

anticipated and required a project redesign. However, this redesign did not exceed the 1.68-ac development area or change the amount or form of take of Morro shoulderband snail currently authorized in the ITP. The permittees have requested no change to the covered species, covered activities, or HCP area and commit to fully implement the HCP.

Current Application

Measures in the HCP to minimize the amount and form of take include (1) pre-construction and construction monitoring surveys for Morro shoulderband snail within the 1.68-ac impact area, (2) capture and moving of all identified individuals of Morro shoulderband snail into the conservation easement area by an individual in possession of a current valid recovery permit for the species, (3) installation of protective fencing, and (4) development and presentation of a contractor and employee training program for Morro shoulderband snail. Mitigation for unavoidable take of Morro shoulderband snail includes (1) preservation in perpetuity of 3.83 ac of coastal dune scrub and maritime chaparral habitats occupied by Morro shoulderband snail in a conservation easement that will preclude any use not consistent with resource management, (2) enhancement of 0.24 ac of disturbed coastal dune scrub within the conservation easement to increase its value and function for Morro shoulderband snail, (3) post-construction monitoring and maintenance of the habitat enhancement activities within conservation easement area for a period of 4 years to ensure its success, and (4) establishment of a contract with a qualified biologist or entity to conduct the Morro shoulderband snail surveys and habitat restoration and monitoring to provide assurances that all of the minimization and mitigation measures contained in the plan are implemented as proposed.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service made the determination in 2016 that ITP renewal would not represent a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of NEPA (September 13, 2016, 81 FR 62918). The project and anticipated impacts have not changed since that determination. As such, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's proposed project and the proposed mitigation and minimization measures would individually and cumulatively have a minor effect on the

species and the human environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that renewal of the ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would be a low-effect ITP that individually or cumulatively would have a minor effect on the species 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 ITP 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 for permit renewal and the comments received to determine whether to renew the ITP. 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 renew ITP number TE48316A for Thomas R. Kellaway and Doris J. Redmond.

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. 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.

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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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Announcement of Advisory Council for Climate Adaptation Science Meeting

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of 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 Advisory Council for Climate Adaptation Science (ACCAS) will take place and is open to members of the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held in person on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Thursday, November 14, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Central Time. A virtual attendance option will be provided. The final schedule will be made available in advance of the meeting at <https://www.usgs.gov/programs/climate-adaptation-science-centers/advisory-council-climate-adaptation-science>.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the University of Minnesota Campus Club, 403 Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Isabella Ullerick, ACCAS Designated Federal Officer, USGS, by email at iullerick@usgs.gov, or by phone at 571–477–4309.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held consistent with the provisions of the FACA (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 ACCAS advises the Secretary of the Interior on the operations of the USGS Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASCs). ACCAS members represent state and local governments; Tribes and Indigenous organizations; non-governmental organizations; academia; and the private sector. Additional information about the ACCAS is

available at: <https://www.usgs.gov/programs/climate-adaptation-science-centers/advisory-council-climate-adaptation-science>.

Agenda Topics: Agenda topics will cover (a) subcommittee progress (if any) since the previous full-Council meeting; (b) discussion of key items on the horizon for the CASCs; (c) development and discussion of next key priorities and workplan for the ACCAS; (d) changes to or development of new subcommittees; (e) process for upcoming membership nominations and charter renewal. The final agenda will be made available in advance of the meeting at: <https://www.usgs.gov/programs/climate-adaptation-science-centers/advisory-council-climate-adaptation-science>. The meeting will include opportunities for public comment on both meeting days, November 13 and 14. Comments may also be submitted to the council in writing by email to iullerick@usgs.gov.

Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations: The meeting is open to the public; however, seating may be limited due to room capacity. A virtual attendance option will be provided to those who register. Public attendees should register by completing the form found at <https://www.usgs.gov/programs/climate-adaptation-science-centers/advisory-council-climate-adaptation-science>. Registration is due by November 6, 2024.

Please make requests in advance for sign-language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, language translation services, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact iullerick@usgs.gov 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.

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.

Public Disclosure of Comments: There will be an opportunity for public comment during 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 ACCAS for consideration. To allow for full consideration of information by ACCAS members, written comments

must be provided to iullerick@usgs.gov at least three (3) business days prior to 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 view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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

Isabella Ullerick,

Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Council for Climate Adaptation Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures for the Bureau of Land Management

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Department of the Interior's (Department) proposal to revise the National Environmental Policy Act implementing procedures for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at Chapter 11 of Part 516 of the Departmental Manual (DM) to add a new categorical exclusion for geothermal resource confirmation activities on Federal geothermal resource leases.

DATES: Comments must be postmarked (for mailed comments), delivered (for personal or messenger delivery comments), or filed (for electronic comments) no later than November 21, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The public can review the Substantiation Report for the proposed new CX online at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2034686/510>. Comments can be submitted using: —*BLM National NEPA Register:* <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2034686/510>. Follow the instruction at this website.

—*Mail, personal or messenger delivery:* U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: HQ330 Geothermal Resource Confirmation Categorical Exclusion, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Bernier, Division Chief,

Decision Support, Planning, and NEPA, at (303) 239-3635, or hbernier@blm.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:

Background

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, requires Federal agencies to consider the environmental effects of their proposed actions in their decision-making processes and to inform and engage the public in that process. Section 101(a) of NEPA sets forth a national policy to use all practicable means and measures, including financial and technical assistance, in a manner calculated to foster and promote the general welfare, to create and maintain conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations of Americans. 42 U.S.C. 4331(a). Section 102 of NEPA directs agencies to interpret and administer Federal policies, regulations, and laws consistent with NEPA's policies. 42 U.S.C. 4332.

To comply with NEPA, agencies determine the appropriate level of review for a proposed action: an environmental impact statement (EIS), an environmental assessment (EA), or a categorical exclusion (CX). 40 CFR 1501.3(c). If a proposed action is likely to have significant environmental effects, the agency will prepare an EIS and document its decision in a record of decision. 40 CFR part 1502, 1505.2. If the proposed action is not likely to have significant environmental effects or the level of significance is unknown, the agency will prepare an EA, which involves a more concise analysis and process than an EIS. 40 CFR 1501.5. Following preparation of an EA, the agency may reach a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) if the analysis shows that the action will have no significant effects. 40 CFR 1501.6. If, following preparation of an EA, the agency finds that the proposed action will have significant effects, it will prepare an EIS before authorizing the action. 40 CFR 1501.6(a)(3).

Under NEPA and the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ's) implementing regulations, a Federal