

address. Please refer to permit number TE-26687-0. when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tannika Engelhard at the above Austin Ecological Services Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Applicant

Cornerstone Construction Company plans to construct a single family residence on 0.5 acres of each of three lots (Lot 20, Section 5; Lot 49, Section 7; Lot 38, Section 8) in the Circle D Country Acres Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate 1.5 acres or less (0.5 acres or less per homesite) and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by providing \$4,500.00 (\$1,500 per homesite) to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat, as identified by the Service.

Frank S. Shoemaker, Jr.,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan for Issuance of an Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)(1)(A) Permit for the Incidental Take Permit of the Houston Toad (*Bufo houstonensis*) During Construction of One Single Family Residence on Lots 247-248, Unit 2, Block 3 in the Tahitian Village Subdivision in Bastrop County, Texas

SUMMARY: Richard Hyatt (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE-025653-0. The requested permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of

the endangered Houston Toad (*Bufo houstonensis*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and occupation of one single family residence on Lots 247-248, Unit 2, Block 3, of the Tahitian Village Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application and the EA/HCP should be received on or before June 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by written or telephone request to Tannika Engelhard, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request or by appointment only during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office, Austin, Texas. Data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted in writing to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office, Austin, Texas at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-025653-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tannika Engelhard at the above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office, Austin, TX.

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Applicant

Richard Hyatt plans to construct one single family residence on 0.5 acres of the 0.5-acre Lots 247-248, Unit 2, Block 3, Tahitian Village Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate less than 0.5 acres of habitat

and result in an unquantifiable amount of indirect impact. The applicants propose to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston Toad by providing \$1,000.00 to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat, as identified by the Service.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible and alteration of the project design would not alter the level of impacts.

Frank S. Shoemaker, Jr.,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Information Collection Request for the Payment for Appointed Counsel in Involuntary Indian Child Custody Proceedings in State Courts requires renewal. Before submitting a request for extension of this collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Department of the Interior is soliciting public comments on this information collection as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Chester J. Eagleman, Sr., Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4660-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

All written comments will be available for public inspection in Room 4651 of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Chester J. Eagleman, 202-208-2721 (This is not a toll-free number).