

approximately 131,890 acres of developable private land in Nye County. The area is bordered by the Nellis Air Force Range and Nevada Test Site to the north, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest to the east, and the California/Nevada state line to the west. The small amount of private land available for urban development is associated with the towns of Pahrump, Amargosa Valley, and Beatty. The surrounding land is primarily owned and managed by BLM.

Some of the Applicant's future activities have the potential to impact species subject to protection under the Act. Section 10 (a)(1)(B) permits non-Federal land owners to take endangered and threatened wildlife species, provided the take is incidental to otherwise lawful activities and will not appreciably reduce the likelihood for the survival and recovery of the species in the wild, as well as other permit conditions. An applicant for a Permit under section 10 must prepare and submit to the Service for approval a Plan containing a multifaceted strategy for minimizing and mitigating the impacts of all take associated with the proposed activities to the maximum extent practicable. The applicant must also ensure that adequate funding for the Plan will be provided.

The Service will conduct an environmental review of the MSHCP and prepare an EIS. ENTRIX has been selected as the lead consultant to prepare the EIS under the supervision of the Service. NEPA requires that Federal agencies conduct an environmental analysis of their proposed actions to determine if the actions may significantly affect the human environment. Under NEPA, a reasonable range of alternatives to proposed projects is developed and considered in the environmental review. Alternatives considered for analysis in an EIS may include: variations in the scope of proposed activities; variations in the location, amount, and types of conservation measures; variations in activity duration; or a combination of these elements. In addition, the EIS will identify potentially significant direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on biological resources, land use, air quality, water quality, water resources, socioeconomic conditions, and other environmental issues that could occur with implementation of the proposed action and alternatives. For all potentially significant impacts, the EIS identifies avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures to reduce these impacts, where feasible, to a level below significance.

The EIS will consider the proposed action, no action, and a reasonable range of alternatives. A detailed description of the impacts of the proposed action and each alternative will be included in the EIS. The alternatives to be considered for analysis in the EIS may address combinations of covered species, different permit effective periods, or a combination of elements.

Written comments from interested parties are welcome to ensure that the issues of public concern related to the proposed action are identified. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. All comments and materials received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. Public meetings will be held as noted in the **DATES** section above.

Our practice is to make comments, including names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and /or homes addresses, etc., but if you wish us to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

The Service requests that comments be specific. In particular, the Service is requesting information regarding (1) Potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of implementation of the proposed action; (2) other possible alternatives that meet the purpose and need; (3) potential adaptive management and/or monitoring provisions; (4) existing environmental conditions in the area; (5) other plans or projects that might be relevant to this proposed project; and (6) potential minimization and mitigation efforts.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the NEPA of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et*

seq.), Council on the Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1518), other applicable Federal laws and regulations, and applicable policies and procedures of the Service. This notice is being furnished in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS.

Dated November 8, 2006.

Ken McDermond,

Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[Docket No. NV–055–5853–EU]

Proposed Information Collection— Alternative Futures for the Upper Las Vegas Wash

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is partnering with Utah State University to undertake a scientific study focused on the Upper Las Vegas Wash, which is managed by the BLM and located near the city of Las Vegas, Nevada. The BLM wants a better understanding of the interaction of the adjacent communities with the natural environment in this area. There are important linkages between social conditions in the greater Las Vegas metropolitan area and ecological conditions of the surrounding landscape. Ecological disturbance stemming from human use of the Upper Las Vegas Wash is complex and involves important relationships between the demographic characteristics of residents living in proximity to the area, and the nature of attachments and use patterns that can connect residents to the area. An understanding of the socio-economic characteristics of residents in conjunction with their spatial proximity to the wash will aid in our understanding of the ecological disturbance impacts, and will assist the BLM in implementing protective actions in the future. Modeling the complex linkages between ecological disturbances and the social, economic, and demographic characteristics of local populations requires analysis of both existing and newly-collected data. Thus, a critical component in this study is a

social survey of residents who live adjacent to the Upper Las Vegas Wash.

In order to obtain the required information from appropriate residents, a sampling design that will capture variation in spatial proximity to the wash is needed. For the purposes of consistency, continuity, and accuracy across multiple components of this research, the same linear transects established to determine the spatial attributes of disturbance fronts will be used to define the residential areas from which we will draw representative samples of local residents.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before January 22, 2007. The BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Attention: Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Washington, DC 20240.

You may send comments via Internet to: comments_washington@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-XXXX" and your name and address with your comments. Before including your address, phone number e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you are advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Gayle Marrs-Smith, CTA Project Manager, by telephone at (702) 515-5156, or by e-mail at Gayle.Marrs-Smith@nv.blm.gov regarding the UPPER LAS VEGAS WASH SURVEY. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Gayle Marrs-Smith.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM must provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a proposed collection of information to solicit comments on: (1) The practical utility of

the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including the use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The BLM strives to include best science in rendering management decisions. Information on existing urban development and its socio-demographic composition adjacent to the Upper Las Vegas Wash is necessary to assess the impacts of future development on the sensitive resources.

Title: Alternative Futures for the Upper Las Vegas Wash.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Control Number: TBD.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Description of Need: This proposal seeks approval to collect information from residents of selected neighborhoods in both Las Vegas and North Las Vegas via questionnaire in order to gain a better understanding of how socio-economic characteristics of nearby residential populations might affect the disturbance impacts in the Upper Las Vegas Wash. The questionnaire will seek information to answer the following research questions:

(1) How could variation in the spatial proximity and accessibility of residential development to the wash influence levels of both positive and negative uses of the wash environment?

(2) How could variation in the demographic composition of local neighborhood populations; particularly variation in age structure, stage in life cycle, household size and composition, income and socio-economic status levels, and racial/ethnic composition influence both levels of positive and negative uses of the wash environment?

(3) How could spatial proximity/accessibility and the demographic composition of local populations interact to influence levels of familiarity with and attachment to the wash environment?

(4) To what extent might variations in familiarity with, and attachment to, the wash environment influence local residents' perceptions about the use, management, and protection of the area?

(5) How willing are residents to impose formal as well as informal sanctions toward individuals who engage in negative uses of the wash?

Automated data collection: At this time, we will not be gathering information in an automated way.

Description of Respondents: In order to obtain the required information from

appropriate residents, a sampling design that will capture variation in spatial proximity to the wash is needed. This proposal seeks approval to collect information from adults living in randomly selected households located within one-half mile corridors centered along eight linear transects. These transects have been designated for use in measuring ecological and disturbance conditions within the Upper Las Vegas Wash environment and extended south of the wash into nearby areas of residential development. The total sample size will be 1,000, with 125 residents sampled on each transect using a stratified random-sampling procedure. Each of the eight transects will be stratified into four one-mile segments. Fifty households will be randomly sampled for participation in the survey from the transect segments located within one mile of the wash; 25 households will be selected from each of the other transect segments. This will enable the recording of four different spatial gradients extending south from the wash, totaling 400 possible responses from the segments located nearest to the wash and 200 possible respondents from each of the other three gradients. In addition to this categorical breakdown of the residential location of each of the survey respondents, a more precise measure of linear distance to the wash will be calculated using the exact spatial location of each household sampled.

The data collection process will consist primarily of a drop-off/pick-up methodology. This procedure utilizes a survey instrument to obtain the desired information from respondents while increasing face-to-face interaction through personal delivery and pick up of each questionnaire, all while maintaining the same level of confidentiality that more traditional mail survey methodology affords. The procedural protocol for drop-off/pickup methodology includes delivering the survey instrument and cover letter, which explains the purpose of the study, how answers will be kept confidential at all times, and who should complete the questionnaire (any adult residing in the house age 18 or older whose birthday occurred most recently). The cover letter also informs the respondent when the researcher will be back to pick up the completed survey or instructions for leaving it in an appropriate location if the respondent is going to be away from his or her residence. Due to potential access constraints in certain neighborhoods having gated security measures, more traditional mail survey methodology

will be used in those areas. The same survey instrument and cover letter will be used, but will be mailed to the sampled households with a request that the adult age 18 or older whose birthday occurred most recently complete and return the questionnaire in a provided self-addressed stamped envelope.

Estimated average number of respondents: 1,000.

Estimated average number of responses: 600.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 30 minutes.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 300 hours.

The BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

Dated: November 15, 2006.

Ted R. Hudson,

Bureau of Land Management, Acting Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-404-408 and 731-TA-898-908 (Review)]

Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From Argentina, China, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, Romania, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Ukraine

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Commission determination to conduct full five-year reviews concerning the countervailing duty orders on hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from Argentina, India, Indonesia, South Africa, and Thailand and the antidumping duty orders on hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from Argentina, China, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, Romania, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Ukraine.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it will proceed with full reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)) to determine whether revocation of the countervailing duty orders on hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from Argentina, India, Indonesia, South Africa, and Thailand and the antidumping duty orders on hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from Argentina, China, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, Romania,

South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Ukraine would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. A schedule for the reviews will be established and announced at a later date. For further information concerning the conduct of these reviews and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 6, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Messer (202-205-3193), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for these reviews may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On November 6, 2006, the Commission determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Act. The Commission found that the domestic interested party group response to its notice of institution (71 FR 43521, August 1, 2006) was adequate and that the respondent interested party group responses with respect to Argentina, China, Netherlands, South Africa, and Thailand were adequate¹ and decided to conduct full reviews with respect to the orders concerning hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from Argentina, China, Netherlands, South Africa, and Thailand. The Commission found that the respondent interested party group responses with respect to India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Romania, Taiwan, and Ukraine were inadequate. However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews concerning hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Romania, Taiwan, and Ukraine to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to

¹ Commissioner Stephen Koplan found that the respondent interested party group response with respect to China was inadequate.

conduct full reviews with respect to hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from Argentina, China, Netherlands, South Africa, and Thailand. A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements will be available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's Web site.

Authority: These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: November 15, 2006.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-894 (Review)]

Ammonium Nitrate From Ukraine

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Commission determination to conduct a full five-year review concerning the antidumping duty order on ammonium nitrate from Ukraine.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it will proceed with a full review pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order on ammonium nitrate from Ukraine would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. A schedule for the review will be established and announced at a later date. For further information concerning the conduct of this review and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207).

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