

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Endangered Species, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/725-3536 x250); FAX: (612/725-3526).

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**Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit From Brett Real Estate, Robinson Development Company, Incorporated, Orange Beach, Alabama**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Brett Real Estate, Robinson Development Company, Incorporated, (Applicant), has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The proposed permit 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 22-acre tract of land owned by the Applicant within the city of Orange Beach, Baldwin County, Alabama. The Application proposed to construct a project known as Phoenix VI and VII, which will include two fourteen-story condominium buildings, containing 522 units, their associated landscaped grounds and parking areas, and two dune walkover structures (Project).

The Service also announces the availability of an environmental assessment (EA) and habitat conservation plan (HCP) for the incidental take application. Copies of the EA or HCP may be obtained by making requests to the addresses below. 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 permit application, EA and HCP should be received on or before February 20, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing the Service's Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Persons wishing to review the EA or HCP may obtain a copy by writing the Regional Office or the Jackson, Mississippi, Field Office. Requests must be in writing to properly process requests. Documents will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the Regional Office, or the Field Office. Written data or comments concerning the application, EA, or HCP should be submitted to the Regional Office. Please reference permit under PRT-809898 in such comments.

Regional Permit Coordinator (TE), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345, (telephone 404/679-7110, fax 404/679-7081). Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Suite A, Jackson, Mississippi 39213 (telephone 601/965-4900, fax 601/965-4340).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Will McDearman at the above Jackson, Mississippi, Field Office.

**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 (BSNWR). 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 that in secondary dunes, and usually more abundant in secondary dunes than in scrub dunes. Optimal habitat consists of 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 Applicant's property reveal habitat occupied by ABM. The Applicant's property contains 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 considers the environmental consequences of several alternatives. One action proposed is the issuance of the incidental take permit based upon submittal of the HCP as proposed. This alternative provides for restrictions that include placing no structures seaward of the designated ABM critical habitat, establishment of several walkover structures across designated critical habitat, a prohibition against housing or keeping pet cats, ABM competitor control and monitoring measures, scavenger-proof garbage containers, restoration of dune systems, the creation of educational and information brochures on ABM conservation, and the minimization and control of outdoor lighting. Further, the HCP proposes to provide an endowment of \$60,000 to acquire ABM habitat offsite or otherwise perform some other conservation measure for the ABM. The HCP provides a funding source for these mitigation measures. Another alternative is consideration of a different project design that further minimizes permanent loss of ABM habitat. A third alternative is no-action, or deny the request for authorization to incidentally take the ABM.

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**National Park Service**

**Proposed Collection of Information—Opportunity for Public Comment**

The National Park Service Visitor Services Project, based on the Cooperative Park Studies Unit of the University of Idaho, is proposing to conduct visitor studies at the following parks during FY 96:

	Est. # of re-sponses	Burden hrs.
Everglades National Park .....	520	104
Chiricahua National Monument/Fort Bowie National Historic Site .....	480	96
Death Valley National Park .....	400	80