

Cone's Folly is Holly Shelter Game Lands, owned and managed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Holly Shelter Game Lands hosts approximately 30 active RCW clusters and is located approximately 20 to 25 miles away in Pender County.

The Applicant proposes to continue traditional timber management activities and prescribed burning on his property as has been carried out over the past 60 years. Cone's Folly is currently managed as a wildlife preserve for several game species and as well as for forest products such as saw timber, pulpwood, pine straw, and firewood. Some timber harvesting activities may result in death of, or harm to, RCWs through the loss of nesting and foraging habitat.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of four alternatives, including the proposed action. The proposed action alternative is issuance of the incidental take permit and implementation of the HCP as submitted by the Applicant. The HCP provides for an off-site mitigation strategy for the existing 12 groups on Cone's Folly. The goal of this strategy is to create 12 new RCW groups through habitat enhancement activities—artificial cavity provisioning and hardwood midstory removal—at selected sites on private, State and/or Federal lands in North Carolina. The Service will select the candidate sites and will specifically select sites that will be managed and protected in perpetuity and that have the greatest likelihood of success in the shortest time period. The HCP will involve monitoring each of the 12 mitigation clusters for a specified time period to determine success of the habitat enhancement efforts. Finally, the Applicant will allow the Service to capture and translocate juveniles produced on Cone's Folly either to the mitigation sites or other sites selected by the Service. The HCP provides a funding source for the above-mentioned mitigation measures.

Dated: July 2, 1996.

Noreen K. Clough,  
Regional Director.

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**Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for a Residential Subdivision, Located near the City of St. Cloud, Osceola County, FL**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Mr. Nick Gross, Jr., (Applicant) is seeking an incidental take permit (ITP) from the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), (Act) as amended. The ITP would authorize the one time take, through harassment, of two adult bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and up to four bald eagle eggs or chicks, in Osceola County, Florida for a period 5 years. The proposed taking is incidental to construction of a residential housing project called Ashley Reserve and Woods At Kings Crest (Project), including the necessary infrastructure, on approximately 12 acres. Within the Project area, bald eagles constructed a nest during the 1995-1996 nesting season. Construction and subsequent occupancy of the Project is anticipated to result in nest site abandonment at some time in the future. The Project is located just west of Macy Island Road and State Road 525, Section 31, Township 25 South, Range 31 East, Osceola County, Florida. Additional information on the Project and the HCP is described further in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

The Service also announces the availability of an environmental assessment (EA) and habitat conservation plan (HCP) for the incidental take application. Copies of the EA and/or HCP may be obtained by making a request to the Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). This notice also advises the public that the Service has made a preliminary determination that issuing the ITP is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, (NEPA) as amended. The Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based on information contained in the EA and HCP. The final determination will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10 of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act Regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**DATES:** Written comments on the application, EA and HCP should be sent to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before August 9, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the application, HCP, and 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 at the South Florida Ecosystem Office, Post Office Box 2676, Vero Beach, Florida 32961-2676. Written data or comments concerning the application, EA, or HCP should be submitted to the Regional Office. Comments must be submitted in writing to be processed. Please reference permit under PRT-816732 in such comments, or in requests of the documents discussed herein. Requests for the documents must be in writing to be adequately processed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rick G. Gooch, Regional Permit Coordinator, Atlanta, Georgia (see **ADDRESSES** above), telephone: 404/679-7110; or Thomas E. Grah, Assistant Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecosystem Office, (see **ADDRESSES** above), telephone: 407/562-3909.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Bald eagles are found throughout the United States, but are most abundant in the Northwest and Southeast. Nationwide, the number of eagles has increased since listed as endangered under the Act. Sufficient protection and expanding populations resulted in the reclassification of eagles from endangered to threatened in 1995. In Florida, eagles have rebounded from a low of about 100 nesting pairs in 1973 to 831 nesting pairs in 1995. Eagle productivity has also increased over this time period. Fifty-five successful nests were documented in 1973, whereas 621 successful nests were identified in 1995. Osceola County, Florida, has also experienced substantial increases in the number of bald eagles and nests. In 1996, 130 bald eagle nests were located during surveys in Osceola County, one of which was built on the Project site. Construction of the Project's infrastructure and subsequent construction of 30 single family homes will likely result in abandonment of this nest site and may result in the death of eggs or chicks if abandonment occurs after egg laying. The take of eagles is considered incidental to the carrying out of the Project's otherwise lawful construction activities.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of three alternatives. The no action alternative may result in: (1) Maintenance of the Applicant's property in an undeveloped condition, or (2) development of the property by the Applicant or future owner without protective coverage of an ITP. The latter situation would result in the loss of

buffer area surrounding the bald eagle nest site, exposing the property owner to potential Section 9 violation. Alternative 2 would issue an ITP and result in construction of 30 houses with mitigation occurring on-site, including phased development over a 3- to 4-year period and funding for educational materials and bald eagle monitoring. Alternative 3 is identical to Alternative 2 except that both on- and off-site mitigation would be required. Two other alternatives were examined but not forwarded for further evaluation. These include: (1) Decreasing the lot sizes within the Project area to provide a greater buffer area surrounding the bald eagle nest and (2) construction of the 30 homes within a 1-year period without phasing of construction.

As stated above, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the issuance of the ITP is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. This preliminary information may be revised due to public comment received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the EA and HCP. An appropriate excerpt from the FONSI reflecting the Service's finding on the application is provided below:

Based on the analysis conducted by the Service, it has been determined that:

1. Issuance of an ITP would not have significant effects on the human environment in the project area.
2. The proposed take is incidental to an otherwise lawful activity.
3. The Applicant has ensured that adequate funding will be provided to implement the measures proposed in the submitted HCP.
4. Other than impacts to endangered and threatened species as outlined in the documentation of this decision, the indirect impacts which may result from issuance of the ITP are addressed by other regulations and statutes under the jurisdiction of other government entities. The validity of the Service's ITP is contingent upon the Applicant's compliance with the terms of the permit and all other laws and regulations under the control of State, local, and other Federal governmental entities.

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: July 3, 1996.  
Noreen K. Clough,  
*Regional Director.*  
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## Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Public Land Closure in the Juniper Forest Management Area, Franklin County, WA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District.

**ACTION:** Due to continuing fire danger and to aid in ongoing suppression efforts, all public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within the Juniper Forest Management Area are hereby closed to all public use. This closure is being conducted pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1. The public lands closed by this order include both the Juniper Dunes Wilderness Area and all public lands under BLM jurisdiction in Townships 10 and 11 North, Ranges 31 and 32 East, W.M.

**SUMMARY:** This closure is effective immediately and shall continue until further notice. Personnel of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) engaged in official business, authorized fire patrol and suppression personnel, and law enforcement personnel are exempt from this closure.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann B. Aldrich, Border Resource Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, WA 99212; or call 509-536-1200.

Dated: July 3, 1996.  
Kevin R. Devitt,  
*Acting Border Resource Area Manager,*  
*Acting.*  
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### State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting, notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the sixth meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. The meeting will be held August 9, 1996, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Washington Room at the Bureau of Land Management National

Training Center, 9828 N. 31st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. The agenda items to be covered at the business meeting include review of previous meeting minutes, report to the Council on the Standards and Guidelines statewide plan amendment, update on the call for RAC nominations on the elected official position, discussion on the RAC chairperson selection, update of proposed field organization strategy comment analysis, update on recreation initiatives and issues, report on BLM administrative issues, and reports from the Public Relations and Recreation working groups. A public comment period will take place at 11:30 a.m., August 9, 1996, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Stevens or Ken Mahoney, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 3707 N. 7th St., Phoenix, Arizona 85014, (602) 650-0512.  
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*Deputy State Director, Resource Planning, Use and Protection Division.*  
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## 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 29, 1996. 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, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127. Written comments should be submitted by July 25, 1996.

Carol D. Shull,  
*Keeper of the National Register.*

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