Dept. of Natural Resources: Incidental take notice for Columbia County

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to issue a permit for the incidental taking of a rare lizard, which may result from the development of the Landscape Innovations Contractor Shop.

Incidental take refers to the unintentional loss of individual endangered or threatened animals or plants that does not put the species' overall population at risk.

Tjugum Investments LLC proposes to construct a 2,688 square foot shop and material storage yard for a landscaping contractor, resulting in a total project area of 1.84 acres.

The presence of the state endangered slender glass lizard is confirmed in the vicinity of the project site. DNR staff determined that the proposed project may result in the incidental taking of some lizards.

The DNR concludes that the proposed project is not likely to appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival or recovery of the species within the state, the whole plant-animal community of which it is a part of or the habitat that is critical to its existence.

Conservation measures to minimize the adverse effect on the endangered species will be incorporated into the proposed Incidental Take Permit. Copies of the jeopardy assessment and background information on the slender glass lizard are available by visiting the [DNR Incidental Take Public Notices webpage](#) or upon

request from DNR Conservation Biologist Rori Paloski at 608-516-3742 or rori.paloski@wisconsin.gov.

The public is encouraged to submit written or verbal comments regarding project-related impacts to the slender glass lizard by Oct. 26, 2021 to:

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