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Name of Committee: National Institute of
Environmental Health Sciences Special
Emphasis Panel Conference Grants (R13).

Date: September 2, 1999.

Time: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant
applications.

Place: NIEHS, 79 T. W. Alexander Drive,
Building 4401, Conference Room 3446,
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709,
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Name of Committee: National Institute of
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Emphasis Panel Conference Grants (R13).

Date: September 2, 1999.

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant
applications.

Place: NIEHS, 79 T. W. Alexander Drive,
Building 4401, Conference Room 3446,
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709,
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Dated: August 25, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application
for endangered species permit.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have
applied for permits to conduct certain
activities with endangered species. This
notice is provided pursuant to Section
10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of
1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et*
seq.).

DATES: Written data or comments on
these applications must be received, at
the address given below, by October 1,
1999.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other
information submitted with these
applications are available for review,
*subject to the requirements of the
Privacy Act and Freedom of Information
Act*, by any party who submits a written
request for a copy of such documents to
the following office within 30 days of
the date of publication of this notice:
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875
Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta,
Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit
Coordinator). Telephone: 404/679-7313;
Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
David Dell, Telephone: 404/679-7313;
Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicant: Carl J. Petrick, Eglin Air
Force Base, Florida, TE016260-0.

The applicant requests authorization
to take (capture for banding and harass
during nest monitoring and
augmentation) the endangered red-
cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides*
borealis, throughout the species range in
Florida for the purpose of enhancement
of survival of the species.

Applicant: Robert W. Thomas III,
Ridgeway, South Carolina, TE016212-0

The applicant requests authorization
to take (capture for banding and harass
during nest monitoring and
augmentation) the endangered red-
cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides*
borealis, throughout the species range in
South Carolina and Georgia for the
purpose of enhancement of survival of
the species.

Applicant: Peter K. Swiderek, Fort
Benning, Georgia, TE016270-0.

The applicant requests authorization
to take (capture, band, translocate, and
harass during nest monitoring and
augmentation) the endangered red-
cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides*

borealis, throughout the species range in
Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and
Mississippi for the purpose of
enhancement of survival of the species.

Applicant: Stephen C. Willard, Fort
Gordon, Georgia, TE016278-0.

The applicant requests authorization
to take (capture, band, translocate, and
harass during nest monitoring and
augmentation) the endangered red-
cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides*
borealis, throughout the species range in
Georgia, for the purpose of enhancement
of survival of the species.

Dated: August 25, 1999.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have
applied for a permit to conduct certain
activities with endangered species. This
notice is provided pursuant to Section
10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of
1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et*
seq.):

Applicant: Wildlife Conservation
Society, Bronx, NY PRT-006966.

The applicant requests a permit to re-
export one Hooded Crane (*Grus*
monacha) to the Vogel Park Walsrode,
Germany, for the purpose of breeding
and zoological display.

Applicant: Patricia Zerbini, Williston,
Florida, PRT-810755.

The applicant requests a permit to re-
export and re-import captive born Asian
elephants (*Elephas maximus*) and
progeny of the animals currently held
by the applicant and any animals
acquired in the United States by the
applicant to/from worldwide locations
to enhance the survival of the species
through conservation education. This
notification covers activities conducted
by the applicant over a three-year
period.

Applicant: Feld Entertainment, Inc,
Vienna, VA, PRT-016633.

The applicant requests a permit to re-
export and re-import captive-born
Bengal tigers (*Panthera tigris tigris*) and
progeny of the animals currently held
by the applicant and any animals
acquired in the United States by the
applicant to/from worldwide locations
to enhance the survival of the species
through conservation education. This
notification covers activities conducted

by the applicant over a three-year period.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

Applicant: Alvin M. Kern, Cold Spring, MN, PRT-016094.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: August 27, 1999.

Kristen Nelson,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment, and Receipt of Application for an Incidental Take Permit for a 40.6-Acre Mixed Commercial Development Project, in Volusia County, Florida

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Home Depot, U.S.A. of Atlanta, Georgia (Applicant), seeks 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 (Act),

as amended. The ITP would authorize the take of three families of the threatened Florida scrub-jay, *Aphelocoma coerulescens* and the threatened Eastern indigo snake, *Drymarchon corais couperi*, in Volusia County, Florida, for a period of five (5) years. The proposed taking is incidental to land clearing activities and commercial development on a 40.6-acre project site (Project). The Project contains about 21.6 acres of occupied Florida scrub-jay habitat, and the potential exists for the entire Project to provide habitat to the Eastern indigo snake. A description of the mitigation and minimization measures is provided in the Applicant's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) to address the effects of the Project to the protected species and is outlined in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

The Service also announces the availability of an environmental assessment (EA) and 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**). Requests must be in writing to be processed. 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 NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). The Service specifically requests comment on the appropriateness of the "No Surprises" assurances should the Service determine that an ITP will be granted and based upon the submitted HCP. Although not explicitly stated in the HCP, the Service has, since August 1994, announced its intention to honor a "No Surprises" Policy for applicants seeking ITPs. Copies of the Service's "No Surprises" Policy may be obtained by making a written request to the Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). The Service is soliciting public comments and review of the applicability of the "No Surprises" Policy to this application and HCP.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application, EA, and HCP should be sent to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before October 1, 1999.

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 Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6620 Southpoint Drive, South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, Florida 32216-0912. Written data or comments concerning the application, EA, or HCP should be submitted to the Regional Office. Requests for the documentation and comments must be submitted in writing to be processed. Please reference permit number TE016169-0 in such comments, or in requests for the documents discussed herein.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Dell, Regional Permit Coordinator, (see **ADDRESSES** above), telephone: 404/679-7110; or Mr. Jay B. Herrington, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Jacksonville Field Office, (see **ADDRESSES** above), telephone: 904/232-2580, extension 120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Florida scrub-jay is geographically isolated from other species of scrub-jays found in Mexico and the Western United States. The Florida scrub-jay is found almost exclusively in peninsular Florida and is restricted to scrub habitat. The total estimated population is between 7,000 and 11,000 individuals. Due to habitat loss and degradation throughout the State of Florida, it has been estimated that the Florida scrub-jay population has been reduced by at least half in the last 100 years. Surveys have indicated that one family of Florida scrub-jays inhabit the Project site. Construction of the Project's buildings and infrastructure will likely result in death of, or injury to, Florida scrub-jay incidental to the carrying out of these otherwise lawful activities. Habitat alteration associated with property development will reduce the availability of feeding, shelter, and nesting habitat.

The Project site also provides habitat suitable for Eastern indigo snakes, although none have been detected there. Due to the secretive nature of this species, and the possibility that snakes could enter the Project from adjacent undeveloped land, the applicant has requested ITP coverage.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of three alternatives. The no action alternative may result in loss of habitat for Florida scrub-jay and