

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-F65030-IL Natural Area Trails Project, Construction, Reconstruction, Maintenance and Designation of Trails for Hikers and Equestrian Use, Approval of Site-Specific Mitigation and/or Monitoring Standards, Shawnee National Forest, Jackson, Pope, Johnson, Union, Hardin and Saline Counties, IL.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed repair, relocation and establishment of trails in the Shawnee National Forest which are intended to reduce erosion and exotic plant introductions while providing a quality recreational experience for equestrian users and hikers.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65406-ID North Kennedy-Cottonwood Stewardship Project, Existing Transportation System Modifications and Forest Health Improvements through Vegetation Management both Commercial and Non-Commercial Methods, Boise National Forest, Emmett Ranger District, Gem and Valley Counties, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the level of restoration of degraded riparian areas, lack of differentiation between action alternatives and analysis of impacts. More details should be included in the final EIS on the selection of the preferred alternative.

ERP No. F-AFS-L67044-ID Golden Hand No. 3 and No. 4 Lode Mining Claims Plan of Operations Approval, Implementation, Frank Church-River of No Return (FC-RONR) Wilderness, Payette National Forest, Krasel Ranger District, Valley County, ID.

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

ERP No. F-BLM-K81027-NV Nevada Test and Training Range Resource Management Plan, (formerly known as the Nellis Air Force Range (NAFR)), Implementation, Clark, Nye and Lincoln Counties, NV.

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

ERP No. F-COE-G01015-TX Three Oaks Mine Project, Construction and Operation of a Surface Lignite Mine, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Lee and Bastrop Counties, TX.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the selection of the preferred alternative.

ERP No. F-FHW-C40144-NY US 219 between Springville to Salamanca Improvements from NY-39 to NY-17, Funding and US Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Erie and Cattaraugus Counties, NY.

Summary: EPA has environmental objections to the selection of the freeway alternative as the preferred

alternative. This alternative has greater impacts to wetlands and farmlands, as well as impacts from induced development, when compared to the upgrade alternative.

ERP No. F-FHW-L53003-WA Vancouver Rail Project, Rail Improvements at the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Rail Yard and Possible Elimination of the West 39th Street At-Grade Crossing, Funding and NPDES Permit Issuance, Clark County, WA.

Summary: The final EIS adequately discloses the impacts and satisfactorily responded to most of EPA's previous comments on the draft EIS. In addition, EPA is pleased that the final EIS positively addressed issues of safety and accessibility. Therefore, EPA has no objection to the action as proposed.

ERP No. F-GSA-F11037-WI Badger Army Ammunition Plant, Property Disposal, Implementation, Townships of Sumpter and Merrimac, Sauk County, WI.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns and requested that open burning, as a means of demolition of structures, be addressed before the property is transferred.

ERP No. F-TVA-E29001-TN Rarity Pointe Commercial Recreation and Residential Development on Tellico Reservoir Project, Request for TVA's Land and Approval of Water Use Facilities, Tellico Reservoir, Loudon County, TN.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concern regarding water quality impacts and requested specific commitments to mitigation measures in the ROD.

ERP No. FB-AFS-L65137-AK Tongass Land Management Plan Revision for Roadless Area Evaluation for Wilderness Recommendations, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, AK.

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

ERP No. FS-COE-G36148-TX Dallas Floodway Extension, Flood Damage Reduction and Environmental Restoration, New Information concerning Additional Formulation, Trinity River Basin, Dallas County, TX.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the selection of the preferred alternative.

ERP No. FS-NPS-J61102-00 Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway, Winter Use Plans, Updated and New Information on New Generation of Snowmobiles that Produce fewer Emissions and are Quieter, Fremont County, ID; Gallatin and Park Counties, MT and Park and Teton Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA continued to express environmental objections given the final supplemental EIS predicts the preferred alternative will result in localized visibility impairment and adverse human health effects in this Class 1 airshed. Additional mitigation to avoid these impacts should be considered along with an ongoing rule making process.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed June 30, 2003 Through July 3, 2003 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 030304, Draft EIS, AFS, AL, Forest Health and Restoration Project, Proposal to Determine the Desired Future Conditions of all Existing Loblolly Pine Stands, National Forests in Alabama, Bankhead National Forest, Winston, Lawrence and Franklin Counties, AL, Comment Period Ends: August 25, 2003, Contact: John W. Creed (205) 489-5111.

EIS No. 030305, Draft EIS, AFS, ID, Twin Creek Timber Sale Project, Proposal to Cut and Remove Lodgepole Pine Sawtimber, Road Construction/Reconstruction, Montpelier Ranger District, Caribou National Forest, US Corps of Engineers Permit, Bear Lake County, ID, Comment Period Ends: August 25, 2003, Contact: Eric Mattson (208) 847-0375.

EIS No. 030306, Draft EIS, USA, Programmatic EIS—Army Transformation of the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), Forts Wainwright and Richardson, AK, Comment Period Ends: September 9, 2003, Contact: Kevin Gardner (907) 384-3003.

EIS No. 030307, Final Supplement, FHW, VA, U.S. Route 29 Bypass Improvement, between Route 250 Bypass in Charlottesville and the South Rivanna River in Albemarle,

Updated Information, To Consider the Effects of the Selected Alternative on the South Fork Rivanna River Reservoir and its Watershed, U.S. COE Section 404 Permit, Albemarle County, VA, Wait Period Ends: August 11, 2003, Contact: Edward S. Sundra (804) 775-3338.

