

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging (AoA) is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by April 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Bldg., 725 17th St. NW., rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Allison Herron Eydt, Desk Officer for AoA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Bunoski, Office of Evaluation, Administration on Aging, Room 344G, Hubert Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 260-0669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, AoA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

Title of Information Collection: National Outcome Measures Surveys of Older Americans Act (OAA) Clients.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Use: Consumer assessment data will be collected in this initial set of surveys to initiate national program outcome assessment consistent with the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act and the Older Americans Act.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondents: Elderly individuals who have received selected services under Title 3 of the Older Americans Act.

The Administration on Aging is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget for approval the National Outcome Measures Surveys of Older Americans Act (OAA) Clients, pursuant to requirements set forth by congressional statute. Through a contract with WESTAT, Inc., AoA will draw samples of individuals served through Area Agencies on Aging across the country for the purpose of obtaining OAA program service assessments from these individuals. The surveys will utilize information collection instruments and methods developed and tested by experts in the field of gerontology and by State and local entities that administer OAA programs. The surveys will include assessments from among the following service categories: nutrition, transportation, caregiver support, home-care, and information and assistance.

AoA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

Estimated Number of Responses: 3,500.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 2,000.

In the **Federal Register** of December 3, 2001, Volume 66, Number 3232, Page 60214, the agency requested comments on the proposed collection of information. Two comments from one commenter were received.

In a letter dated January 22, 2002, Patricia P. Pine, Ph.D., Director of the New York State Office for the Aging, made the following recommendations:

Comment: "We strongly recommend that the Performance Outcomes Measures project demonstrations funded by the AoA be extended for at least one more year. This would allow the participating state and area agencies on aging to collect more information and to address validity and reliability issues that have emerged or could emerge during the current demonstrations."

Response: The Administration on Aging has not yet made a decision regarding additional funding for the current fiscal year, but is reviewing options that will include such funding.

Comment: "The proposed national survey instruments should retain only those measures that are relevant to each service category. This would minimize the burden on frail elderly clients. For example, the social functioning measure should be applied to clients who are in the relevant service populations, although this measure does not appear to be relevant to home-care clients."

Response: As part of the normal review of performance measures each year, the nutrition workgroup has begun to address the issue of the pertinence of particular measures of social functioning to the population being surveyed. For example, we are revising the social functioning questionnaire for use with clients who receive home-delivered meals. While we will still ask several questions about individuals' frequency of social contacts, we will no longer ask other questions of home-bound individuals concerning their activities outside the house. When this task is completed, a modified social functioning questionnaire, appropriate for home-care clients, will be available.

Dated: March 13, 2002.

Josefina G. Carbonell,

Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the Strawberry Tierra, Inc., Property, Douglas County, CO

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of application.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that Strawberry Tierra, Inc. (Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended. The Service proposes to issue a 3-year permit to the Applicant that would authorize the incidental take of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (Preble's) (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*), federally listed as threatened, and loss and modification of its habitat associated with the construction of retail development in Parker, Douglas County, Colorado. Construction of the project will result in the permanent loss of up to 0.10 acres of willow copse that provides potential foraging and hibernation habitat for the mouse, and temporary loss of 5.37 acres of ruderal grassland that provides potential foraging and hibernation habitat for the mouse. The permit application includes a combined Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP), which is available for public review and comment. The HCP fully describes the proposed project and the measures the Applicant would undertake to minimize and mitigate project impacts to the Preble's.

The Service requests comments on the EA/HCP for the proposed issuance of the incidental take permit. We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). All comments on the EA and permit application will become part of the administrative record and will be available to the public.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application and EA/HCP should be received on or before May 20, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the permit application or the EA/HCP, may obtain a copy by writing to LeRoy Carlson, Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, or by calling (303) 275-

2370 to request a copy. Documents also will be available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address above. Written data or comments should be submitted to the above address. Comments also may be sent by facsimile to (303) 275-2371. Please reference permit number TE-053241 in any comments submitted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kathleen Linder, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Colorado Field Office, telephone (303) 275-2370.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act and Federal regulations prohibit the "take" of a species listed as endangered or threatened (take is defined under the Endangered Species Act as to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct). However, the Service may issue permits to authorize "incidental take" (defined by the Endangered Species Act as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity) of listed species under limited circumstances. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.32. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.22.

The proposed action is the issuance of a permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act to allow the incidental take of Preble's during the construction of a proposed retail development. The proposed project will permanently affect 0.10 acres and temporarily affect 5.37 acres of potential habitat for Preble's. An HCP has been developed as part of the preferred alternative. The proposed HCP will allow for the incidental take of the Preble's by permitting construction of a retail development in an area that may be periodically used as foraging or hibernation habitat. Proposed construction will result in about 0.10 acres of permanent habitat loss and another 5.37 acres of temporary effects to the habitat associated with this localized disturbance.

Alternatives considered in addition to the proposed action were—building at an alternate location, and no action. The draft EA analyzes the onsite, offsite, and cumulative impacts of the proposed project and all associated development and construction activities and mitigation activities on the Preble's, other threatened or endangered species, vegetation, wildlife, wetlands, geology/soils, land use, water resources, air and

water quality, or cultural resources. None of the proposed impacts occur within the riparian corridor. The majority of impacts are in upland areas outside the 100-year floodplain. The Applicant, using the Service's definition of Preble's habitat, has determined that the proposed project would impact approximately 5.47 acres of potential Preble's habitat. The mitigation for the identified impacts will provide a net increase of 2.06 acres to the Preble's and other wildlife by improving potential mouse habitat through revegetation with native grasses, forbs, shrubs, and trees.

The Preble's is the only known Federally listed species that occurs on site and has the potential to be directly affected by the proposed project. The Applicant has agreed to implement the following measures to minimize and mitigate impacts that may result from incidental take of Preble's; in order to compensate for the loss of Preble's habitat, a total of 7.53 acres adjacent to the 100-year floodplain of Cherry Creek will be preserved and enhanced at a ratio of greater than 1.5:1 through seeding and planting native species.

Dated: March 4, 2002.

John Blankenship,

Deputy Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the Lenox Village Development Site, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Regent Development (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 incidental take of the endangered Nashville crayfish (*Orconectes shoupi*) from a 5-acre lake, incidental to lake draining for residential development in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. The Applicant's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) describes the mitigation and minimization measures proposed to address the effects of the Project to the Nashville crayfish. These measures are outlined in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. The Service has determined that the Applicant's

proposal, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, the ITP is a "low-effect" project and would qualify as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1).

The Service announces the availability of the HCP for the incidental take application. Copies of the HCP may be obtained by making a request to the Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). Requests must be in writing to be processed. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

The Service specifically requests information, views, and opinions from the public via this Notice on the federal action. Further, the Service specifically solicits information regarding the adequacy of the HCP as measured against the Service's ITP issuance criteria found in 50 CFR Parts 13 and 17.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. Please reference permit number TE049322-0 in such comments. You may mail comments to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the internet to "david_dell@fws.gov". Please submit comments over the internet as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Service that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed below (see **FURTHER INFORMATION**).

Due to Court order, the Department of Interior has temporarily lost access to the internet and may not regain it by the time this notice is published. Commentors are encouraged to submit comments by mail or express courier, or to call (see **FURTHER INFORMATION**) to confirm whether our internet capability has been restored.

Finally, you may hand deliver comments to either Service office listed below (see **ADDRESSES**). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor