effects of construction activities on the gnatcatcher. During construction, a Service-approved biological monitor will be present to ensure avoidance and minimization measures are understood by the contractors and implemented as anticipated. Impacts to preserved vegetation adjacent to the project footprint will be avoided by surveying, staking, and fencing the limits of proposed impacts and controlling erosion, sedimentation, and pollution within the footprint of impacts. Vegetation removal will occur outside the breeding season to avoid active nests, and impacts to productivity will be minimized by limiting construction within 500 feet of an active nest.

The applicant proposes restore 1.59 ac of non-native vegetation to coastal sage scrub within the adjacent off-site preserve. In total, 6.41 ac of coastal sage scrub habitat for the coastal California gnatcatcher will be conserved through a biological conservation easement, with funding secured in a non-wasting endowment account, to ensure management and monitoring in perpetuity.

Proposed Action and Alternatives

The proposed action consists of the issuance of an ITP to address the incidental take of gnatcatchers from implementing the proposed HCP. To comply with the requirements for an HCP under ESA section 10(a), alternatives to the project and the incidental take of gnatcatcher were evaluated.

Under the no project/no development alternative, the project would not be constructed, and no ITP would be issued. The applicant would have no use of the privately owned property. Under the reduced development footprint alternative, the 2.64 ac of coastal sage scrub gnatcatcher habitat onsite would be avoided. The gnatcatcher habitat consists of 2.64 ac of coastal sage scrub and southern mixed/maritime chaparral habitat in two main patches in the northern and center portion of the project site. Therefore, the total avoidance of habitat would also prevent any reasonable economic use of the site. With implementation of the project, the development would be situated primarily in the southern portion of the project site. A 1.46 ac preserve would be established in the northern portion of the project site, and an off-site preserve of 4.95 ac would be preserved in perpetuity.

The applicant selected the project as proposed over these alternatives because it achieves the project's primary goal of providing housing, is financially feasible to implement, and would result in the preservation, restoration, and management of coastal California gnatcatcher habitat and prevent it from being further degraded.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service made a preliminary determination that the applicant's HCP would have minor or negligible effects on the gnatcatcher. Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP would be a low-effect ITP that may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion pursuant to NEPA, DOI's NEPA regulations, and the DOI DM. Please see the draft environmental action statement and low-effect screening form for more information.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and any comments received resulting from this notice to determine whether to issue the requested ITP. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the preceding and other matters, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue the permit to the applicant for incidental take of the gnatcatcher.

Public Availability of Comments

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 may 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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 50 CFR 17.32), and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the DOI's implementing regulations (43 CFR part 46).

Jonathan Snyder,

Acting Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Receipt of Request for Authorization To Re-Petition for Federal Acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (Department) announces that the group known as the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation (STN) has submitted a request for authorization to re-petition for Federal acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe to the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA). The Department invites public comment and evidence concerning the request.

DATES: Comments and evidence must be postmarked by April 29, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The narrative portion of the re-petition request, submitted by STN (with any redactions in accordance with 25 CFR 83.50(b)), is available at the OFA website: *www.bia.gov/as-ia/ofa.* Comments and evidence may be submitted to: Department of the Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Attention: Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Mail Stop 4071 MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to: *Ofa_Info@bia.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nikki Bass, OFA Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, by phone: (202) 513–7650; or by email: *Ofa_Info@bia.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 21, 2025, the Department revised the Federal acknowledgment regulations in 25 CFR part 83 to establish a conditional and time-limited opportunity for petitioners denied Federal acknowledgment to request authorization to re-petition.

On September 29, 2025, OFA received a request for authorization to re-petition from STN, in accordance with 25 CFR 83.50. This group has been assigned Petition Number R003.

The contact information for STN is Richard L. Velky, 101 Elizabeth Street, Derby, Connecticut 06418.

Under 25 CFR 83.51(b)(1), OFA publishes on its website the following:

i. The narrative portion of the request for authorization to re-petition, as submitted by the petitioner (with any redactions appropriate under 25 CFR 83.50(b));

ii. The name, location, and mailing address of the petitioner and other information to identify the entity;

iii. The date of receipt;

iv. The opportunity for individuals and entities to submit comments and evidence supporting or opposing the petitioner's request for acknowledgment within 120 days of this notice of the request; and

v. The opportunity for individuals and entities to request to be kept informed of general actions regarding the petitioner.

Authority

The Department publishes this notice and request for comment in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by Department Manual part 209, chapter 8.

William Henry Kirkland III,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

[Docket No. USGS–2025–0204; GX25EE000101100]

Public Meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is publishing this notice to announce that a Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will take place and is open to members of the public.

DATES: The following meeting will be held virtually:

- Wednesday, January 28, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Thursday, January 29, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The following meeting will be held in person and virtually:

- Wednesday, March 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; and Thursday, March 26, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The January 2026 meeting will be held virtually. The March 2026 meeting will be held in-person in the South Penthouse Conference Room of the Department of the Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC and virtually. Members of the public may attend the March meeting in person or can attend either meeting virtually. Instructions for registration to attend the meetings will be posted at *www.fgdc.gov/ngac.* Comments can be sent by email to *gs-faca@usgs.gov* or online at *https://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and submitting comments on Docket No. USGS–2025–0204.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Megan Compton, Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), USGS, by mail at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 590, Reston, VA 20192; by email at *mrcompton@usgs.gov;* or by telephone at (703) 581–3332.

Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the FACA of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Ch. 10), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR part 102–3.

Purpose of the Meeting: The NGAC provides advice and recommendations to the FGDC related to management of federal and national geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), and the implementation of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A–16. The NGAC reviews and comments on geospatial policy and management issues and provides a forum to convey views representative of non-federal stakeholders in the geospatial community. The NGAC is one of the primary ways that the FGDC collaborates with its broad network of partners. Additional information about the NGAC is available at: *www.fgdc.gov/ngac.*

Agenda Topics:

—FGDC Update
—NGAC Study Topics for FY 2026
—NSDI Integration of Artificial Intelligence
—3D Elevation Program
—Landsat Next
—GeoPlatform
—Standards and Data Access
—NSDI 2025–2035 Strategic Plan
—Public Comment

Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations: Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting to give the Department of the Interior sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis. Seating for in-person attendees may be limited due to room capacity. Virtual attendance instructions will be provided to registered attendees prior to the meeting.

Public Disclosure of Comments: There will be an opportunity for public comments during each day of the meeting. Depending on the number of people who wish to speak and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Written comments may also be sent to the NGAC for consideration. To allow for full consideration of information by NGAC members, written comments must be provided to Ms. Megan Compton (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Any written comments received will be provided to NGAC members before the meeting.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10.

Megan Compton,

Acting Executive Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701–TA–417 and 731–TA–953, 957–959, and 961 (Fourth Review)]

Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Moldova, and Trinidad and Tobago; Scheduling of Expedited Five-Year Reviews

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of expedited reviews pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (''the Act'') to determine whether