EIS No. 030308, Final EIS, FHW, PA, NJ, Pennsylvania Turnpike/Interstate 95 Interchange Project, Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276) and I-95 in Buck County, PA Connection with Proposed Interstate Improvements Extending east into Burlington County, NJ, Wait Period Ends: August 15, 2003, Contact: James A. Cheatham (717) 221-3461.

EIS No. 030309, Draft Supplement, FAA, CA, Los Angeles International Airport Proposed Master Plan Improvements, New Alternative, Enhanced Safety and Security Plan, Los Angeles County, CA, Comment Period Ends: August 25, 2003, Contact: David Kessler (310) 725-3615.

EIS No. 030310, Draft EIS, FHW, TX, TX-45 Highway Southeast Study, from Interstate Highway (IH) 35 south at Farm-to-Market (FM) 1327 to TX-130/US 183, Proposal to Enhance the Local, Regional, and National Transportation Systems, Right-of-Way Permit, Travis County, TX, Comment Period Ends: August 25, 2003, Contact: Patrick Bauer (512) 536-5950.

EIS No. 030311, Final Supplement, AFS, MT, Threemile Stewardship Project, Additional Information concerning the Potential Effects on the Goshawk Habitat, Ashland Ranger District, Custer National Forest, Powder and Rosebud Counties, MT, Wait Period Ends: August 11, 2003, Contact: Elizabeth McFarland (406) 784-2344.

EIS No. 030312, Draft EIS, IBW, TX, Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project, Addresses the Impacts of Alternative Vegetation Maintenance Practices, Located in the United States portions of the Rio Grande, Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties, TX, Comment Period Ends: August 29, 2003, Contact: Douglas Echlin (915) 832-4741.

EIS No. 030313, Draft EIS, NPS, NY, NJ, Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty National Monument Development Concept Plan, Long-Term Rehabilitation and Reuse for Historic Buildings, Implementation, New York Harbor, NY and NJ, Comment Period Ends: September 12, 2003, Contact: Gwen Wilder (202) 208-3891. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nps.gov/elis>.

EIS No. 030314, Draft EIS, NPS, WI, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Wilderness Study, Wilderness Designation or Nondesignation, Ashland and Bayfield Counties, WI, Comment Period Ends: October 9, 2003, Contact: Robert Krumenaker (715) 779-3397. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nps.gov/apis/wstudy.htm>.

EIS No. 030315, Final EIS, COE, CO, Rueter-Hess Reservoir Project, Construction and Operation, Proposed Water Supply Reservoir and Off-Stream Dam, U.S. COE Section 404 Permit, Endangered Species Act (Section &) and Right-of-Way Use Permit, Located on Newlin Gulch along Cherry Creek, Town of Parker, Douglas County, CO, Wait Period Ends: August 11, 2003, Contact: Rodney J. Schwartz (402) 221-4143.

EIS No. 030316, Final EIS, DOD, CA, AS, AK, HI, WA, Ground-Based Midcourse Defense (GMD) Extended Test Range (ETR) Project, Proposal to Construct and Operate, Due: August 11, 2003, Contact: Julia Hudson-Elliott (256) 955-4822. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/bmdolink.html>.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 030301, Final EIS, UAF, CA, Los Angeles Air Force Base Land Conveyance, Construction and Development Project, Transfer Portions of Private Development in Exchange for Construction of New Seismically Stable Facilities, Cities of El Segundo and Hawthorne, Los Angeles County, CA, Wait Period Ends: August 04, 2003, Contact: Jason Taylor (310) 363-0142. Revision of FR Notice Published on 7/3/2003:CEQ Comment Period Ending 8/18/2003 has been Corrected to CEQ Wait Period Ending 8/4/2003.

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Good Neighbor Environmental Board Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The next meeting of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, a Federal advisory committee that reports to the President and Congress on environmental and infrastructure projects along the U.S. border with Mexico, will take place in Del Rio, Texas, on July 30 and 31, 2003. It is open to the public.

DATES: On July 30, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. (registration at 8 a.m.) and end at 5:30 p.m. On July 31, the Board will hold a routine business meeting from 8 a.m. until 12 noon (registration at 7:30 a.m.).

ADDRESSES: The meeting site is the Kennedy Room of the City of Del Rio Civic Center, 1915 Veterans Boulevard, Del Rio, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine M. Koerner, Designated Federal Officer for the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 Office, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, California, 94105. Tel: (415) 972-3437; E-mail: koerner.elaine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Access: Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact the Designated Federal Officer at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Agenda: On the morning of July 30, the first day of the meeting, guest speakers will discuss the meeting theme of "Economy and Environment" as it relates to different sectors and local issues. The morning session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude with a public comment session from 12-12:30 p.m. For this session, the Board invites comments on a wide range of issues, including the topic for its upcoming Seventh Report: Links between children's health in the border region and the region's environmental infrastructure.

During the afternoon of July 30, beginning at 2 p.m., guest speakers will continue to address the meeting theme until 4:30 p.m. From 4:30-5:30 p.m., Board members will report out on recent activities within their organizations. The first day of the meeting will conclude at 5:30 p.m.

The second day of the meeting, July 31, will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at noon. The format will be a routine business meeting, with agenda items including approval of minutes, planning for upcoming meetings, and status of reports.