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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from the County of Santa Cruz (applicant) for renewal by 20 years of an existing incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act; 16 U.S.C. *et seq.*). If approved for renewal, the permit would continue to authorize take of the federally endangered Mount Hermon June beetle (*Polyphylla barbata*) that is incidental to otherwise lawful activities associated with the approved Interim Programmatic Habitat Conservation Plan for the Endangered Mount Hermon June Beetle and Ben Lomond Spineflower (HCP). The applicant has agreed to update mitigation measure 5.2.2.2 in the HCP to ensure that impacts to the species' habitat are commensurately offset through the protection of habitat at a 3 to 1 ratio (*i.e.*, habitat protected to habitat disturbed). The applicant also agreed to follow all other existing HCP conditions. If the permit is renewed, no additional take above the original authorized limit of 139 acres of habitat, using habitat as a surrogate for take, will be authorized. We invite comment on the application, HCP, and associated documents from the public and local, State, Tribe, and Federal agencies.

Background

The Mount Hermon June beetle was listed by the Service as endangered on January 24, 1997 (62 FR 3616). The Ben Lomond spineflower (*Chorizanthe pungens* var. *hartwegiana*) was listed by the Service as endangered on February 4, 1994 (59 FR 5499). Section 9 of the Act and its implementing regulations prohibit the "take" of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. "Take" is defined under the Act to include the following activities: "[T]o harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct" (16 U.S.C. 1532); however, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act, we may issue permits to authorize incidental take of listed wildlife species. "Incidental take" is defined by the Act as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing

incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are, respectively, in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22. Under the Act, protections for federally listed plants differ from the protections afforded to federally listed animals. Take of listed plant species is not prohibited under the Act and cannot be authorized under a section 10 permit. However, listed plant species may be included on an incidental take permit in recognition of the conservation benefit provided to them under an HCP. Issuance of an incidental take permit also must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plant species. All species included in the incidental take permit would receive assurances under our "No Surprises" regulations (50 CFR 17.22(b)(5) and 17.32(b)(5)).

The applicant has applied for renewal of their permit for incidental take of the endangered Mount Hermon June beetle. The potential taking would occur by activities associated with the construction of certain eligible small development projects in densely developed residential neighborhoods (as defined in the HCP) that support suitable habitat for the covered species. The 10 project units within the HCP boundary were identified within the communities of Ben Lomond, Felton, Mount Hermon, and Scotts Valley in Santa Cruz County, California. Incidental take permits were first issued for the HCP on October 27, 2011 (76 FR 17664; March 30, 2011), and renewed on June 30, 2018 (83 FR 17837; April 24, 2018).

Our Preliminary Determination Under the National Environmental Policy Act

Based on a preliminary review, the Service anticipates the original National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review for the HCP permit in 2011 remains valid and accurate. That analysis concluded that issuance of the permit is not a major Federal action that will significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. Therefore, the Service anticipates the permit renewal is consistent with our original analysis pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46), and the DOI's Departmental Manual (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)).

Public Comments

If you wish to comment on the permit application, HCP, and associated

documents, you may submit comments by any one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**.

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. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public view, 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

Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey: Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of lands described in this notice are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, Anchorage, Alaska. The surveys, which were executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and BLM, are necessary for the management of these lands.

DATES: The BLM must receive protests by November 16, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may buy a copy of the plats from the BLM Alaska Public Information Center, 222 W 7th Avenue, Mailstop 13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Please use this address when filing written protests. You may also view the plats at the BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Fitzgerald Federal Building, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, at no cost.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas B. O'Toole, Chief, Branch of

Cadastral Survey, Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513; 907–271–4231; totoole@blm.gov. People who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the BLM during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands surveyed are:

