

take place within section 16, Township 29 South, Range 37 East, Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida, on lot 14, Block 751. Residential construction for Maronda-Campbell will take place within Section 05, Township 29 South, Range 37 East, Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida, on Lot 12, Block 345. Residential construction for Maronda-Algardi will take place within section 05, Township 29 South, Range 37 East, Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida, on Lot 02, Block 338. Residential construction for Maronda-Timbruce will take place within Section 21, Township 29 South, Range 37 East, Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida, on Lot 05, Block 937. Each of these lots are within 438 feet of locations where scrub-jays were sighted during surveys for this species from 1999 to 2003.

The lots combined encompass about 1.09 acres, and the footprint of the homes, infrastructure, and landscaping preclude retention of scrub-jay habitat on each of the respective lots. In order to minimize take on site, the Applicant proposes to complete a nest survey on the Emerson, Mackay, Campbell, and Algardi lots prior to clearing or construction, should such activities take place within the scrub-jay nesting season (March 1–June 30). Should an active nest be found on the property, the Applicant will not clear the property or begin construction until the completion of the nesting season. The Applicant is not proposing to implement any onsite minimization measures for the lot on Timbruce.

In combination, the Applicant proposes to mitigate for the loss of 1.09 acres of scrub-jay habitat by contributing a total of \$18,312 (\$3,864 for Maronda-Emerson, \$3,864 for Maronda-Mackay, \$3,864 for Maronda-Campbell, \$3,360 for Maronda-Algardi, and \$3,360 for Maronda-Timbruce) to the Florida Scrub-jay Conservation Fund administered by The Nature Conservancy. Funds in this account are ear-marked for use in the conservation and recovery of scrub-jays and may include habitat acquisition, restoration, and/or management.

The Service has determined that the Applicant's proposals, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCPs. Therefore, the ITPs are "low-effect" projects and qualify as categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1). This preliminary information may be

revised based on our review of public comments that we receive in response to this notice. Low-effect HCPs are those involving (1) minor or negligible effects on Federally listed or candidate species and their habitats, and (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources.

The Service will evaluate the HCPs and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The Service will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITPs comply with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITPs.

**Authority:** This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: August 8, 2006.

**David L. Hankla,**

*Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **Notice of Availability To Extend a Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit for Incidental Take of the Houston Toad and Bald Eagle During the Construction and Occupation of Single-Family Residences or Other Similar Structures Within 46 Subdivisions (46 Subdivisions) in Bastrop County, TX**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposes to extend permits TE–025997–2 and TE–025965–2 (permits) associated with the 46–Subdivision Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for two additional years from the date of reissuance, pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The existing permits cover both direct and indirect incidental take of the Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*) and Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) during the construction and occupation of single-family residences or other similar structures within the 46 subdivisions listed in the HCP. The

current permit will expire on July 27, 2006.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before September 13, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Clayton Napier, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490–0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Service's Austin office. Written data or comments concerning the extension of the permits should be submitted to the Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758. Please refer to permit number TE–025997 and TE–025965 when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become a part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Clayton Napier at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490–0057) or by e-mail, [Clayton\\_Napier@fws.gov](mailto:Clayton_Napier@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Service proposes to extend permits TE–025997–2 and TE–025965–2 for an additional two years from the date of signature on the re-issued permit. The EA/HCP allows for the construction of single family residences or other similar structures, as long as the action on the property disturbs no more than approximately 0.5 acres of habitat within each eligible lot. The EA/HCP will allow for responsible development while minimizing and offsetting impacts to the Houston toad and bald eagle by providing for on-site and off-site conservation measures that will be used to promote the long-term survival of the species. It is also considered to provide the most simplified, expeditious, and effective process by which landowners can comply with the provisions of the Act in a more efficient manner. The revised EA/HCP requires the same avoidance, minimization, and mitigation efforts from every lot owner, within their respective category.

Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50

CFR 17.22), and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

*Applicant:* Each applicant's project will permanently disturb a maximum of 0.5 acres of Houston toad habitat within one of the 46 subdivisions. Each applicant will compensate for incidental take of the Houston toad by providing funds to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition, protection, and management within Houston toad habitat, as identified by the Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[WO-320-1330-PB-24 1A; OMB Control Number 1004-0121]

**Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has sent a request to extend the current proposed collection to the Office

of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On April 21, 2005, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 20767) requesting comment on this information collection. The comment period ended on June 20, 2005. BLM did not receive any comments. You may obtain copies of the collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

The OMB must respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0121), at OMB-OIRA via facsimile to (202) 395-6566 or e-mail to *OIRA\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

*Nature of Comments:* We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper

functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and

4. Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Leasing of Solid Minerals Other Than Coal and Oil Shale (43 CFR 3500-3590).

*OMB Control Number:* 1004-0121.

*Bureau Form Numbers:* 3504-1, 3504-3, 3504-4, 3510-1, 3510-2, 3520-7.

*Abstract:* We use the information to determine whether an applicant, permittee, or lessee is qualified to hold an interest under the terms of the implementing regulations at 43 CFR 3500.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Description of Respondents:* Entities seeking to lease and develop solid minerals other than coal or oil shale.

*Estimated Completion Time:*

Type of application	Number of responses	Hours per response	Total hours	Cost to public
Prospecting Permit .....	22	1	22	\$682
Exploration Plan for Prospecting Permit .....	19	20	1,520	47,120
Prospecting Permit Extension .....	5	10	50	1,550
Preference Right Lease .....	2	300	600	18,600
Competitive Lease Bid .....	5	20	100	3,100
Fringe Acreage Lease or Lease Modification .....	5	20	100	3,100
Assignment or Sublease .....	28	6	168	5,208
Lease Renewals or Adjustment .....	22	1	22	682
Use Permit .....	1	1	1	31
Exploration License .....	1	3	3	93
Exploration Plan for Exploration License .....	1	120	120	3,720
Development Contract .....	1	1	1	31
Bond .....	36	4	144	4,464
Mine Plan .....	30	150	4,500	139,500
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>7,351</b>	<b>227,881</b>

*Annual Responses:* 178.

*Application Fee Per Response:* \$25.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 7,351.

*Bureau Clearance Officer:* Ted Hudson, (202) 452-5033.

Dated: August 8, 2006.

**Ted R. Hudson,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[WO-320-1990-PB-24 1A; OMB Control Number 1004-0025]

**Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has sent a request to extend the current information collection to the

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On April 8, 2005, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 18042) requesting comment on this information collection. The comment period ended on June 7, 2005. The BLM did not receive any comments. You may obtain copies of the collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by