

ITP to take federally listed sand skinks (*Neoseps (=Plestiodon) reynoldsi*) and blue-tailed mole skinks (*Eumeces egregius lividus*) (skinks) incidental to the construction and operation of a single-family residential development in Polk County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's HCP, and on the Service's preliminary determination that this proposed ITP may qualify for a categorical exclusion pursuant to NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the DOI's NEPA regulations (43 CFR part 46), and the DOI's DM (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft screening form and NEPA statement for HCPs, both of which are available for public review.

Proposed Project

The applicant requests a 15-year ITP to take skinks via the conversion of approximately 21.75 acres (ac) of occupied nesting, foraging, and sheltering skink habitat incidental to the construction and operation of a single-family residential development on 160.00 ac, Parcel #s 28-27-34-000000-044010, 28-27-34-000000-032010, and 28-27-34-000000-041010 in Section 34, Township 27 South, Range 28 East, Polk County, Florida. The applicant proposes to mitigate for take of the skinks by purchasing credits equivalent to 43.50 ac of skink-occupied habitat within a Service-approved conservation bank. The Service would require the applicant to purchase the credits prior to engaging in any phase of the project.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that reasonably foreseeable effects of the applicant's proposed project, including the construction of the buildings and associated infrastructure (*i.e.*, electric, water, and sewer lines), would have a minor effect on skinks and the human environment, and no extraordinary circumstances in 43 CFR 46.215 apply. Reasonably foreseeable effects encompass effects of implementation of the action including effects of the action in addition to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future effects. Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit would be a low-effect ITP that may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion (516 DM 5.8 (C)(2)), pursuant to NEPA, the DOI's NEPA regulations, and the DOI DM. A low-effect ITP is one that would result in (1) negligible or minor individual or cumulative effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) no significant effect on the human

environment; and (3) reasonably foreseeable effects that would not result in significant effects to the human environment.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and public comments received to determine whether to issue the requested ITP. 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 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 issue ITP number PER16719167 to Prince Poinciana, LLC.

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. 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. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

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), NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the DOI's implementing regulations (43 CFR part 46).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

[Docket No. USGS-2025-0014; OMB Control Number 1028-0051; GX.25.GG00.99600.00]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Earthquake Hazards Program Research and Monitoring

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- **Internet:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. USGS-2025-0014.
- **U.S. Mail:** USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill M. Franks by email at jfranks@usgs.gov, or by telephone at 571-294-1718. 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. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the USGS provides 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 July 21, 2025 (90 FR 34297). One comment was received. The feedback we received commended the USGS for its commitment to enhancing earthquake hazards research and monitoring through this information collection initiative, and encourages the agency to continue fostering public engagement, ensuring transparency, and adhering to legal standards to maximize the benefits of the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program for all stakeholders.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comments addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

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 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 can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: Research and monitoring findings are essential to fulfilling the USGS's responsibility under the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act to develop earthquake hazard assessments and record earthquake activity nationwide. Residents, emergency responders, engineers, and the public rely on the USGS for this accurate and scientifically sound information. The USGS Earthquake Hazards Program funds external investigators to carry out these important activities.

In response to our notice of funding opportunities, investigators submit proposals for research and monitoring activities on earthquake hazard assessments, earthquake causes and effects, and earthquake monitoring. This information is used as the basis for selection and award of projects meeting the USGS's Earthquake Hazards Program objectives. Final reports of research and monitoring findings are required for each funded proposal; annual progress reports are required for awards of a 2- to 5-year duration. Final reports are made available to the public at the website: <https://www.usgs.gov/programs/earthquake-hazards/science/external-grants>.

Title of Collection: Earthquake Hazards Program Research and Monitoring.

OMB Control Number: 1028–0051.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Research scientists, engineers, and the public.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 370 (250 applications and narratives and 120 annual and final reports).

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 370 (250 applications and narratives and 120 annual and final reports).

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 45 hours per proposal application response and 9 hours per final or annual progress report.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 12,330 (11,250 hours per application and 1,080 hours per final or annual progress report).

Respondent's Obligation: Participation is voluntary but required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency of Collection: Annually and once every 3 to 5 years, depending on the duration of the award.

Total Estimated Annual Non-Hour Burden Cost: There are no non-hour cost burdens associated with this Information Collection.

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.*).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Lease for Sale Navajo Transitional Energy Company, West Antelope III Mine Lease-by-Application WYW 184599, Campbell County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Federal coal resources in lands in Campbell County, Wyoming, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10:00 a.m. Mountain Time (MT) on October 08, 2025. Bids received after 9:30 a.m. MT on October 08, 2025, will not be considered.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the 1st floor Main Conference Room of the BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Wyoming State Office, at this same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Travis Wright, by telephone at 307–775–6258, or by email at tswright@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 for contacting Mr. Wright. 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: This sale is being held in response to a lease-by-application filed by Navajo Transitional Energy Company. The Federal coal resources to be offered are located on the following described lands:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 41 N, R. 71 W,

Sec. 8;

Sec 9, lots 1 thru 8;

Sec 10, Lot 5;

Secs. 17 and 19;

Sec 20, lots 1 thru 13;

Sec 29, Lots 4, 5, 12, and 13;

Sec 30, lots 5 thru 16.

The areas described aggregate 3,508.31 acres, according to the surveys on file with the BLM.

The West Antelope III tract contains two coal beds, which are designated as