

Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* June 23, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Shelia Jones, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing Urban and Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 7232, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robyn Raysor (202) 708-2140, Ext. 4891 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 as Amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) 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; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Annual Progress Report (APR) for Competitive Homeless Assistance Programs.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2506-0145.

*Description of the need for the Information and proposed use:* The Annual Progress Report (APR) tracks competitive homeless assistance program progress and is used to provide grant recipients and HUD with information necessary to assess program and grantee performance.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* HUD-40118.

*Members of affected public:* Grantees that have received HUD funding from 1987 to the present.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the Information collection including number of respondents, frequency Of response, and hours of response:*

| Activity                 | Number of respondents | Frequency of response (annually) | Response hours | Burden hours |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Record-keeping .....     | 6,000                 | 1                                | 33             | 198,000      |
| Report preparation ..... | 6,000                 | 1                                | 8              | 48,000       |
| Total .....              | .....                 | .....                            | .....          | 246,000      |

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Information is currently being collected.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

**Pamela H. Patenaude,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of Two Applications for Incidental Take Permits for Two Beachfront Developments in Escambia County, FL

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Acropolis II Development Enterprises, L.L.C. (Applicants) request incidental take permits (ITP) pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. The Applicants anticipate taking Perdido Key beach mice (*Peromyscus polionotus trissyllepsis*) incidental to

developing, constructing, and human occupancy of a two-condominium beachfront complex on Perdido Key in Escambia County, Florida (Projects). The Applicants' Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) describes the mitigation and minimization measures proposed to address the effects of both Projects to the Perdido Key beach mouse.

**DATES:** Written comments on the ITP application, EA, and HCP should be sent to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before June 23, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the application, EA, and HCP may obtain a copy by writing the Service's Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Please reference permit number TE122397-0 and TE122398-0 in such requests. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Regional Office, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Endangered Species Permits); or Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1601 Balboa Avenue, Panama City, FL 32405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Aaron Valenta, Regional HCP Coordinator, at the Atlanta address in **ADDRESSES**, telephone 404/679-4144, or

facsimile: 404/679-7081; or Sandra Sneckenberger, Field Office Project Manager, at the Panama City address in **ADDRESSES**, or at 850/769-0552, ext. 239.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We announce applications for ITPs and the availability of the HCP and EA. The EA is an assessment of the likely environmental impacts associated with these Projects. Copies of these documents may be obtained by making a request, in writing, to the Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). This notice is provided pursuant to section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and National Environmental Policy Act regulations at 40 CFR 1506.6.

We specifically request information, views, and opinions from the public via this notice on the Federal action, including the identification of any other aspects of the human environment not already identified in the EA. Further, we specifically solicit information regarding the adequacy of the HCP as measures against our ITP issuance criteria found in 50 CFR parts 13 and 17.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. Please reference permit number TE122397-0 and TE122398-0

in such comments. You may mail comments to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the Internet to [aaron\\_valenta@fws.gov](mailto:aaron_valenta@fws.gov). Please also include your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from us that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to either Service office listed below (see **ADDRESSES**). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

The area encompassed under the incidental take permits includes two individual parcels, Palazzo I and II, consisting of a total of 2.6 acres, along the beachfront of the Gulf of Mexico. The projects are located on the western portion of Perdido Key, a 16.9-mile barrier island. Perdido Key constitutes the entire historic range of the Perdido Key beach mouse.

The Perdido Key beach mouse was listed as an endangered species under the Act in 1985 (June 6, 1985, 50 FR 23872). The mouse is also listed as an endangered species by the State of Florida. Critical habitat was designated for the Perdido Key beach mouse at the time of listing (50 FR 23872). On December 15, 2005, we published a proposed revision of critical habitat for the Perdido Key beach mouse and Choctawhatchee beach mouse, and a proposed critical habitat designation for the St. Andrew beach mouse (70 FR 74426).

The Perdido Key beach mouse is one of eight species of the old-field mouse that occupy coastal rather than inland areas and are referred to as beach mice. It is one of five subspecies of beach mice endemic to the Gulf coast of Alabama

and northwestern Florida. Two other extant subspecies of beach mouse and one extinct subspecies are known from the Atlantic coast of Florida. As do other beach mouse subspecies, Perdido Key beach mice spend their entire lives within the coastal beach and dune ecosystem.

Beach mouse habitat consists of a mix of interconnected habitats, including primary, secondary, and scrub dunes, including interdunal areas. Beach mice are nocturnal and dig burrows within the dune system where vegetation provides cover. They forage for food throughout the dune system, feeding primarily on seeds and fruits of dune plants including bluestem (*Schizachyrium maritimum*), sea oats (*Uniola paniculata*), and evening primrose (*Oenothera humifusa*). Insects are also an important component of their diet.

Beach mice along the Gulf Coasts of Florida and Alabama generally live about nine months and become mature between 25 and 35 days. Beach mice are monogamous, pairing for life. Gestation averages 24 days and the average litter size is three to four pups. Peak breeding season for beach mice is in autumn and winter, declining in spring, and falling to low levels in summer. In essence, mature female beach mice can produce a litter every month and live about eight months.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of two alternatives and the proposed action. The proposed action alternative is issuance of the incidental take permit and implementation of the HCP as submitted by the Applicants. The HCP provides for: (1) Minimizing the footprint of both developments; (2) restoring, preserving, and maintaining onsite beach mouse habitat at both projects; (3) incorporating requirements in the operation of both condominium facilities that provide for the conservation of the beach mouse; (4) monitoring the status of the beach mouse at both projects post-construction; (5) donating funds initially and on an annual basis to Perdido Key beach mouse conservation efforts; (6) including conservation measures to protect nesting sea turtles and non-breeding piping plover; and (7) funding the mitigation measures.

Several subspecies of beach mice have been listed as endangered species primarily because of the fragmentation, adverse alteration and loss of habitat due to coastal development. The threat of development related habitat loss continues to increase. Other contributing factors include low population numbers, habitat loss from a

variety of reasons (including hurricanes), predation or competition by animals related to human development (cats and house mice), and the existing strength or lack of regulations regarding coastal development.

We will evaluate the HCP and comments submitted 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 Perdido Key beach mouse. We will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Endangered Species 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 ITPs.

Dated: April 6, 2006.

**Bud Oliveira,**

*Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Indian Health Service

### Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Contracts

**AGENCIES:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, and Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services announce a request for comments concerning renewal of OMB Control Number 1076-0136, the Information Collection Request used for Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance actions. The information collection will be used to process contracts, grants or cooperative agreements for award by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service as authorized by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended, and as set forth in 25 CFR part 900. The Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human