Copper River Meridian, Alaska

T. 4 S., R. 1 E., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 5 S., R. 1 E., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 4 S., R. 2 E., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 5 S., R. 2 E., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 6 S., R. 2 E., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 4 S., R. 3 E., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 5 S., R. 3 E., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 7 S., R. 3 E., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 8 S., R. 3 E., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 4 S., R. 4 E., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 5 S., R. 4 E., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 25 N., R. 13 E., accepted August 16, 2023.
 T. 2 S., R. 1 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 5 S., R. 1 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 10 N., R. 1 W., accepted September 28, 2020.
 T. 11 N., R. 1 W., accepted May 15, 2020.
 T. 2 S., R. 2 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 3 S., R. 2 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 5 S., R. 2 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 6 S., R. 2 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 2 S., R. 3 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 3 S., R. 3 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 4 S., R. 3 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 5 S., R. 3 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 2 N., R. 4 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 1 S., R. 4 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 2 S., R. 4 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 4 S., R. 4 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 5 S., R. 4 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 6 S., R. 4 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 3 S., R. 5 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 4 S., R. 5 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 5 S., R. 5 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 2 S., R. 6 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 3 S., R. 6 W., accepted September 14, 2023.

T. 4 S., R. 6 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 5 S., R. 6 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 T. 6 S., R. 6 W., accepted September 14, 2023.
 U.S. Survey No. 14536, accepted August 16, 2023, situated in T. 25 N., R. 13 E.
 U.S. Survey No. 14538, accepted August 16, 2023, situated in T. 25 N., R. 13 E.
 U.S. Survey No. 14557, accepted September 1, 2023, situated in T. 25 N., R. 13 E.
 U.S. Survey No. 14560, accepted August 16, 2023, situated in T. 25 N., R. 13 E.
 U.S. Survey No. 14561, accepted August 16, 2023, situated in T. 25 N., R. 13 E.
 U.S. Survey No. 14600, accepted August 15, 2023, situated in T. 25 N., R. 13 E.
 U.S. Survey No. 14601, accepted September 1, 2023, situated in T. 19 S., R. 17 E.
 U.S. Survey No. 14604, accepted September 1, 2023, situated in T. 20 S., R. 19 E.
 U.S. Survey No. 14606, accepted September 1, 2023, situated in T. 18 S., R. 18 E.
 U.S. Survey No. 14607, accepted September 6, 2023, situated in T. 15 N., R. 12 E.
 U.S. Survey No. 14619, accepted August 18, 2023, situated in T. 15 N., R. 12 E.

Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska

T. 1 S., R. 4 E., accepted June 29, 2023.
 U.S. Survey No. 14608, accepted August 14, 2023, situated in T. 3 S., R. 29 E.

Seward Meridian, Alaska

U.S. Survey No. 14638, accepted September 22, 2023, situated in T. 12 S., R. 43 W.

A person or party who wishes to protest one or more plats of survey identified above must file a written notice of protest with the State Director for the BLM in Alaska. The protest may be filed by mailing to BLM State Director, Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513 or by delivering it in person to BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Fitzgerald Federal Building, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The notice of protest must identify the plat(s) of survey that the person or party wishes to protest. You must file the notice of protest before the scheduled date of official filing for the plat(s) of survey being protested. The BLM will not consider any notice of protest filed after the scheduled date of official filing. A notice of protest is considered filed on the date it is received by the State Director for the BLM in Alaska during regular business hours; if received after regular business hours, a notice of protest will be considered filed the next business day. A written statement of reasons in support of a protest, if not filed with the notice of protest, must be filed with the State Director for the BLM in Alaska within 30 calendar days after the notice of protest is filed.

If a notice of protest against a plat of survey is received prior to the

scheduled date of official filing, the official filing of the plat of survey identified in the notice of protest will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat of survey will not be officially filed until the dismissal or resolution of all protests of the plat.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in a notice of protest or statement of reasons, you should be aware that the documents you submit, including your personally identifiable information, may be made publicly available in their entirety at any time. While you can ask the BLM to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 43 U.S.C. chapter 3.

Thomas B. O'Toole,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting for Silver City National Historic Site, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw 311.09 acres of public land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws or disposal under the Mineral Materials Act of 1947, for 50 years to protect the historic and recreational values associated with the Silver City National Historic Site, Idaho. Publication of this notice segregates the lands for up to two years from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, but not from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws or disposal under the Mineral Materials Act of 1947, while the application is being processed. This notice initiates a 90-day public comment period and announces the opportunity to request a public meeting on the proposed withdrawal.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by January 16, 2024.