

In addition, if the tag reporter desires more information on their tagged fish or wants the modest reward that comes with reporting a tag, we ask their address so that we can mail them the information.

The public may request a copy of Form 3–156 contained in this information collection by sending a request to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer (see ADDRESSES).

*Title of Collection:* Horseshoe Crab and Cooperative Fish Tagging Programs.

*OMB Control Number:* 1018–0127.

*Form Number:* Forms 3–2310, 3–2311, and 3–2493 through 3–2496.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Respondents include Federal and State agencies, universities, and biomedical companies who conduct tagging, and members of the general public who provide recapture information.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 2,026.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 3,648.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Varies from 5 minutes to 95 hours, depending on activity.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 2,241.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* Respondents will provide information on occasion, upon tagging or upon encounter with a tagged crab or fish.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Madonna Baucum,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2023–0078; FXES11140400000–234–FF04EF4000]

**Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Sand Skink; Lake County, FL; Categorical Exclusion**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Park Square Commercial (Fruitland Park Apartments—Regent Street) (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*) incidental to the construction of a residential development in Lake County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed permitting action may be eligible for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are 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 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Obtaining Documents:* You may obtain copies of the documents online in Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2023–0078; at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

*Submitting Comments:* If you wish to submit comments on any of the documents, you may do so in writing by one of the following methods:

- *Online:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2023–0078;
- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–R4–ES–2023–0078; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lindsay Needs, by U.S. mail (see ADDRESSES), by telephone at 772–469–4226, or via email at [lindsay\\_needs@fws.gov](mailto:lindsay_needs@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 Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Park Square Commercial (Fruitland Park Apartments—Regent Street) (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*) incidental to the construction and operation of a residential development in Lake County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that this proposed ITP qualifies as low effect, and may qualify for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1501.4), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46), and the DOI's Departmental Manual (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft environmental action statement and low effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review. We invite comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

**Proposed Project**

The applicant requests a 5-year ITP to take sand skinks via the conversion of approximately 6.82 acres (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering sand skink habitat incidental to the proposed construction and operation of a residential development on 38.09-ac on Parcel #s 16–19–24–0001–000–00100, 10–19–24–0003–0000–8300, 15–19–24–0002–0001–0200, 09–19–24–0400–045–00100, 09–19–24–0400–045–00104, 09–19–24–0400–045–00101, 09–19–24–0400–045–00102, and 09–19–24–0400–045–00103 in Sections 34 Township 3 South, Range 69 East, Lake County, Florida. The applicant proposes to mitigate for take of sand skinks by purchasing credits equivalent

to 13.64 ac of sand skink-occupied habitat within the Lake Livingston Conservation Bank or another Service-approved conservation bank. The Service would require the applicant to purchase the credits prior to engaging in any construction phase of the project.

#### 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. While you may request that we withhold your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's proposed project—including the construction of multiple housing products, associated infrastructure, stormwater facilities, and amenities—would individually and cumulatively have a minor effect on sand skinks and the environment and may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations, DOI's NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. A low-effect incidental take permit is one that would result in (1) minor or nonsignificant effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) nonsignificant effects on the human environment; and (3) impacts that, when added together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable actions, would not result in significant cumulative 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 PER1368039 to Park Square Commercial.

#### Authority

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32) and the National Environmental

Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508 and 43 CFR 46).

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*Manager, Division of Environmental Review,  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Science Communication Strategies Related to Mining Activities

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 14, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1028–NEW Mining Communications in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Rudy Schuster by email at [schusterr@usgs.gov](mailto:schusterr@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 970–226–9165. 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:** In accordance with the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval from OMB. We may not conduct or sponsor, nor are you required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- (4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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 can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** The USGS has a history of conducting research on uranium-bearing breccia pipe deposits to address data gaps related to the potential effects of uranium exploration and mining activities in the Grand Canyon watershed on people, wildlife, and water resources. The USGS also recognizes a need to use the latest and most effective methods for communicating science to partners and non-scientists. The project proposed herein seeks to identify a path toward efficiently and effectively providing data and results to decision makers, stakeholders, partners, and the public to maximize the utility of science products. This research will advance