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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations: Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities AT (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-E65056-FL Rating LO, Ocklawaha River Restoration Project, Continued Occupation of Florida National Forest Lands, Portions of Kirkpatrick Dam, Rodman Reservoir and Eureka Lock and Dam in Conjunction with Partial Restoration of the Ocklawaha River, Operation and Maintenance, Permit Issuance and Implementation, Marion and Putnam Counties, FL.

Summary: EPA has not identified any potential environmental impacts requiring substantive changes to the proposal. The temporary impacts caused by the release of nutrients should not be a factor in delaying project implementation.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65343-MT Rating EC2, North Elkhorns Vegetation Project, Elkhorn Wildlife Management Unit, Implementation, Strawberry Butte Area, Helena National Forest, Jefferson County MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the limited range of alternatives evaluated and asked for additional explanation and additional alternatives analysis. Of the two action alternatives presented EPA favored logging during winter on snow to reduce erosion and sediment transport. EPA requests that the final EIS provide information regarding impacts to wetlands and air quality impacts to fully assess and mitigate all potential impacts.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65382-ID Rating NS, Meadow Face Stewardship Pilot

Project, Implementation, Nez Perce National Forest, Clearwater Ranger District, Idaho County, ID.

Summary: EPA Region 10 used a screening tool to conduct a limited review of this action. Based upon this screen, EPA does not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project. Therefore, EPA will not be conducting a detailed review.

ERP No. D-BLM-K65340-NV Rating EC2, Reno Clay Plant Project, Construct and Operate an Open-Pit Clay Mine and Ore Processing Facility, Plan-of-Operations, Oil-Dri Corporation of Nevada, Hungry Valley, Washoe County, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding potential impacts to air and water quality, soils, vegetation, wildlife, and cultural resources; and recommended that the FEIS include additional information regarding these impacts, mitigation measures to reduce or offset impacts, and bonding.

ERP No. D-FRC-C05147-NY Rating EC2, Upper Hudson River Hydroelectric Project, Relicensing the E.J. West Project (FERC-No. 2318-002), Stewart Bridge Project (FERC-No. 2047-004), Hudson River Project (FERC-No. 2482-014) and Feeder Dam Hydroelectric Project (FERC-No. 2554-003), Saratoga, Fulton and Hamilton Counties, NY.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding potential impacts to aquatic resources and wetlands. EPA also requested additional information on alternatives and the consultation process with tribal nations.

ERP No. D-HUD-K81026-CA Rating EC2, West Hollywood Gateway Project, Constructing from Santa Monica Boulevard, Romaine Street LaBrea Avenue and Formosa Avenue, Public/Private Partnership, City of West Hollywood, Los Angeles County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns, and requested additional information regarding: impacts to traffic and air quality in the region, proposed traffic mitigation measures and environmental justice impacts.

ERP No. D-USA-E11049-KY Rating EC1, U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox Northern Training Complex, Construction and Operation of a Multi-Purpose Digital Training Ranger and a Series of Maneuver Areas, Drop and Landing Zones, Fort Knox, KY.

Summary: Environmental concerns result from off- and on-post impacts attendant to the increased intensity/duration of proposed training upgrades. Army will have to work with local entities to mitigate adverse effects on encroaching residential/commercial development.

ERP No. D2-AFS-J65143-00 Rating E02, Flat Canyon Federal Coal Lease Tract (UTU-77114), Application for Leasing, Manito-La Sal National Forest, Ferron-Price Ranger District, Sanpete and Emery Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections with the proposed coal mine expansion which is expected to adversely impact current water quality problems of high salinity, phosphorus and effluent toxicity. Depending on the selected discharge location, the expansion may expand the area of water quality problems into a relatively pristine watershed. Subsidence from the underground mine may also adversely affect fen wetlands and riparian habitat.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-F61020-MN Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Fuel Treatment, Implementation, Superior National Forest, Cook, Lake and St. Louis, MN.

Summary: The USFS addressed EPA's concerns in a clearly written FEIS. EPA concurs with the USFS selection of Modified Alternative B in implementing controlled burns in the blowdown area to reduce the risk of wildfires and protect public safety.

ERP No. F-AFS-J65324-WY State of Wyoming School Section 16 T.12N., R.83W., 6th P.M., Issuing a Forest Road Special-Use-Permit for Access, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District, Carbon County, WY.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-K65230-CA Fuels Reduction for Community Protection Phase 1 Project on the Six Rivers National Forest, Proposes to Reduce Fuels High Severity Burned Stands, Lower Trinity Ranger District, Humboldt and Trinity Counties, CA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-K65359-00 Northern Sierra Amendment to the Toiyabe Land and Resource Management, To Unify and Revise Management Direction, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District, Stanislaus National Forest, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Douglas and Washoe Counties, NV and Alpine and Toulomne Counties, CA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65370-OR South Bend Weigh and Safety Station Establishment, Special Use Permit for Construction, Maintenance and Operation, Deschute National Forest Lands along US 97 near the Newberry

National Volcanic Monument,
Deschutes County, OR.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-NPS-K65209-00 Death Valley National Park General Management Plan, Implementation, Mojave Desert, Inyo and San Bernardino Counties, CA and Nye and Esmeralda Counties, NV.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-NPS-K65212-CA Mojave National Preserve General Management Plan, Implementation, San Bernardino County, CA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency

Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202)564-7167 OR www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed July 9, 2001 Through July 13, 2001 pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 010252, Final EIS, USA, AZ, Yuma Proving Ground Multipurpose Installation, Diversification of Mission and Changes to Land Use, NPDES General Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Yuma and La Pas Counties, AZ, Wait Period Ends: August 20, 2001, Contact: Junior D. Kerns (520) 328-2148.

EIS No. 010254, Draft EIS, AFS, MT, Gold/Boulder/Sullivan (GBS), Implementation of Timber Harvest and Associated Activities Prescribed Burning, Kootenai National Forest, Rexford Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT, Comment Period Ends: September 4, 2001, Contact: Ron Komac (406) 296-2536.

EIS No. 010255, Final EIS, FRC, FL, MS, AL, Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) Phase V Expansion Project, FGT Natural Gas Pipeline and Associated Above Ground Facilities, Construction and Operation, Approvals and Permit Issuance, Several Counties of FL, AL and MS, Wait Period Ends: August 20, 2001,

Contact: David Boergers (202) 208-2088.

EIS No. 010256, Draft EIS, COE, NJ, New Jersey Shore Protection Study, To Determine a Feasible Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Plan, between Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet, Boroughs of Point Pleasant Beach, Bay Head, Mantoloking Lavallette, Seaside Heights and Seaside Park, and Townships of Buck, Dover and Berkeley, NJ, Comment Period Ends: September 4, 2001, Contact: Beth Brandreth (215) 656-6558.

EIS No. 010258, Final EIS, GSA, DC, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms National Headquarters Building, Site Acquisition, Design and Construction, Washington, D.C., Wait Period Ends: August 27, 2001, Contact: Dawud Abdur-Rahman (202) 260-3368.

EIS No. 010259, Draft EIS, GSA, MD, Suitland Federal Center, Construction and Operation of a 226-acre Federal Employment Center, Programmatic Development Plan and Phase I Implementation, Prince George's County, MD, Comment Period Ends: September 4, 2001, Contact: Jag Bhargava (202) 708-6944.

EIS No. 010260, SECOND FINAL SUPPLE, DOE, SC, Savannah River Site Salt Processing Alternatives, Evaluation for Separating High-Activity and Low-Activity Fractions of Liquid High-Level Radio-active Waste and Potential Environmental Impacts of Alternatives to the In-Tank-Precipitation Process (ITP), Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC, Wait Period Ends: August 20, 2001, Contact: Andrew R. Grainger (800) 881-7292. This document is available on the Internet at tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa/docs/docs.htm.

EIS No. 010261, FINAL EIS, IBR, CA, Colusa Basin Drainage District, Developing an Integrated Resource Management Program for the Control of Flooding, Glenn, Colusa and Yolo Counties, CA, Wait Period Ends: August 20, 2001, Contact: Russ Smith (530) 275-1554.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 010153, Draft Supplement, BLM, MT, Zortman and Landusky Mines Reclamation Plan, Modifications and Mine Life Extensions, Updated Information To Analyze Additional Reclamation Alternatives, Approval of Mine Operation, Mine Reclamation and COE Section 404 Permit, Little Rocky Mountains, Philip County, MT, Comment Period Ends: August 9, 2001, Contact: Scott Haight (406) 538-

1930. Revision of FR Notice Published on 5/11/2001: CEQ Review Period Ending on 7/9/2001 has been Extended to 8/9/2001.

EIS No. 010188, DRAFT EIS, AFS, MT, Burned Area Recovery, Proposal to Reduce Fuels, Improve Watershed Conditions and Reforest Burned Lands, Sula, Darby, West Fork and Stevensville Ranger Districts, Bitterroot National Forest, Ravalli County, MT, Comment Period Ends: July 31, 2001, Contact: Craig Bobzien (406) 363-7100. Revision of FR Notice Published on 6/1/2001: CEQ Review Period Ending 7/16/2001 has been Extended to 7/31/2001.

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Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS); Notice; Request for Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; administrative changes in the Integrated Risk Information System.

SUMMARY: IRIS is an EPA data base that contains EPA scientific consensus positions on human health effects that may result from chronic exposure to chemical substances in the environment. In this action, EPA is announcing an upcoming change to the location and phone number of EPA's contractor-operated IRIS hotline and publically-accessible records center, and a redesign of the IRIS web site, available for public view and comment.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by September 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the redesigned web site should be made to the IRIS webmaster via the questionnaire on line at www.epa.gov/iris/whatsnew.htm. Comments on the web site may also be mailed to the IRIS Submission Desk, c/o Courtney R. Johnson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (8601D), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the IRIS program, contact Amy Mills (Mail Code 8601D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, or call