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**DATES:** The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 1, 2017. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be directed to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via email at [dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov](mailto:dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov). Comments may also be submitted via fax at (202) 395-5806. (This is not a toll-free number.) All submissions received must include the agency name and the OMB Control Number 1615-0044.

You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2140, Telephone number (202) 272-8377 (This is not a toll-free number; comments are not accepted via telephone message.). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at (800) 375-5283; TTY (800) 767-1833.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments

The information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal Register** on April 28, 2017 at 82 FR 19748, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did not receive any comment in connection with the 60-day notice.

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter USCIS-2007-0012 in the search box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should

address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(4) 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 responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-824; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. Form I-824 is used to request a duplicate approval notice, or to notify the U.S. Consulate that a petition has been approved or that a person has been adjusted to permanent resident status.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection is 10,888 and the estimated hour burden per response is .42 hours (25 minutes).

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 4,572 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$1,333,780.

Dated: July 28, 2017.

**Samantha Deshommes,**

Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R8-ES-2017-0034; FF08ESMF00-FXES11140800000-178]

#### Lost Hills Solar Project, Kern County, California; Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Habitat Conservation Plan

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of a draft environmental assessment (draft EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. We also announce receipt of an application for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, and receipt of a draft habitat conservation plan (draft HCP). CED Lost Hills Solar, LLC has applied for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act for the Lost Hills Solar Project in Kern County, California. The permit would authorize the take of the federally endangered San Joaquin kit fox incidental to the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of the solar project. Application for the permit requires the preparation of an HCP with measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate the impacts of incidental take to the maximum extent practicable. The purpose of the EA is to assess the effects of issuing the permit and implementing the draft HCP on the natural and human environment.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be received by September 1, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Document Availability: The draft HCP and draft EA are available via the internet at the Federal eRulemaking Portal ([www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)) in Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2017-0034.

Alternatively, you may obtain electronic copies of the draft HCP and draft EA from the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/sacramento>. Copies of these documents

are also available for public inspection, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825; 916-414-6600 (telephone).

**Submitting Comments:** To send written comments, please use one of the following methods, and note that your information requests or comments are in reference to the draft HCP. Please specify whether your comment addresses the draft EA, draft HCP, or both.

- **Internet:** Submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2017-0034.
- **U.S. Mail or Hand-Delivery:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R4-ES-2017-0034, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Justin Sloan, Senior Wildlife Biologist, San Joaquin Valley Division; or Patricia Cole, Chief, San Joaquin Valley Division, at the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office address (see *Document Availability* in **ADDRESSES**) or at 916-414-6600 (telephone). If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf, please call the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of a draft environmental assessment (EA), prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; NEPA), and its implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 40 CFR 1506.6. This notice also announces the receipt of an application from CED Lost Hills Solar, LLC (applicant), for a 45-year incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; Act). The applicant prepared the draft Lost Hills Solar Project Habitat Conservation Plan (draft HCP) pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. The applicant is requesting the authorization of incidental take for one covered species that could result from activities covered under the draft HCP.

**Background Information**

Section 9 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 *et seq.*) and Federal regulations (50 CFR 17) prohibit the taking of fish and wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened under section 4 of the Act. Regulations governing permits for endangered and threatened species are at 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32. For more about the Federal habitat conservation

plan (HCP) program, go to <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/hcp.pdf>.

**National Environmental Policy Act Compliance**

The proposed permit issuance triggers the need for compliance with NEPA. The draft EA was prepared to analyze the impacts of issuing an ITP based on the draft HCP and to inform the public of the proposed action, any alternatives, and associated impacts, and to disclose any irreversible commitments of resources.

For the purposes of NEPA, the Proposed Action Alternative presented in the Draft EA is compared to the No-Action Alternative. The No-Action Alternative represents estimated future conditions to which the Proposed Action's estimated future conditions can be compared.

**Proposed Action Alternative**

The Service would issue an ITP to the applicants for a period of 45 years for certain covered activities (described below). The applicant has requested an ITP for one covered species (described below), currently listed as endangered under the Act.

**Habitat Conservation Plan Area**

The geographic scope of the draft HCP encompasses 540 acres, including a 477-acre parcel, along with a 500-foot buffer around the northern part of the parcel within which monitoring activities would take place. The project will occupy approximately 160 acres of the habitat conservation plan (HCP) area, with 133 acres disturbed during project construction.

**Covered Activities**

The proposed section 10 ITP would allow take of one covered species resulting from certain covered activities in the proposed HCP area. The applicant is requesting incidental take authorization for this covered species that could be affected by activities identified in the draft HCP. The draft HCP covers construction, operations and maintenance, and decommissioning of the solar site (collectively, covered activities).

**Covered Species**

The San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*) is the species addressed in the draft HCP for which conservation actions will be implemented and for which the applicant is seeking an ITP for a period of 45 years. The San Joaquin kit fox is listed as endangered under the Act.

**No-Action Alternative**

Under the No-Action Alternative, the Service would not issue an ITP to the applicant, and the draft HCP would not be implemented. Under this alternative, the applicant would not construct the proposed solar project.

