

The Applicants propose to mitigate for the loss of 0.23 acre of scrub-jay habitat by contributing \$3,082 to the Florida Scrub-jay Conservation Fund administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Funds in this account are ear-marked for use in the conservation and recovery of scrub-jays and may include habitat acquisition, restoration, and/or management. The \$3,082 is sufficient to acquire and perpetually manage 0.46 acre of suitable occupied scrub-jay habitat based on a replacement ratio of two mitigation acres per one impact acre. The cost is based on previous acquisitions of mitigation lands in southern Brevard County at an average \$5,700 per acre, plus a \$1,000 per acre management endowment necessary to ensure future management of acquired scrub-jay habitat.

We have determined that the HCP is a low-effect plan that is categorically excluded from further NEPA analysis, and does not require the preparation of an EA or EIS. This preliminary information may be revised due to public comment received in response to this notice. Low-effect HCPs are those involving: (1) Minor or negligible effects on federally listed or candidate species and their habitats, and (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources. The Applicants' HCP qualifies for the following reasons:

1. Approval of the HCP would result in minor or negligible effects on the Florida scrub-jay population as a whole. We do not anticipate significant direct or cumulative effects to the Florida scrub-jay population as a result of the construction project.

2. Approval of the HCP would not have adverse effects on known unique geographic, historic or cultural sites, or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

3. Approval of the HCP would not result in any significant adverse effects on public health or safety.

4. The project does not require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, nor does it threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

5. Approval of the Plan would not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

We have determined that approval of the Plan qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the NEPA, as provided

by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1). Therefore, no further NEPA documentation will be prepared.

We will evaluate the HCP and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If it is determined that those requirements are met, the ITP will be issued for the incidental take of the Florida scrub-jay. We will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP.

Dated: April 7, 2005.

Jacquelyn B. Parrish,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meetings

AGENCY: Medford District, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Medford District Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Medford to gain a common understanding of the process related to Pub. L. 106-393, tour project sites, and discuss proposed fiscal year 2006 projects. Agenda topics include background and history of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, and development of a common vision; on-site inspections of 2005 projects and proposed 2006 projects; and presentations and discussions regarding proposed 2006 Title II projects.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting dates.

ADDRESSES: The field trips will start from, and the meetings will be held at, the Medford District Office, located at 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Gillespie, Medford District Office (541-618-2424).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The field trip dates are:

1. July 14, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

2. July 28, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The meeting dates are:

1. June 9, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
2. August 11, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
3. August 18, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A public comment period will be held from 2 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. on June 9, 2005, and from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on August 11, 2005 and August 18, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Civil Division

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-Day notice of information collection under review: Claim for Damage, Injury, or Death

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Division, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until June 27, 2005. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Director, Torts Branch, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information,