such habitat to anthropogenic causes.

Much of the historic skink habitat occurred along a 100-mile stretch of parallel ancient dunes that were situated on a north-south axis from Orange to Highlands counties. This area is exposed to frequent lightning strikes which resulted in the evolution of plant and animal species that became dependant on frequent fires to persist. Due to the effects of urbanization and agricultural development, historic skink habitat has been reduced in size and has become fragmented. As a consequence of habitat fragmentation, much of the remaining habitat for skinks is poor quality due to the lack of periodic fires brought on by post-settlement fire exclusion.

Sand skinks and bluetail mole skinks are currently known from 115 and 36 locations, respectively, including the Project site. Issuance of the Permit to the Applicant would result in a loss of 0.9 percent ($\frac{1}{115}$) of the known localities of sand skinks and 2.8 percent ($\frac{1}{36}$) of known localities of bluetail mole skinks. These figures probably overestimate the percentage loss since not all potentially suitable habitat throughout the range of these species has been surveyed. The effects that loss of sand skinks and habitat within the Project site will have on the local population of skinks is not known.

Construction of the Project's infrastructure and facilities will result in death of, or injury to, sand skinks and bluetail mole skinks, incidental to the carrying out of these otherwise lawful activities. Habitat alteration associated with the proposed commercial development will reduce the availability of feeding, nesting, and sheltering habitat for these species.

The draft EA considers the environmental consequences of two action alternatives, both of which would require issuance of an ITP. The preferred alternative would affect about 20.7 acres suitable sand and bluetail mole skink habitat. The reduced take alternative would affect about 15 acres of suitable sand and bluetail mole skink habitat. The no action alternative (not issue the ITP) may result in loss of habitat for federally listed species described above and exposure of the Applicant under Section 9 of the Act. The proposed action alternative is issuance of the ITP according to the HCP as submitted and described above. Under the proposed alternative, two mitigation alternatives exists, both of which will result in the acquisition, protection, and management suitable skink habitat off-site. Habitat acquisition and management will be achieved through one of two mitigation alternatives; fee-simple purchase of a

minimum of 41.7 acres of suitable skink habitat or deposit of sufficient funds into an escrow account to acquire and manage a minimum of 41.7 acres of suitable skink habitat. Under the first mitigation alternative, the Permittee would purchase habitat adjacent to Archbold Biological Station (ABS) (a non-profit conservation and research facility in southern Highlands County) and subsequently transfer title of such lands to ABS. ABS would assume responsibility for perpetual management of the acquired habitat. Under the second mitigation alternative, the Permittee would escrow sufficient funds to acquire and manage a minimum of 41.7 acres of suitable skink habitat adjacent to ABS. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) would act as intermediary in this case and use the escrowed funds to acquire suitable skink habitat and subsequently convey fee-title of acquired habitat to ABS. A conservation easement of the acquired lands would also be developed between TNC and ABS.

As stated above, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the issuance of the ITP is not a major Federal action significantly effecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. This preliminary determination may be revised due to public comment received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the draft EA and HCP.

The Service will also evaluate whether the issuance of a Section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with Section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service Section 7 consultation. The results of the biological opinion, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP.

Dated: June 12, 2000.

Sam D. Hamilton,
Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[Docket No. OR-020-1020-DE; G-0247]

Meeting Notice for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

SUMMARY: The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council will meet at the Bureau of Land Management, Burns District Office, HC 74-12533 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, 8:00 a.m. to

5:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), on Thursday, July 20, 2000, and conduct an access and restoration field tour from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Friday, July 21, 2000. Topics to be discussed by the Council include Interim Sage Grouse Guidelines update, Steens Mountain Designation update, Owyhee River Canyon Litigation update, Off-Highway Vehicle Strategy, Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan update, Lakeview Resource Management Plan (RMP) update, and such other matters as may reasonably come before the Council. The entire meeting is open to the public. Public comment is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. PDT on Thursday, July 20, 2000.

An optional BLM Lakeview RMP field tour will meet on Wednesday, July 19, 2000, at 7:00 a.m. at the BLM Lakeview Interagency Office to participate in discussions and issues concerning the Lakeview RMP. Additional information concerning the Lakeview RMP optional field tour may be obtained from Dwayne Sykes, RMP Team Leader, Lakeview Interagency Office, 1300 South G Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630, (541) 947-2177, or Duayne_Sykes@or.blm.gov.

