

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for Sand Skink; Polk County, FL; Categorical Exclusion**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments and information.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Ernie Caldwell Properties, LLC (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink incidental to construction in Polk County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) and the Service's preliminary determination that this HCP qualifies as "low-effect," categorically excluded under the National Environmental Policy Act. To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments on or before February 18, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Obtaining Documents:* You may obtain copies of the documents by any of the following methods:

- *Telephone:* Alfredo Begazo, 772-469-4234.
- *Email:* [alfredo\\_begazo@fws.gov](mailto:alfredo_begazo@fws.gov).
- *U.S. mail:* Alfredo Begazo, South Florida Ecological Services Office, Attn. Sunbeam Properties, Inc. Permit TE54008D-0, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1339 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960-3559.

- *In-person:* The documents may be reviewed by appointment during regular business hours at the above address. Please call to make an appointment.

- *Fax:* Alfredo Begazo, 772-562-4288, Attn: Permit number TE54008D-0.

*Submitting Comments:* If you wish to submit comments on any of the documents, you may do so in writing via the above email address, U.S. mail address, or fax number, or you may hand-deliver comments to the above address during regular business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alfredo Begazo, by U.S. mail (see

ADDRESSES), or via phone at 772-469-4234. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce receipt of an application from Ernie Caldwell Properties, LLC (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink (*Neoseps reynoldsi*) incidental to the construction of a residential development project in Polk County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) and the Service's preliminary determination that this HCP qualifies as "low-effect," categorically excluded under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.

**Project**

Ernie Caldwell Properties, LLC, requests a 10-year ITP to take sand skink by converting approximately 7.81 acres of occupied skink foraging and sheltering habitat incidental to construction of a residential development on a 122.57-acre parcel in Section 15, Township 26 South, Range 27 East, Polk County, Florida. The applicant proposes to mitigate for take of the sand skink by purchasing credits equivalent to 15.62 acres of skink-occupied habitat from a Service-approved mitigation bank in Polk County. The Service would be required to purchase the credits prior to engaging in any phase of the project.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made available to the public. While you may request that we withhold your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Our Preliminary Determination**

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's project, including land clearing, construction of the residential development, and the proposed mitigation measure, would individually and cumulatively have a minor or

negligible effect on the sand skink and the environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily concluded that the ITP for this project would qualify for categorical exclusion and the HCP would be low effect under our NEPA regulations at 43 CFR 46.205 and 46.210. A low-effect HCP is one that would result in (1) minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) impacts that, when considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonable foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result in significant cumulative effects to environmental values or resources over time.

**Next Steps**

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments to determine whether to issue the requested permit. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the preceding findings, 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 issue ITP number TE54008D-0 to Ernie Caldwell Properties, LLC for incidental take of sand skink.

**Authority**

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) (16 U.S.C. 1539(c)) of the ESA and NEPA regulation 40 CFR 1506.6.

**Roxanna Hinzman,**

*Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Oil and Gas Facility Site Security**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to renew an information collection with revisions.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 18, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov); or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to the BLM at U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: Chandra Little; or by email to [cclittle@blm.gov](mailto:cclittle@blm.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1004-0207 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Michael Wade by email at [mwade@blm.gov](mailto:mwade@blm.gov), or by telephone at 303-239-3737. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on September 11, 2019 (84 FR 47970). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BLM; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BLM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BLM minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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 review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. This control number pertains to site security for Federal and Indian (except Osage Tribe) oil and gas leases. In this ICR, the BLM requests the removal of several activities involving the use of BLM Form 3160-5 (Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells). At the BLM's request, OMB authorized transfer of those activities from control number 1004-0207 to control number 1004-0137 (Onshore Oil and Gas Operations and Production).

*Title of Collection:* Oil and Gas Facility Site Security.

*OMB Control Number:* 1004-0207.

*Forms:* None.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Description of Respondents:* Lessees, operators, purchasers, transporters, and any other person directly involved in producing, transporting, purchasing, selling, or measuring oil or gas through the point of royalty measurement or the point of first sale, whichever is later.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 5,000.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 93,975.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Varies from 0.25 to 10 hours per response.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 69,640.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Chandra Little,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Desert Quartzite Solar Photovoltaic Project, Riverside County, CA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) to Authorize a Right-of-Way (ROW) and amend the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan for the Desert Quartzite Solar Photovoltaic Project, and by this Notice is announcing its availability. This decision is subject to appeal under Departmental regulations.

**DATES:** The Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management signed the ROD on January 9, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD are available for public inspection at the BLM-Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office at 1201 Bird Center Dr., Palm Springs, CA 92262, and at the BLM-California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. Interested persons may also review the ROD on the internet at: <https://tinyurl.com/yy8o33ld>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brandon G. Anderson, BLM Assistant District Manager, Project Support, telephone (951) 697-5215; address, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553; or email [blm\\_ca\\_desert\\_quartzite\\_solar\\_project@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ca_desert_quartzite_solar_project@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 to contact Mr. Anderson normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Desert Quartzite, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of First Solar Inc., applied for a ROW from the BLM to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a 450-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic facility near the City of Blythe, Riverside County, California. The proposed project footprint is about