

Overlook Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before January 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Tannika Engelhard, Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0063). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Austin, Texas at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-020079-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tannika Engelhard at the above Austin Ecological Services Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

APPLICANT: Tamera Smith plans to construct a single family residence on 6.517 acres platted as Lot 7 in the Overlook Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate less than one acre of habitat. The applicant proposes to mitigate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by donating \$1,500 into the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat, as identified by the Service.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because not developing the

subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible and alteration of the project design would not alter the level of impacts.

Thomas L. Bauer,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for Incidental Take Permit for Houston Toad (*Bufo houstonensis*) During Construction of a Single Family Residence on 5.068 Acres on Lot 13 in the Circle D Country Estates Subdivision in Bastrop County, Texas

SUMMARY: Shelby Gregory (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE-020080-0. The requested permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction of a single family residence on Lot 3 of the Circle D Country Estates Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas.

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DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before January 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Scott Rowin, Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0063).

Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by

appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Austin, Texas at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-020080-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Rowin at the above Austin Ecological Services Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Applicant

Shelby Gregory plans to construct a single family residence on 5.068 acres platted as Lot 13 in the Circle D Country Estates Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate less than one acre of habitat. The applicant proposes to mitigate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by donating \$1,500 into the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat, as identified by the Service.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible and alteration of the project design would not alter the level of impacts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for Incidental Take Permit During Construction of a Single Family Residence on 0.75 acres of the 3.88-Acres on Lot 14, Westcliff Subdivision, 8004 Two Coves Drive, Austin, Texas

SUMMARY: David Anderson (Applicant) has applied for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an

incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE-019709-0. The request permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction of a single family residence on Lot 14. Two Coves Road, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before January 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contracting Scott Rowin, Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0063). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Austin, Texas at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-019709-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Rowin at the above Austin Ecological Services Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the gold-cheeked warbler. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Applicant: David Anderson plans to construct a single family residence on Lot 14, 8004 Two Coves Drive, Austin, Travis County, Texas. This action will

eliminate less than one acre of habitat and indirectly impact less than four additional acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by donating \$1,500 into the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible, and alteration of the project design would not decrease the impacts.

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Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare Land Use Plan Amendments for Land Tenure Adjustment and New Designations of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) Within the Upper Snake River District (USRD), Shoshone Field Office in Southern Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Intent, Amendment of the existing Sun Valley, Bennett Hills/Timmerman Hills and Magic Management Framework Plans (MFPs) and the Monument Resource Management Plan (RMP) for (a) land ownership adjustments and (b) designation of new Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR 1600, the USRD, Shoshone Field Office proposes to amend the Field Office's existing MFPs and RMP to identify public lands retention and transfer zones within the USRD, Shoshone Field Office area. Also pursuant to 43 CFR 1610, new areas having potential for ACEC designation and protective management shall be identified and considered. The Shoshone Field Office manages approximately 1.8 million acres of public land, located primarily in Blaine, Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln Counties, with a small portion in Elmore and Minidoka Counties.

DATES: Written comments on the BLM's intention to prepare these proposed land use plan amendments will be accepted until January 31, 2000. An informal public scoping meeting to

identify planning issues and alternatives will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on January 12, 2000, at the fire conference room at the Shoshone Field Office warehouse, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, Idaho. Additional meetings will be considered as appropriate.

ADDRESS, LOCATION AND AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

All documents related to the proposed amendments are located at the USRD, Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, Idaho. The hours of availability are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above street address and times and may be published as part of the environmental assessment (EA) or other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. 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 inspection in their entirety. Comments should be sent to Bill Baker, Shoshone Field Office Manager, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 2-B, Shoshone, Idaho 83352.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the proposed land use plan amendments may be obtained from Debbie Kovar, Realty Specialist, at P.O. Box 2-B, Shoshone, Idaho 83352, or by calling (208) 886-2206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The amendments will include proposals to identify changes in public lands retention or transfer status and designate new ACECs. Appropriate alternatives to the proposed amendments will be identified and analyzed in a draft amendment document and accompanying environmental assessment. These documents will be made available for public comment.

At a minimum, expertise related to the following topics will be utilized during the planning process: lands, wildlife habitat, rangeland management, minerals, cultural resources, trust responsibilities, treaty rights, watershed/soils, threatened/endangered and sensitive species and hazardous materials. As issues are identified, appropriate additional expertise will be