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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Ashton Orlando Residential, LLC (applicant; Lake Dennis project) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*) (skink) incidental to the construction and operation of a residential development in Orange County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that this proposed ITP qualifies as "low effect," and may qualify for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1501.4), the Department of the Interior (DOI) NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46), and the DOI Departmental Manual (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.

Proposed Project

The applicant requests a 5-year ITP to take skinks via the conversion of approximately 4.90 acres (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering skink habitat incidental to the construction and operation of a residential development on a 45.19-ac parcel in Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 27 East, Orange County, Florida. The applicant proposes to mitigate for take of the skinks by purchasing credits equivalent to 9.80 ac of skink-occupied habitat within the Lake Wales Ridge Conservation Bank or another Service-approved conservation bank. The Service would require the applicant to purchase the credits prior to engaging in any construction phase of the project.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made available to the public. While you may request that we withhold your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's proposed project—including the construction of multiple single-family residences, driveways, parking spaces, green areas, stormwater ponds, and associated infrastructure (*e.g.*, electric, water, and sewer lines)—would individually and cumulatively have a minor effect on the human environment. We have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would be a "low-effect" ITP that individually or cumulatively would have a minor effect on the sand skink and may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1501.4), DOI's NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). A "low-effect" incidental take permit is one that would result in (1) minor or negligible effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) nonsignificant effects on the human environment; and (3) impacts that, when added together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable actions, would not result in significant cumulative effects to the human environment.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments to determine whether to issue the requested permit. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the preceding and other matters, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue ITP number PER 0055690 to Ashton Orlando Residential, LLC.

Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and

its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508 and 43 CFR 46).

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Division Manager, Environmental Review, Florida Ecological Services Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before May 30, 2023.

ADDRESSES:

Document availability and comment submission: Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (*e.g.*, XXXXXX or PER0001234).

- *Email:* permitsR8ES@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Susie Tharratt, Regional Recovery Permit Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susie Tharratt, via phone at 916-414-6561, or via email at permitsR8ES@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA’s definition of “take” includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting, in

addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Application No.	Applicant, city, state	Species	Location	Take activity	Permit action
42833A	Ian Maunsell, El Cajon, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). Light-footed Ridgway’s rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus levipes</i>). Yuma Ridgway’s rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus yumanensis</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey using recorded vocalizations, pursue, capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	Renew.
88417B	Phoenix Biological Consulting, Vista, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giant kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys ingens</i>) Tipton kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides</i>). Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). Yellow-billed cuckoo (<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>) Western distinct population segment. 	CA, NV	Survey, survey using recorded vocalizations, capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
59559C	McCormick Biological, Inc., Bakersfield, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California tiger salamander (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>), Sonoma County and Santa Barbara County distinct population segments. Giant kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys ingens</i>) Tipton kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides</i>). Buena Vista Lake orate shrew (<i>Sorex ornatus relictus</i>). Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, mark, tissue sample, relocate, and release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	Renew and amend.
843381	Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District State Parks, Mendocino, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Point Arena mountain beaver (<i>Aplodontia rufa nigra</i>). Behren’s silverspot butterfly (<i>Speyeria zerene behrensi</i>). 	CA	Survey, pursue, and perform habitat restoration.	Renew.
PER1628411	Mira Falicki, Santa Barbara, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California tiger salamander (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>), Sonoma County and Santa Barbara County distinct population segments. 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, and release.	New.
050122	California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bishop, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep (<i>Ovis canadensis sierrae</i>). 	CA	Survey, pursue, trap, capture, collect, handle, mark, collar, collect morphological data and biological samples, conduct ultrasounds, insert vaginal implant transmitters, wound administer veterinary care, release, euthanize, transport, translocate, and hold in captivity.	Renew.

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PER1628413	Mario Gaytan, Bakersfield, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morro Bay kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys heermanni morroensis</i>). • Fresno kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoides exilis</i>). • Giant kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys ingens</i>) • Tipton kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides</i>). • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, release, and collect adult vouchers.	New.
59924C	Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohlone tiger beetle (<i>Cicindela ohlone</i>) 	CA	Survey, monitor populations, and conduct habitat restoration.	Renew.
039460	Thomas Olson, Lompoc, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California tiger salamander (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>), Santa Barbara County distinct population segments. 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, release, collect genetic samples, and collect voucher specimens.	Renew.
34570A	San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory, Milpitas, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California least tern (<i>Sternula antillarum browni</i>). 	CA	Survey, locate and monitor nests, monitor with cameras, trap, collect genetic samples, mark, float eggs, erect chick shelters, play audio, and place, maintain, and remove decoys.	Renew and amend.
96514A	Jonathan Aguayo, Buena Park, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El Segundo blue butterfly (<i>Euphilotes battoides allyni</i>). 	CA	Pursue	Amend.
782703	Michael Couffer, Corona Del Mar, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). 	CA	Pursue	Renew.
PER2371117	Lora Roame, Walnut Creek, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	New.
PER2372962	Danielle Temple, Crowley Lake, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, release, and collect adult vouchers..	New.
022227	Harry Smead, Escondido, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	Renew.
PER2421919	Patrick Kong, Fresno, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, release, and collect adult vouchers.	New.
117947	Kevin Clark, San Diego, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California least tern (<i>Sternula antillarum browni</i>). 	CA	Survey, locate and monitor nests, handle, band, and release.	Amend.

