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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-1750;
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Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for Sand Skink; Lake County, FL; Categorical Exclusion

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments and information.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Lake County Development Partners, LLC (Casa del Rosa) (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed threatened sand skink (*Neopseps*(=*Plestiodon*) *reynoldsi*) (skinks) incidental to the construction of a mixed multi-phase residential and commercial development and the associated clearing, infrastructure, and landscaping in Lake County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan, and on the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed permitting action may be eligible for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft screening form and NEPA statement for habitat conservation plans, which are available for public review. We invite comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before July 13, 2026.

To ensure your comment is received and considered, you must submit it

using one of the methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: The documents this notice announces, as well as any comments and other materials that we receive, will be available for public inspection online in Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-1750 at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submitting Comments: All submissions must include the docket number [FWS-R4-ES-2026-1750] for this document. You must submit comments using one of the following methods:

- **Online:** <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-1750.

- **U.S. mail:** Public Comments

Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2026-1750; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered. We will not accept comments via email, fax, or hand delivery. We are not required to consider comments that are submitted after the comment period ends or that are submitted via a method outside of these instructions. Comments containing profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate content will not be considered.

We will post all comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may request that we withhold personal identifying information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. See Public Availability of Comments for more information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Gawera, Jacksonville Ecological Services Field Office, by phone at 904-404-2464 or via email at erin_gawera@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, 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: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Lake County Development Partners, LLC

(Casa del Rosa) (applicant) for incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed threatened sand skink (*Neopseps*(=*Plestiodon*) *reynoldsi*) incidental to the construction of a mixed multi-phase residential and commercial development and the associated clearing, infrastructure, and landscaping in Lake County, Florida.

We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's habitat conservation plans (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that this proposed ITP may qualify for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations (43 CFR part 46), and the DOI's Departmental Manual (DM; 516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft screening form and NEPA statement for HCPs, both of which are available for public review.

Proposed Project

The applicant requests a 10-year ITP to take skinks via the conversion of approximately 0.85 acres (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering skink habitat incidental to the construction and operation of a mixed multi-phase residential and commercial development on 69.25 ac, located 1 mile south of the intersection of Edwards Road and S. U.S. Highway 27 at latitude 28.890766 North and longitude -81.908939 West; within Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 24 East, Lady Lake, Lake County, Florida.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for take of the skinks by purchasing credits equivalent to 1.7 ac of skink-occupied habitat within the Lake Wales Ridge Conservation Bank or another Service approved skink conservation bank. The Service would require the applicant to purchase the credits prior to engaging in any phase of the project.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that reasonably foreseeable effects of the applicant's proposed project, including the construction of a mixed multi-phase residential and commercial development and the associated clearing, infrastructure, and landscaping, would have a minor effect on skinks and the human environment and that extraordinary circumstances in 43 CFR 46.215 do not apply. Reasonably foreseeable effects encompass effects of implementation of the action including

effects of the action in addition to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future effects.

Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would be a low-effect ITP that may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)), pursuant to NEPA, the DOI's NEPA regulations, and the DOI DM. A low-effect ITP is one that would result in (1) negligible or minor individual or cumulative effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) no significant effect on the human environment; and (3) reasonably foreseeable effects that would not result in significant effects to the human environment.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments 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 ITP number PER25914032 to Lake County Development Partners, LLC (Casa del Rosa).

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made available to the public. If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered

Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32), National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended, and the and the Department of Interior's implementing regulations (43 CFR part 46).

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Manager, Division of Environmental Review, Florida Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2026-2410; FXES11140800000-267-FF08EVEN00]

Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Coastal California Gnatcatcher, Ventura County, CA; Categorical Exclusion

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Moorpark 67, LLC (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed coastal California gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila californica californica*) incidental to residential development in the City of Moorpark, Ventura County, California. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan, and on the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed permitting action may be eligible for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a low-effect screening form, which is also available for public review. We invite comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before July 13, 2026.

To ensure your comment is received and considered, you must submit it using one of the methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this

document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered.

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Obtaining Documents: The documents this notice announces, as well as any comments and other materials that we receive, will be available for public inspection online in Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2026-2410 at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submitting Comments: All submissions must include the docket number [FWS-R8-ES-2026-2410] for this document. You must submit comments using one of the following methods:

- **Electronic submission:** Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS-R8-ES-2026-2410, which is the docket number for this action. Then click the Search button. On the resulting page, you may submit a comment by clicking on "Comment." Please ensure that you have found the correct document before submitting your comments.

- **U.S. mail:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2026-2410, Policy and Regulations Branch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chris Dellith, Senior Fish and Wildlife Biologist, by email at chris_dellith@fws.gov, via phone at 805-644-1766, or by U.S. mail at 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, 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: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from the applicant for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA;