

seq.) requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

This Technical/Agency Draft is for *Aurodendron pauciflorum* and *Myrcia paganii*. *Aurodendron pauciflorum* is an evergreen shrub or small tree which may reach up to 5 meters in height. Leaves are opposite or subopposite, ovate-elliptic, 6 to 15 centimeters long and 3.5 to 6 centimeters wide, with minute black glandular dots. The fruit is unknown at the present time. The species known from the semi-evergreen forests of the limestone hills of Isabela in northwestern Puerto Rico. Only 10 individual plants are known from the edges of these cliffs. *Myrcia paganii* is an evergreen tree which may reach 9 meters in height and 13 centimeters in diameter. The bark is mottled and flaky and the inner bark is orange-brown. Leaves are opposite, simple, coriaceous, aromatic and glandular punctate below. *M. paganii* is known from only 8 individuals at three locations in the limestone hills of northwestern Puerto Rico. Both species are threatened by rural, urban and tourist development in this limestone hill region of Puerto Rico. This plan will describe measures necessary to recover the species, including studies of its reproductive biology and propagation.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

Authority: The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531.

Dated: September 12, 1996.

Susan R. Silander,

Acting Field Supervisor.

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Notice of Receipt of an Application, and Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for an Incidental Take Permit by Collins-Miller Development, Inc., for Construction of a Residential Project on the Fort Morgan Peninsula, AL

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Collins-Miller Development, Inc., (Applicant), seeks an incidental take permit (ITP) from the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), (Act) as amended. The ITP would authorize for a period of 30 years the incidental take of an endangered species, the Alabama beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*), known to occupy a 11.2-acre tract of land owned by the Applicant on the Fort Morgan Peninsula, Baldwin County, Alabama. The project would be called Bay-to-Breakers, which will include a 28-dwelling-unit residential development, their associated landscaped grounds and parking areas, recreational amenities, and a dune walkover structure.

The Service also announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for this incidental take application. Copies of the EA and/or HCP may be obtained by making a request in writing to the Regional Office (see ADDRESSES). This notice also advises the public that the Service has made a preliminary determination that issuing an ITP to the Applicant is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, (NEPA) as amended. The Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based on information contained in the EA and HCP. The final determination will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10 of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act Regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application, EA and HCP should be sent to the Service's Regional Office (see ADDRESSES) and should be received on or before October 21, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application, HCP, and EA may obtain a copy by writing the Service's Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Documents will also be

available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Regional Office, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: Endangered Species Permits), or at the Daphne, Alabama, Field Office, 2001 Highway 98, Daphne East Office Plaza, Suite A, Daphne, Alabama 36526. Written data or comments concerning the application, EA, or HCP should be submitted to the Regional Office. Comments must be submitted in writing to be processed. Please reference permit(s) under PRT-81819363 in such comments, or in requests for the documents discussed herein. Requests for the documents must be in writing to be adequately processed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rick G. Gooch, Regional Permit Coordinator, Atlanta, Georgia (see ADDRESSES above), telephone: 404/679-7110; or Ms. Celeste South at the Daphne, Alabama, Field Office (see ADDRESSES above), telephone: 334/441-5181.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Alabama beach mouse (ABM), *Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*, is a subspecies of the common oldfield mouse *Peromyscus polionotus* and is restricted to the dune systems of the Gulf Coast of Alabama. The known current range of ABM extends from Fort Morgan eastward to the western terminus of Alabama Highway 182, including the Perdue Unit on the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge. The sand dune systems inhabited by this species are not uniform; several habitat types are distinguishable. The species inhabits primary dunes, interdune areas, secondary dunes, and scrub dunes. The depth and area of these habitats from the beach inland varies. Population surveys indicate that this subspecies is usually more abundant in primary dunes than in secondary dunes, and usually more abundant in secondary dunes than in scrub dunes. Optimal ABM habitat is currently considered dune systems with all dune types. Though fewer ABM inhabit scrub dunes, these high dunes can serve as refugia during devastating hurricanes that overwash, flood, and destroy or alter secondary and frontal dunes. ABM surveys on the Applicants' properties reveal habitat occupied by ABM. The Applicants' properties contain designated critical habitat for the ABM. Construction of the project may result in the death of, or injury to, ABM. Habitat alterations due to condominium placement and subsequent human habitation of the project may reduce

available habitat for food, shelter, and reproduction.

