applicant's HCP describes the minimization and mitigation measures proposed to address the effects of the project on the scrub-jay.

**DATES:** Written comments on the ITP application and HCP should be sent to the South Florida Ecological Services Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before September 4, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may request documents by email, U.S. mail, or fax (see below). These documents are also available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the office below. Send your comments or requests by any one of the following methods.

*Email: Trish_Adams@fws.gov.* Use ''Attn: Permit number TE75891A–0'' as your message subject line.

*Fax:* Trish Adams, 772–562–4288, Attn.: Permit number TE75891A–0.

*U.S. mail:* Trish Adams, HCP Coordinator, South Florida Ecological Services Field Office, Attn: Permit number TE75891A–0, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1339 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960–3559.

*In-person drop-off:* You may drop off information during regular business hours at the above office address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Trish Adams, HCP Coordinator, South Florida Ecological Services Office, Vero Beach, Florida (see **ADDRESSES**), telephone: 772–469–4232.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The City of Cape Coral (applicant) anticipates taking 75 acres of habitat used for breeding, feeding, and sheltering by the Florida scrub-jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*) in Lee County, Florida. The Service listed the scrub-jay as threatened on June 3, 1987 (52 FR 20715). The listing became effective July 6, 1987.

## Applicant's Proposed Project

We received an application for an incidental take permit (ITP), along with a proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP). The applicant requests a 25-year permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act (87 Stat. 884; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). If we approve the permit, the applicant anticipates taking 75 acres of Florida scrub-jay habitat for construction of Festival Park (a 215-acre multi-use recreational park), single-family residences, and associated infrastructure. The project is located in the north-central part of the City of Cape Coral at latitude 26.701016, longitude—81.999287, Lee County, Florida.

The applicant proposes to mitigate for the loss of 75 acres of occupied scrub-jay habitat by restoring 125 acres of off-site scrub habitat to be managed by Lee County, and to establish a fund that will provide for the long-term management of the mitigation area.

## Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's project, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, issuance of the ITP is a ''low-effect'' action and qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1506.6), as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2 Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6 Appendix 1), and as defined in our Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook (November 1996).

We base our determination that issuance of the ITP qualifies as a low-effect action on the following three criteria: (1) Implementation of the project would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) implementation of the project would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) impacts of the plan, considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources that would be considered significant. As more fully explained in our environmental action statement and associated Low-Effect Screening Form, the applicant's proposed project qualifies as a ''low-effect'' project. This preliminary determination may be revised based on our review of public comments that we receive in response to this notice.

## Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the HCP and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. The Service will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP would comply with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP. If it is determined that the requirements of the Act are met, the ITP will be issued for the incidental take of the scrub-jay.

## Submitting Comments

If you wish to submit comments or information, you may do so by any one of several methods. Please reference permit number TE75891A–0 in such comments. You may mail comments to the Service's South Florida Ecological Services Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via email to *trish_adams@fws.gov.* Please also include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from us that we have received your email message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Service office listed under **ADDRESSES**.

## Availability of Public Comments

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

## Authority

This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10 of the Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: July 26, 2012.

**Larry Williams,**

*Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Office.*

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Bureau of Indian Affairs

## Tribal Listening Sessions on Sacred Sites on Federal Lands

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Indian Affairs will conduct listening sessions with Indian tribes to obtain oral and written comments concerning sacred sites located on Federal lands. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for details.

**DATES:** See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for the dates of the tribal listening sessions. We will consider all comments received

by close of business on September 21, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for the locations of the tribal listening sessions. Submit comments by email to: *consultation@bia.gov* or by U.S. mail to: Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, attn.: Dion Killsback, Mail Stop 4141 MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dion Killsback, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, (202) 208–6939.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, through the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, intends to develop policy to strengthen the protection of sacred sites on Federal lands. For many years the Department has received input on sacred sites and to that end, the Department is seeking input specific, but not limited to, the following topics regarding sacred sites

- Meanings of sacred sites and whether the Department should attempt to define the term ''sacred site'';
- Personal views of existing Departmental practices or policies, if any, that should be revised to protect sacred sites and steps necessary to make appropriate revisions;
- Potential development of Departmental practices or policies to protect sacred sites;
- How the Department should facilitate tribal access to sacred sites;
- How the Department should control and grant access to tribally provided information regarding sacred sites;
- Whom the Department should include (recognized leaders of tribal government, tribal spiritual leaders, et.al.) in determining whether a site is considered ''sacred'' by a tribe.

Tribal listening sessions will be held at the following dates and locations:

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| August 13, 2012 | 1 p.m.–4 p.m | BIA Southwest Regional Office, Pete V. Domenici Building, 1001 Indian School Road, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104, (505) 563–3103. |
| August 16, 2012 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m | Holiday Inn-Grand Montana-Billings, 5500 Midland Road, Billings, Montana 59101, (406) 248–7701. |
| August 23, 2012 | 1 p.m.–4 p.m | Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, 2400 Mystic Lake Boulevard, Prior Lake, MN 55372, (952) 445–9000. |
| August 24, 2012 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m | Mohegan Sun Casino, 1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard, Uncasville, Connecticut 06382,(860) 862–7311. |

Dated: July 27, 2012.

**Donald E. Laverdure,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

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### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Husky 1-North Dry Ridge Phosphate Mine and Reclamation Plan, Caribou County, ID

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior; Forest Service, Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, and the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Pocatello Field Office, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (FS), Caribou-Targhee National Forest, will jointly prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to determine and analyze the effects of a proposed phosphate mine and reclamation plan on Federal mineral leases held by Nu-West Mining, Inc., in eastern Idaho. The EIS will also consider the effects of increasing the size of existing leases through lease modifications.

**DATES:** To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the scope of the analysis described in this notice by September 4, 2012. The BLM will announce future meetings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted to: Husky 1-North Dry Ridge Mine EIS, C/O Tetra Tech, Address: 2525 Palmer Street, Suite 2, Missoula, MT 59808, or via email at: *BLM_ID_HUSKY1NDR_EIS@blm.gov.* Please reference ''Husky 1-North Dry Ridge Mine EIS'' on all correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Stout, Bureau of Land Management, Pocatello Field Office, 4350 Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, Idaho 83204, phone 208–478–6367. Scoping information will also be available at the BLM's Web-site at *http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/content/id/en/info/nepa.html,* or the FS Web site at *http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ctnf/landmanagement/projects.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM, as the Federal lease administrator, will serve as the lead agency and the FS as the co-lead agency. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is a cooperating agency. The mining and reclamation plans have been developed and submitted for agency review for the proposed open pit mining operations on the Federal phosphate leases IDI–05549 (Husky 1), lease IDI–8289 (North Dry Ridge), and on a portion of the IDI–04 (Maybe Canyon Lease), as well as in areas north and south of the Husky 1 lease within federally designated known phosphate lease area (KPLA) boundaries, in Caribou County, Idaho. Open pit mining operations would be conducted by Nu-West Mining, Inc., doing business as Agrium Conda Phosphate Operations (Agrium). Agrium's proposed mine plan includes two different mining areas separated by the historically operated, now inactive, Maybe Canyon Mine. Portions of the Maybe Canyon Mine are currently undergoing investigation and remediation through the Comprehensive, Environmental Response, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The Husky 1-North Dry Ridge Phosphate Mine Project area is located about 19 miles northeast of Soda Springs, Idaho.

The proposed new mining operations at the Husky 1-North Dry Ridge Mine Project area occur on Federal phosphate leases administered by the BLM, on unleased parcels of National Forest System Lands, and on private lands.