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Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary designates the following Order of Succession:

#### Section A. Order of Succession

Subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, during any period when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Assistant Secretary is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the Office of Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, the following officials within the Office of Community Planning and Development are hereby designated to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Office:

- (1) General Deputy Assistant Secretary;
- (2) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations;
- (3) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs;
- (4) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grants Programs;

These officials shall perform the functions and duties of the Office in the order specified herein, and no official shall serve unless all the other officials, whose position titles precede his/hers in this order, are unable to act by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office.

#### Section B. Authority Superseded

This Order of Succession supersedes the Order of Succession for the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, published at 65 FR 51014 (August 22, 2000).

**Authority:** Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: September 8, 2006.

**Pamela H. Patenaude,**

*Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5076–D–04]

#### Order of Succession for the Office of Housing

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of order of succession.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Assistant Secretary for Housing designates the Order of Succession for the Office of Housing. This Order of Succession supersedes the Order of Succession for the Assistant Secretary for Housing published on February 5, 2003 (68 FR 5909).

*Effective Date:* June 20, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eliot C. Horowitz, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 9110, Washington, DC 20410–0500. Telephone (202) 708–1490 (this is not a toll-free number). A telecommunications device for hearing- and speech-impaired persons (TTY) is available at 1–(800) 877–9339 (Federal Information Relay Service) (this is a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Housing is issuing this Order of Succession of officials authorized to perform the functions and duties of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Assistant Secretary is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the office. This Order of Succession is subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345–3349d. This publication supersedes the Order of Succession notice published on February 5, 2003 (68 FR 5909).

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for Housing designates the following Order of Succession:

#### Section A. Order of Succession

Subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, during any period when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Assistant Secretary for Housing is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the Office of Assistant Secretary for Housing, the following officials within the Office of Housing are hereby designated to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Housing:

- (1) General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing;
- (2) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing;
- (3) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory Affairs and Manufactured Housing;
- (4) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Finance and Budget;
- (5) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Single Family Housing;

(6) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations;

(7) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Affordable Housing Preservation.

These officials shall perform the functions and duties of the office in the order specified herein, and no official shall serve unless all the other officials, whose position titles precede his/hers in this order, are unable to act by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office.

#### Section B. Authority Superseded

This Order of Succession supersedes the Order of Succession for the Assistant Secretary for Housing published on February 5, 2003 (68 FR 5909).

**Authority:** Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: June 20, 2006.

**Brian D. Montgomery,**

*Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5076–D–03]

#### Order of Succession for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of order of succession.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing designates the Order of Succession for the Office of Public and Indian Housing. This Order of Succession supersedes the Order of Succession for the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing published on November 6, 2000, at 65 FR 66551.

*Effective Date:* June 15, 2006.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katherine C. Anderson, Office of Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410–5000, telephone (202) 708–0713. (This is not a toll-free number.) This number may be accessed through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service number at 1–(800) 877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing is issuing this Order of

Succession of officials authorized to perform the functions and duties of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Assistant Secretary is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the office. This Order of Succession is subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345–3349d. This publication supersedes the Order of Succession notice of November 6, 2000 (65 FR 66551).

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing designates the following Order of Succession:

#### Section A. Order of Succession

Subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, during any period when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, the following officials within the Office of Public and Indian Housing are hereby designated to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing:

- (1) General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing;
- (2) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing and Voucher Programs;
- (3) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Field Operations;
- (4) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments.

These officials shall perform the functions and duties of the office in the order specified herein, and no official shall serve unless all the other officials, whose position titles precede his/hers in this order, are unable to act by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office.

#### Section B. Authority Superseded

This Order of Succession supersedes the Order of Succession for the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing published on November 6, 2000 (65 FR 66551).

**Authority:** Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: June 15, 2006.

**Orlando J. Cabrera,**

*Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Proposed Low Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for the Schwisow Development in Adams County, ID

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that Duane and Darlene Schwisow (Applicants) have applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit (ITP), pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The requested 25-year permit would authorize the incidental take of the threatened northern Idaho ground squirrel (*Spermophilus brunneus brunneus*) (“squirrels”), on 13.9 square meters (150 square feet) of suitable but unoccupied habitat associated with the development of a residence in Adams County, Idaho.

We are requesting comments on the permit application and on whether the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) qualifies as a “low effect” HCP, eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. We explain the basis for this possible determination in a draft Environmental Action Statement (EAS), which is also available for public review.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by 5 p.m. on November 17, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Jeri Wood, Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office, 1387 Vinnell Way, Suite 368, Boise, Idaho 83709, (telephone number (208) 378–5243; fax number (208) 378–5262). For further information and instruction on the reviewing and commenting process, see Public Review and Comment section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeri Wood, at the above address, or telephone (208) 378–5243.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Availability of Documents

Individuals wishing copies of the application, proposed HCP, or EAS, should contact the Service by telephone (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) or by letter (see **ADDRESSES**). Copies of the subject documents also are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

### Background

Section 9 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and Federal regulations prohibit the “take” of a fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. Take of federally listed fish and wildlife is defined under section 3 of the Act as including to “harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect, or to attempt to engage in such conduct” (16 U.S.C. 1538). The Service may, under limited circumstances, issue permits to authorize “incidental take” of listed species. “Incidental take” is defined by the Act as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing permits for threatened species and endangered species, respectively, are at 50 CFR 17.32 and 50 CFR 17.22. The Applicants are seeking a permit for the incidental take of the northern Idaho ground squirrel during the 25-year term of the permit.

Applicants propose to develop and carry out construction activities on the proposed covered lands, comprising 2.0 hectares (5 acres), as a residence with a septic system, well and utility lines. Of the proposed covered area’s 2.0 hectares (5 acres), approximately 1.2 hectares (3 acres) will be set aside as a Protected Area. The Protected Area is currently occupied habitat for the northern Idaho ground squirrel. Incidental take of the northern Idaho ground squirrel would be authorized for the remaining 0.81 hectare (2 acres) Project Area in unoccupied but suitable habitat for northern Idaho ground squirrels. The 0.81 hectare (2 acres) site will be developed for a 13.9 square meter (150 square feet) development pad for a residence, a septic system, underground utility lines, and well. Therefore, Applicants seek a Permit for the 0.81 hectares (2 acres) of the proposed covered area.

The proposed minimization and mitigation measures include avoidance of all ground disturbing activity in the 1.2 hectare (3 acre) Protected Area; and to mitigate for the temporary loss of suitable habitat due to the development of utility lines, a septic system and well in the 0.81-hectare (2-acre) Project Area, Applicants will replant these disturbed areas with native plants. Monitoring of the northern Idaho ground squirrel and its habitat would occur throughout the 2.0 hectares (5 acres) of proposed covered lands[w1].

Approval of the HCP may qualify as a categorical exclusion under NEPA, as provided by the Departmental Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1) and as a “low effect” plan