**Public Comments**

We request data, comments, new information, or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, Tribes, industry, or any other interested party on this notice, the draft EA, and the draft HCP. We particularly seek comments on the following:

1. Biological information concerning the species;
2. Relevant data concerning the species;
3. Additional information concerning the range, distribution, population size, and population trends of the species;
4. Current or planned activities in the area and their possible impacts on the species;
5. The presence of archeological sites, buildings and structures, historic events, sacred and traditional areas, and other historic preservation concerns, which are required to be considered in project planning by the National Historic Preservation Act; and
6. Any other environmental issues that should be considered with regard to the proposed development and permit action.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—might 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.

**Next Steps**

Issuance of an incidental take permit is a Federal proposed action subject to compliance with NEPA. We will evaluate the application, associated documents, and any public comments we receive as part of our NEPA compliance process and to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If, subsequent to our NEPA compliance process, we determine that those requirements are met, we will issue a permit to the applicant for the incidental take of the covered species.

**Authority**

We publish this notice under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321–4347 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR 1500–1508, as well as in compliance with section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531–1544 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR 17.22.

Dated: July 26, 2017.

**Jennifer Norris,**

*Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento, California.*

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

**[FWS–R8–ES–2017–N078;  
FXES11140800000–178–FF08EVEN00]**

**General Conservation Plan for Oil and Gas Activities in Santa Barbara County, California; Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Analysis/Document; Initiation of Public Scoping Process**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce our intent to prepare a draft environmental analysis/document under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (NEPA), for the proposed issuance of an incidental take permit (ITP) under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA), for the draft General Conservation Plan for Oil and Gas Activities in Santa Barbara County (GCP). The GCP is being developed to streamline environmental permitting and compliance with the ESA for proponents engaged in geophysical exploration (seismic), development, extraction, storage, transport, remediation, and/or distribution of crude oil, natural gas, and/or other petroleum products, and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning of oil and gas pipelines and well field infrastructure. The GCP is a conservation plan as required under the ESA for issuance of incidental take permits. Participation in the GCP would be voluntary. ITP holders would be authorized for incidental take of threatened and endangered wildlife

species that could result from the activities covered under the GCP. The GCP would include conservation measures for an endangered plant species that would also be covered under the plan. We also are announcing the initiation of a public scoping process to engage Federal, tribal, State, and local governments and the public in the identification of issues and concerns, potential impacts, and possible alternatives to the proposed action. The Service is inviting input regarding development of a draft environmental analysis/document, which will evaluate the impacts to the human environment associated with issuance of ITPs and implementation of the GCP and alternatives.

**DATES:** In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received or postmarked on or before September 1, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Please provide comments in writing, by one of the following methods:

- *Email:* [rachel\\_henry@fws.gov](mailto:rachel_henry@fws.gov);
- *Facsimile:* 805–644–3958, Attn: VFWO GCP; or
- *U.S. mail:* Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93101. Please specify that your information request or comments concern the VFWO GCP.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Rachel Henry, by U.S. mail (see **ADDRESSES**), or by phone at 805–677–3312. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), please call the Federal Information Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare either a draft environmental analysis/document under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; NEPA), for the proposed General Conservation Plan for Oil and Gas Activities in Santa Barbara County (GCP). The GCP is a conservation plan as required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1539(c); ESA), for issuance of a 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit (ITP). Participation in the GCP and making an application for take authorization are voluntary. The proposed ITP would authorize the incidental take of threatened and endangered wildlife species that could result from the activities covered under the GCP, and would include conservation measures for an endangered plant species that also would be covered under the ITP. The GCP is being prepared by the

Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office to address prospective activities that may be covered by the GCP. We also are announcing the initiation of a public scoping process to engage Federal, tribal, state, and local governments and the public in the identification of issues and concerns, potential impacts, and possible alternatives to the proposed action. The decision to prepare a draft environmental analysis/document will be, in part, contingent on the complexity of issues identified during, and following, the scoping phase of the NEPA process.

**Background**

Section 9 of the ESA and its implementing regulations prohibit “take” of fish and wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened (16 U.S.C. 1531–1544). Under section 3 of the ESA, the term “take” means to 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(19)). The term “harm” is further defined by regulation as an act that actually kills or injures wildlife. Such act may include significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering (50 CFR 17.3). The term “harass” is also further defined in the regulations as an intentional or negligent act or omission that creates the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavioral patterns, which include, but are not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (50 CFR 17.3).

Under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act, the Secretary of the Interior may authorize the taking of federally listed wildlife species if such taking occurs incidental to otherwise legal activities and where a conservation plan has been developed under section 10(a)(2)(A) that describes: (1) The impact that will likely result from such taking; (2) the steps an applicant will take to minimize and mitigate that take to the maximum extent practicable and the funding that will be available to implement such steps; (3) the alternative actions to such taking that an applicant considered and the reasons why such alternatives are not being utilized; and (4) other measures that the Service may require as being necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the plan. Issuance criteria under section 10(a)(2)(B) for an incidental take permit require the Service to find that: (1) The taking will be incidental to otherwise lawful activities; (2) an applicant will, to the