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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers****Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS); Marble Bluff Fish Passageway Enhancement Project, Lower Truckee River, Nevada**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT), non-federal sponsor, intend to prepare a document to evaluate the

environmental effects of the proposed fish spawning and passageway enhancement project in the vicinity of Marble Bluff Dam.

The study purpose is to identify and evaluate alternative measures to increase fish passage on the lower Truckee River between Pyramid Lake and Marble Bluff Dam and to increase spawning and rearing habitat for the migratory cui-ui and Lahontan cutthroat trout (LCT) along the Lower Truckee River. The investigation will analyze several measures evaluated in the reconnaissance phase study, and will identify a feasible habitat restoration and fish passage enhancement plan. Operational measures considering changes to river flow regime and reservoir operations and structural measures including a meandering fish channel and dual lock system will be further evaluated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

An issues scoping meeting for the investigation is scheduled for April 1, 1998, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Council Chambers, 208 Capital Hill, Nixon, NV 89424. Please address any questions regarding the EIS to Mr. Mario Parker, Planning Division, Environmental Resources Branch, Corps of Engineers, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814-2922. He can also be reached by telephone at (916) 557-6701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**1. Project Location**

(a) The Truckee River system is located in the western Great Basin along the eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada. The river flows out of Lake Tahoe on the California side and winds its way for about 140 miles through Reno, Nevada and other smaller towns to its terminus in Pyramid Lake. The primary study area is on the PLPT Reservation and includes those reaches of the Truckee River, extending from about the town of Wadsworth to Pyramid Lake. Overall, the Truckee basin consists of approximately 3,600 square miles from Lake Tahoe, California, to Pyramid Lake, Nevada. The area includes nine small reservoirs and Lake Tahoe in the Sierra Nevada mountains, as well as Pyramid Lake and Winemucca Dry Lake in the eastern portion of the basin. The upstream reservoirs and lakes strongly influence downstream hydrology along the lower reaches of the river.

(b) Marble Bluff Dam and fish passageway was constructed in 1975 by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). The dam was constructed by the Bureau for the dual purpose of reducing riverbed downcutting and to help in the

passage of fish from Pyramid Lake to the Lower Truckee River. The PLPT and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service jointly manage the fish facility at Marble Bluff Dam, while the BOI maintains the dam and the fish facility. In the summer of 1997, the BOR modified the existing fish lock to compensate for several on-going facility operations problems. Additional modifications to the existing fish facility appear to be necessary to restore effective cui-ui passage to the lower Truckee River. The migration of Lahontan cutthroat trout is not expected to be significantly inhibited by the fish lock.

2. Proposed Action and Alternatives

(a) The Corps and the PLPT (non-Federal sponsor) are conducting a feasibility study to (1) develop long-term fish passage for cui-ui and LCT at Marble Bluff Dam and (2) develop flow regimes to improve spawning, migratory, and rearing habitat for the cui-ui and LCT, restore native riparian and wetland habitat, and generally optimize Lower Truckee River biota.

(b) The feasibility report and EIS will include the measures analyzed in the 1995 reconnaissance report and carried forward for analysis in the feasibility phase. The report will evaluate the no-action alternative and the following measures: (1) Construction of a meandering channel within the width of the existing fish passageway; (2) construction of a meandering channel along a new alignment that connects Pyramid Lake and the Truckee River upstream of Marble Bluff Dam; (3) elimination of the barrier created by the Pyramid Lake delta and low lake levels; (4) modification of the existing fish passageway; and (5) partial or full removal of Marble Bluff Dam.

3. Environmental Consequences

(a) The lead agencies have identified potential environmental effects of the proposed action in the following areas:

- Riparian habitat.
- Cultural resources.
- Land use.

4. Scoping Process

(a) "Scoping" is process of identifying the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts to be evaluated in an environmental document. The public is invited to assist the lead agency in scoping this EIS. This process provides an opportunity for the public to identify significant resources within the study area that may be affected by the project. To facilitate this involvement, a public scoping meeting will be held April 1, 1998, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Council Chambers,

208 Capital Hill, NV 89424. A summary of the meeting will be made available. Individuals, organizations, and agencies are also encouraged to submit written scoping comments by April 22, 1998.

(b) After the draft EIS is prepared, it will be circulated to all interested parties for review and comment. Public meeting will be held to receive verbal and written comments. All comments will be considered and responded to in the final EIS.

5. Availability

The draft EIS is scheduled to be distributed for public review and comment in late 1998. All persons interested in receiving the draft document should contact Mr. Mario Parker at (916) 557-6701.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 29, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or

waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 24, 1998.

Linda Tague,

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: 1998 Study of America Reads Challenge: READ*WRITE*NOW! (ARC:RWN) Summer Sites.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 65.

Burden Hours: 65.

Abstract: ED will use this data collection to generate information that describes ARC:RWN pilot sites providing summer and year-round community literacy programs. The information, collected from up to 65 project coordinators, will be used by ED officials to inform ARC reauthorization and proposed RWN legislation, and by

ARC:RWN project coordinators and other community reading initiatives to design new projects.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 29, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

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