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PER2422473	Wildlife Innovations, Inc., Lakeside, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California least tern (<i>Sternula antillarum browni</i>). California Ridgway's rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus obsoletus</i>). Light-footed Ridgway's rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus levipes</i>). 	CA	Survey, locate and monitor nests, monitor with cameras, trap, collect genetic samples, mark, float eggs, erect chick shelters, play audio, capture, handle, measure, and relocate, band, place and maintain nest enclosures, and place, maintain, and remove decoys.	New.
PER2423321	Ryan Anderson, Newport Beach, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California tiger salamander (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>), Sonoma County and Santa Barbara County distinct population segments. 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, and release.	New.
PER0011963	Ian Hirschler, San Diego, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (<i>Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis</i>). 	CA	Pursue	Amend.
PER2424938	Westland Resources, Inc., Tucson, Arizona.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiehm's buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum tiehmi</i>) 	NV	Collect seeds, bulk seeds	New.
205600	Bonnie Peterson, Sacramento, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	Renew.
090849	David Wolff, Los Osos, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	Renew.
233373	MaryAnne Flett, Pt. Reyes Station, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Ridgway's rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus obsoletus</i>). 	CA	Survey using recorded vocalizations.	Renew.
76005A	Tara Schoenwetter, Ventura, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaviota tarplant (<i>Deinandra increscens ssp. villosa</i>). La Graciosa thistle (<i>Cirsium loncholepis</i>) Gambel's watercress (<i>Rorippa gambellii</i>) Lompoc yerba santa (<i>Eriodictyon capitatum</i>). Marsh Sandwort (<i>Arenaria paludicola</i>). Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>) 	CA	Remove and reduce to possession, survey, capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	Renew.
60358C	California Department of Fish and Wildlife, San Diego, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, release, and collect adult vouchers.	Renew.
835365	California Department of Water Resources, West Sacramento, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). California Ridgway's rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus obsoletus</i>). California tiger salamander (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>), Sonoma County and Santa Barbara County distinct population segments. Salt marsh harvest mouse (<i>Reithrodontomys raviventris</i>). 	CA	Survey, survey using recorded vocalizations, handle, mark, release, use egg grids, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	Renew.

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54614A	California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Rancho Cordova, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amargosa vole (<i>Microtus californicus scirpensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, collect, photograph, tag, mark, collect genetic samples, administer veterinary care, euthanize, remove from the wild, emergency salvage, transport, hold in captivity, captive rear, captive breed, conduct behavioral studies, release to the wild, translocate, use remote cameras, and monitor populations.	Renew and amend.
59680C	Thea Wang, Glendale, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Bernardino Merriam's kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys merriami parvus</i>). Pacific pocket mouse (<i>Perognathus longimembris pacificus</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
72713C	Bradford Hollingsworth, San Diego, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arroyo (= arroyo southwestern) toad (<i>Anaxyrus californicus</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
32290D	Michael Scaffidi, Davis, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, release, and collect adult vouchers.	Renew.
019949	Vipul Joshi, Encinitas, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). 	CA	Pursue	Renew.
089980	Hagar Environmental Science, Loch Lomond, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tidewater goby (<i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, and release.	Renew.
797234	LSA Associates, Inc., Point Richmond, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). California Ridgway's rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus obsoletus</i>). California tiger salamander (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>), Sonoma County and Santa Barbara County distinct population segments. California freshwater shrimp (<i>Syncaris pacifica</i>). San Francisco garter snake (<i>Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia</i>). 	CA	Survey, survey using recorded vocalizations, capture, handle, mark, release, collect adult vouchers, collect branchiopod cysts, collect, process, and analyze vernal pool soil samples for the presence of resting eggs.	Renew.
45250C	Griffin Brungraber, Bend, Oregon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). 	CA	Pursue	Renew.
24603A	Karen Carter, Running Springs, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yuma Ridgway's rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus yumanensis</i>). 	CA, NV	Survey using recorded vocalizations.	Renew.
787924	Markus Spiegelberg, San Diego, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). 	CA	Pursue	Amend.
062907	Andrew Forde, Camarillo, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). Arroyo (= arroyo southwestern) toad (<i>Anaxyrus californicus</i>). 	CA, NV	Survey using recorded vocalizations, survey, capture, handle, and release.	Renew and amend.
082233	Marcus England, Los Angeles, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). 	CA	Survey using recorded vocalizations.	Renew.
839960	John Dicus, Black Canyon City, Arizona.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (<i>Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis</i>). Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). 	CA	Pursue	Renew.
797267	Triple HS, Inc., Los Gatos, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, survey using recorded vocalizations, capture, handle, mark, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	Renew.