The EA consider the environmental consequences of several alternatives for each project. One action proposed for each project is the issuance of the ITP based upon submittal of the HCP as proposed. This alternative provides for restrictions that include placing no habitable structures seaward of the designated ABM critical habitat, establishment of walkover structures across designated critical habitat, a prohibition against housing or keeping pet cats, ABM competitor control and monitoring measures, scavenger-proof garbage containers, creation of educational and information brochures on ABM conservation, and the minimization and control of outdoor lighting. The HCP provides funding sources for these mitigation measures. Another alternative is consideration of different project designs that further minimize permanent loss of ABM habitat. A third alternative is no-action, or the request for authorization to incidentally take the ABM.

As stated above, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the issuance of this ITP is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of NEPA and will result in a FONSI. This preliminary information may be revised due to public comment received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the EA and HCP. An appropriate excerpt from the FONSI reflecting the Service's finding on the application is provided below:

Based on the analysis conducted by the Service, it has been determined that:

1. Issuance of an ITP would not have significant effects on the human environment in the project area.
2. The proposed take is incidental to an otherwise lawful activity.
3. The Applicants have ensured that adequate funding will be provided to implement the measures proposed in the submitted HCP.
4. Other than impacts to endangered and threatened species as outlined in the documentation of this decision, the indirect impacts which may result from issuance of the ITPs are addressed by other regulations and statutes under the jurisdiction of other government entities. The validity of the Service's ITPs are contingent upon the Applicants' compliance with the terms of their permits and all other laws and regulations under the control of State, local, and other Federal governmental entities.

The Service will also evaluate whether the issuance of either Section

10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with Section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service Section 7 consultation. The results of the biological opinion, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue either ITP.

Dated: September 10, 1996.
Jerome M. Butler,
Acting Regional Director.
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Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection instrument may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 208 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192. Telephone (703) 648-7313.

Title: On-Demand System for Printing USGS Maps.

OMB approval number: New Collection.

Abstract: Customers for USGS maps will be invited to indicate their satisfaction with an experimental, on-demand version of a USGS topographic map as compared to the standard printed edition of the same map. Potential respondents will be mailed an evaluation package consisting of sample maps and a short questionnaire. Those electing to respond will then use the postage-paid questionnaire to answer specific questions about the experimental map and to submit additional comments they may wish to offer. Information from respondents will be used to evaluate a point-of-sale map printing system the USGS intends to develop under a cooperative research and development agreement with private industry. The proposed collection is limited in scope to the on-demand printing system and its output products, and to the suitability of these experimental products to meet respondent applications for USGS maps.

Bureau form number: None.

Frequency: An estimated 2-3 surveys per year as indicated by technical milestones reached during the course of the on-demand development project and by customer reaction to initial map products generated from the on-demand system.

Description of respondents: General public USGS map purchasers; dealers of USGS maps.

Estimated completion time: 0.1 hours per response.

Annual responses: 1,000.

Annual burden hours: 100 hours.

Bureau clearance officer: John Cordyack, 703-648-7313.

Dated: September 10, 1996.
Richard E. Witmer,
Acting Chief, National Mapping Division.
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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action—Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act Classification, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of R&PP lease/patent of public land in San Juan County; New Mexico.

SUMMARY: The following described public land is determined suitable for classification for leasing or conveyance to the Blanco Canyon Word of Faith Church Inc., Bloomfield, New Mexico under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). The Blanco Canyon Word of Faith, Inc., proposes to use the land for a church with related buildings and recreational facilities.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

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Sec. 24, a portion of E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 5 acres, more or less.

COMMENT DATES: On or before November 4, 1996 interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed leasing/conveyance or classification of the lands to the Bureau of Land Management at the following address. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington District Manager, 1235 LaPlata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action becomes the final determination