The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council will meet again the following dates in the year 2000.

DATES: 10/19-20/2000.

PLACE/LOCATION: Lakeview District Office, BLM; Lakeview, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council may be obtained from Holly LaChapelle, Resource Assistant, Burns District Office, HC 74-12533 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon, 97738, (541) 573-4501, or HollyLaChapelle@or.blm.gov or from the following web site <http://www.or.blm.gov/SEOR-RAC>.

Dated: June 8, 2000.

Craig M. Hansen,

Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before June 10, 2000.

Pursuant to § 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the

significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, NC400, Washington, DC 20240. Written comments should be submitted by July 5, 2000.

Carol D. Shull,

Keeper of the National Register.

ARKANSAS

Cleveland County

Federal Building, 20 Magnolia St., Rison, 00000752

GEORGIA

Appling County

United States Post Office—Baxley, Georgia, 124 Tippins St., Baxley, 00000755

De Kalb County

United States Post Office—Decatur, Georgia, 141 Trinity Place, Decatur, 00000753

Troup County

Stark Mill and Mill Village Historic District, Roughly bounded by Lincoln, Askew, Church, Keith, and Brazil Sts, Whaley Ave. and the Hogansville city limits, Hogansville, 00000754

IDAHO

Canyon County

Dorman, Henry W. and Ida Frost, House, 114 Logan St., Caldwell, 00000756

KANSAS

Dickinson County

Brewer Scout Cabin, Solomon City Park, 100 E. 4th St., Solomon, 00000770

Doniphan County

St. Martha's AME Church and Parsonage, SW corner of Main and Canada, Highland, 00000757

Johnson County

McCarthy, John, House, 19700 Sunflower Rd., Edgerton, 00000758

MAINE

Aroostook County

Maple Grove Friends Church, West Side of Rte 1-A, 0.25 mi. N of jct with Upcountry (Fairmount Rd.), Maple Grove, 00000764
Monticello Grange #338, Main St., 0.7 mi. S of jct. with Muckatee Rd., Monticello, 00000760

Hancock County

St. Mary's-By-The-Sea, 20 S. Shore Rd., Northeast Harbor, 00000761

Sagadahoc County

Mill Cove School, West Side of Berrys Mill Rd., 0.1 mi S. of jct. with Hill Rd., Bath, 00000763

Somerset County

Pittston Farm, West End of Seboomook Lake, at Confluence with the S. Branch of Penobscot R., Pittston Academy Grant, 00000762

Washington County

Union Church, (former), Main St., 0.1 mi NE of jct. with Addison Rd., Columbia Falls, 00000759

NEBRASKA

Buffalo County

Kearney Junior High School, 300 W. 24th St., Kearney, 00000766

Cedar County

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church Complex, 106 W. 889th Rd., Bow Valley, 00000765

Chase County

Balcony House, 1006 Court St., Imperial, 00000767

Hall County

Gloe Brothers Service Station, 609 E. 11th St., Wood River, 00000768

NORTH CAROLINA

Lee County

Hawkins Avenue Historic District, (Lee County MPS) Roughly bounded by Hill Ave., First St., Charlotte Ave., and Horner Blvd., Sanford, 00000771

TENNESSEE

Haywood County

Republican Primitive Baptist Church, (Rural African-American Churches in Tennessee MPS) 350 Raymond Taylor Rd., Brownsville, 00000769

TEXAS

Bexar County

Lavaca Historic District, Roughly bounded by S. Alamo St., S. Presa St., alley bet. Camargo St., Callahan Ave., Labor St., and Garfield Alley, San Antonio, 00000773
San Antonio City Cemeteries Historic District, Old, Roughly bounded by Nevada, New Braunfels, Paso Hondo, Palmetto, Potomac, St. James, Pine, E. Commerce, Dakota, Monumenta—San Antonio, 00000772

VIRGINIA

Newport News Independent city

First Baptist Church—Newport News, 119 29th St., Newport News, 00000774

WEST VIRGINIA

Mason County

McCausland, Gen. John, House (Boundary Increase), Grape Hill, Leon, 00000778

Mineral County

Stewart's Tavern, Short Gap Rd., Short Gap, 00000776

Morgan County

Sunset Hill, Flat Mountain Rd., Alderson, 00000777

Putnam County

Putnam County Courthouse, 3389 Winfield Rd., Winfield, 00000775