

Permit Application Number: TE 31057A-1

Applicant: North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

The applicant requests to amend their current permit to take (collect, handle, maintain in captivity, propagate, release, and translocate) individuals from 10 federally listed mussel species for the purpose of restoring and augmenting wild populations in the state of North Carolina.

Permit Application Number: TE 86220A-2

Applicant: Jaret Daniels, University of Florida, Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, Florida

The applicant requests to amend their current permit to take (capture, hold, propagate in captivity, collect body parts or tissues, attach markers and release) Schaus swallowtail butterfly (*Heracles aristodemus ponceanus*) and Miami blue butterflies (*Cyclargus thomasi bethunebakeri*) for enhancement of propagation and survival of the species.

Permit Application Number: TE 021030-3

Applicant: Stanley Rudzinski, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, identify, release) Nashville crayfish (*Orconectes shoupi*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys in Tennessee.

Permit Application Number: TE 81587B-0

Applicant: Alexander Silvis, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

The applicant requests a permit to take (mist-net, harp trap, handle, wing-punch, band, and radio tag) Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), and the Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) for migration, day-roost, and foraging ecology research in the eastern United States and central and southern Appalachians.

Permit Application Number: TE 121073

Applicant: Christopher Skelton, Little Rock, Arkansas

The applicant requests to amend their current permit to take (capture, identify, release) an additional eighteen species of federally listed fish, nineteen species of federally listed mussels, the Nashville crayfish (*Orconectes shoupi*), and the interrupted rocksnail (*Leptoxis foremani*) for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys in Tennessee,

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee.

Dated: November 17, 2015.

Franklin J. Arnold III,

Acting Assistant Regional Director—
Ecological Services, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Receipt of Application for an Incidental Take Permit; Availability of Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan and Associated Documents; Polk County, FL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment/information.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of an incidental take permit (ITP) and a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Verano Land Investment, LLC (applicant) requests ITP TE67461B-0 under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The applicant anticipates taking about 4 acres of feeding, breeding, and sheltering habitat used by the sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*) and blue-tailed mole skink (*Eumeces egregius lividus*) (skinks) incidental to land preparation and construction in Polk County, Florida. The applicant's HCP describes proposed minimization measures and mitigation measures to address the effects of development on the covered species.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on the ITP application and HCP on or before December 28, 2015.

ADDRESSES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for information on how to submit your comments on the ITP application and HCP. You may obtain a copy of the ITP application and HCP by writing the South Florida Ecological Services Office, Attn: Permit number TE67461B-0, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1339 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960-3559. In addition, we will make the ITP application and HCP available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Alfredo Begazo, South Florida

Ecological Services Office (see **ADDRESSES**); telephone: 772-469-4234.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Submitting Comments

If you wish to comment on the ITP application or HCP, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

Email: alfredo_begazo@fws.gov. Use "Attn: Permit number "TE67461B-0" as your message subject line.

Fax: Alfredo Begazo, 772-469-4234, Attn.: Permit number "TE67461B-0."

U.S. mail: Alfredo Begazo, South Florida Ecological Services Field Office, Attn: Permit number "TE67461B-0," U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1339 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960-3559.

In-person drop-off: You may drop off comments or request information during regular business hours at the above office address.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Applicant's Proposed Project

We received an application from the applicant for an incidental take permit, along with a proposed habitat conservation plan. The applicant requests an ITP under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). If we approve the application, the applicant anticipates taking a total of approximately 4 acres of skink breeding, feeding, and sheltering habitat, incidental to land preparation and construction in Section 25, Township 25 South, Range 26 East, Polk County, Florida. The applicant currently has neither a time-frame for development, nor a specific site plan; however, development of this parcel would likely include construction of one or more structures, a parking area, and installation of associated utilities.

The applicant proposes to minimize impacts to skinks by preserving a total of 8 acres of skink-occupied habitat off site. The Service listed the skinks as threatened in 1987 (November 6, 1987; 52 FR 20715), effective December 7, 1987.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's project, including the mitigation measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, issuance of the ITP is a "low-effect" action and qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1506.6), as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2 Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6 Appendix 1). We base our preliminary determination that issuance of the ITP qualifies as a low-effect action on the following three criteria: (1) Implementation of the project would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) Implementation of the project would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) Impacts of the project, considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources that would be considered significant. This preliminary determination may be revised based on our review of public comments that we receive in response to this notice.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the HCP and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. The Service will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies 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 ITP. If it is determined that the requirements of the Act are met, the ITP will be issued.

Authority: We provide this notice under Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: November 13, 2015.

Roxanna Hinzman,

Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Bureau of Indian Education Tribal Colleges and Universities; Application for Grants and Annual Report Form

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for renewal for the collection of information for the Tribal Colleges and Universities Application for Grants, authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0018, and the Tribal Colleges and Universities Annual Report Form, authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0105. Both of these information collections expire November 30, 2015.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 28, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or you may send an email to: OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Please send a copy of your comments to Juanita Mendoza, Acting Chief of Staff, Bureau of Indian Education, 1849 C Street NW., MIB—Mail Stop 4657, Washington, DC 20240; email Juanita.Mendoza@bie.edu.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juanita Mendoza, (202) 208-3559. You may review the information collection requests online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Each Tribally-controlled college or university requesting financial assistance under the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-471), which provides grants to Tribally Controlled Colleges or Universities for the purpose of ensuring continued and expanded educational opportunities for Indian students. Similarly, each Tribally Controlled College or University that receives financial assistance under the

Act is required by Public Law 95-471 Sec.107(c)(1) and 25 CFR 41 to provide a report on the use of funds received.

II. Request for Comments

The Bureau of Indian Education requests your comments on these collections concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. 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 ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076-0018.

Title: Tribal Colleges and Universities Application for Grants Form.

Brief Description of Collection: Collection of the information is required under the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act of 1978, Public Law 95-471, as amended, for the respondent to receive or maintain a benefit.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Tribal college and university administrators.

Number of Respondents: 28 per year, on average.

Total Number of Responses: 28 per year, on average.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Obligation to Respond: Response required to obtain a benefit.