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84156D	Stephen Gergeni, Sacramento, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Ridgway's rail (<i>Rallus obsoletus obsoletus</i>). • California tiger salamander (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>), Sonoma County and Santa Barbara County distinct population segments. • Fresno kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoides exilis</i>). • Giant kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys ingens</i>). • Tipton kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides</i>). • Salt marsh harvest mouse (<i>Reithrodontomys raviventris</i>). • California tiger salamander (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>), Sonoma County and Santa Barbara County distinct population segments. • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, mark, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	Renew and amend.
48210A	Area West Environmental, Inc., Orangevale, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California tiger salamander (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>), Sonoma County and Santa Barbara County distinct population segments. • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, collect genetic material, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	Renew.
34132C	USDA Forest Service, Vallejo, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (<i>Rana sierrae</i>). • Mountain yellow-legged frog (<i>Rana muscosa</i>), Northern California distinct population segment. 	CA, NV	Survey, capture, handle, measure, mark, transport, translocate, emergency salvage, and release.	Renew.
777965	LSA Associates, Inc., Ventura, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). • Fresno kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoides exilis</i>). • Giant kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys ingens</i>). • Tipton kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides</i>). • San Bernardino Merriam's kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys merriami parvus</i>). • Pacific pocket mouse (<i>Perognathus longimembris pacificus</i>). • Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). • Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (<i>Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis</i>). • Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). 	CA	Survey, survey using recorded vocalizations, pursue, capture, handle, mark, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	Renew.
006559	Dale Powell, Riverside, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (<i>Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis</i>). • Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>). • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). 	CA	Survey, pursue, light-trap, capture, handle, mark, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	Renew.

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PER2380360	Sarah Yates, Clovis, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, mark, release, and collect adult vouchers.	New.
PER2380694	Christopher Waterston, Santa Ana, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	New.
PER2381586	National Park Service, El Portal, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fisher (<i>Pekania pennanti</i>), Southern Sierra Nevada distinct population segment. 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, mark, and release.	New.
PER2383715	Calypso Botanical Consulting, Ashland, Oregon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA, OR	Survey, capture, handle, release, and collect adult vouchers.	New.
92770B	Conservation Society of California, Oakland, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (<i>Rana sierrae</i>). Mountain yellow-legged frog (<i>Rana muscosa</i>), Northern California distinct population segment. 	CA	Transport, captive-rear, provide veterinary treatment and husbandry, take genetic samples, mark, perform behavioral and disease experiments, indefinitely retain and display to the public those individuals that are unfit for reintroduction into the wild, release, euthanize, and necropsy.	Renew.
PER2385052	Derek Siver, Seattle, Washington.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA, OR	Survey, capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts.	New.
PER2385673	Jamie Del Pozzo, Pacific Grove, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California tiger salamander (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>), Sonoma County and Santa Barbara County distinct population segments. 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, and release.	New.
PER2385850	Lorna Haworth, Sacramento, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, release, and collect adult vouchers.	New.
19843C	Jennifer Sexton, Simi Valley, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>). 	CA	Survey using recorded vocalizations.	Renew.
13115C	Lisa Henderson, San Ramon, California.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>). Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>). Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>). Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>). San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>). 	CA	Survey, capture, handle, release, and collect adult vouchers.	Amend.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Peter Erickson,

Acting Regional Ecological Services Program Manager, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2023-0059; FXES1114040000-234-FF04EF4000]

Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Sand Skink; Lake County, FL; Categorical Exclusion

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Lake County (Hooks Street Extension) (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*) incidental to the construction of a roadway in Lake County, Florida. We

request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed permitting action may be eligible for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review. We invite comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before May 30, 2023.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: You may obtain copies of the documents online in Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2023-0059; at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submitting Comments: If you wish to submit comments on any of the documents, you may do so in writing by one of the following methods:

- **Online:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2023-0059;
- **U.S. mail:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2023-0059; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Gawera, by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**), by telephone at 904-731-3121 or via email at erin_gawera@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Lake County (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*) (skink) incidental to the construction and operation of a roadway (Hooks Street Extension) in Lake County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which

includes the applicant's habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that this proposed ITP qualifies as "low effect," and may qualify for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1501.4), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46), and the DOI's Departmental Manual (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.

Proposed Project

The applicant requests a 10-year ITP to take skinks via the conversion of approximately 1.63 acres (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering skink habitat incidental to the construction and operation of a roadway on a 17.0-ac in Sections 9 and 27, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, Lake County, Florida. The applicant proposes to mitigate for take of the skinks by purchasing credits equivalent to 3.26 ac of skink-occupied habitat from the Lake Livingston Conservation Bank or another Service-approved conservation bank. The Service would require the applicant to purchase the credits prior to engaging in any construction phase of the project.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made available to the public. While you may request that we withhold your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's proposed project—including the construction of the roadway and associated infrastructure—would individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the skinks and the environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would be a "low-effect" ITP that individually or cumulatively would have a minor effect on the sand skink and may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations, DOI's NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental