

of approximately 198,130 acres of U.S. Army-owned land and lands utilized under a special use permit with the U.S. Forest Service. In order to improve the training requirements of Fort Polk's units and the JRTC, the Army has proposed to acquire up to 100,000 acres of additional land to enhance realistic training conditions. Additional training lands will allow Soldiers of the JRTC to train on brigade-level combat maneuver training tasks while simultaneously allowing Fort Polk's resident units to conduct maneuver and live-fire training. This additional land will enhance training for Fort Polk units and units deploying to JRTC, will reduce the need for training work arounds, and will allow Soldiers to train to more realistic standards in preparation for operational deployment.

The Fort, Polk DEIS analyzes the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of several acquisition location alternatives, each of which could include the acquisition of up to 100,000 acres of land. Alternative 1 considers the acquisition of lands directly adjacent to Fort Polk's existing training areas to the south of Peason Ridge and directly north and east of the main post. As part of Alternative 1, units would continue to lease lands to convoy to Peason Ridge to access training areas. Alternative 2 considers the acquisition of the land considered in Alternative 1 and, in addition, considers the acquisition of parcels that connect Peason Ridge with Fort Polk's main post. Alternative 3 considers the acquisition of those lands considered in Alternative 2 and, in addition, considers the acquisition of lands to the east of Fort Polk in Rapides Parish. The DEIS also analyzes the No Action Alternative, which evaluates the impacts of taking no action to acquire or use additional training land around Fort Polk.

The Army has determined that significant impacts may possibly occur in regard to land use and noise for each of the three alternatives being considered. The Army projects that moderate impacts would occur to soil resources, water resources, wetlands, biological resources, cultural resources, and socioeconomics as a result of implementing the Proposed Action. The DEIS serves as documentation of the installation's compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3–800.6. Substantive compliance with these provisions of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations will be achieved through NEPA.

The public and any consulting parties are invited to review and comment on

the DEIS. Public meetings will be announced in local media sources.

Comments from the public and consultation with consulting parties will be considered before any decision is made regarding implementing the Proposed Action at Fort Polk.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Moffat Collection System Project, City and County of Denver, Adams County, Boulder County, Jefferson County, and Grand County, CO

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Omaha District has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of a water supply project called the Moffat Collection System Project (Moffat Project) in the City and County of Denver, Adams County, Boulder County, Jefferson County, and Grand County, CO. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to develop 18,000 acre-feet (AF) per year of new, firm yield to the Moffat Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and raw water customers upstream of the Moffat WTP pursuant to the Board of Water Commissioners' commitment to its customers. Denver Water's need for the proposed Moffat Project is to address two major issues: (1) Timeliness: the overall near-term water supply shortage, and (2) location: the imbalance in water storage and supply between the North and South systems. The Moffat Project would result in direct impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States (U.S.), including wetlands. The placement of fill material in these waters of the U.S. for the construction of water storage and distribution facilities associated with developing additional water supplies requires authorization from the Corps under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The Permittee and Applicant is the City and County of Denver, acting by

and through its Board of Water Commissioners (Denver Water).

The Draft EIS was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Corps' regulations for NEPA implementation (33 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] parts 230 and 325, Appendices B and C). The Corps Omaha District, Denver Regulatory Office is the lead federal agency responsible for the Draft EIS and information contained in the EIS serves as the basis for a decision regarding issuance of a Section 404 Permit. It also provides information for local and state agencies having jurisdictional responsibility for affected resources.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted on or before January 28, 2010. Public open houses and hearings will be held on December 1, 2, and 3, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments regarding the Proposed Action and Draft EIS to Scott Franklin, Moffat EIS Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District—Denver Regulatory Office, 9307 South Wadsworth Boulevard, Littleton, CO 80128 or via e-mail: moffat.eis@usace.army.mil. Requests to be placed on or removed from the mailing list should also be sent to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Franklin, Moffat EIS Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 303–979–4120; Fax 303–979–0602.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Draft EIS is to provide decision-makers and the public with information pertaining to the Proposed Action and alternatives, and to disclose environmental impacts and identify mitigation measures to reduce impacts. Denver Water proposes to enlarge its existing 41,811 AF Gross Reservoir by 72,000 AF to a total storage capacity of 113,811 AF. Gross Dam is located in Boulder County, CO, approximately 35 miles northwest of Denver and 6 miles southwest of the city of Boulder. The enlargement would be accomplished by raising the existing concrete gravity arch dam by 125 feet, from 340 to 465 feet high. The surface area of the reservoir would be expanded from approximately 418 acres to 818 acres. Using existing collection infrastructure, water from the Fraser River, Williams Fork River, and South Boulder Creek would be diverted and delivered during average to wet years via the Moffat Tunnel and South Boulder Creek to Gross Reservoir. There would be no additional diversions in dry years because Denver Water already diverts the maximum amount physically and legally available under their

existing water rights. In order to firm this water supply and provide 18,000 AF per year of new firm yield, an additional 72,000 AF of storage capacity is necessary. To meet future demands, in most years, Denver Water would continue to rely on supplies from its entire integrated collection system. In a drought or emergency, Denver Water would rely on the additional water it would have previously stored in the Moffat Collection System to provide the additional 18,000 AF of yield.

In addition to the Proposed Action (Alternative 1a)—Gross Reservoir Expansion (Additional 72,000 AF), the Draft EIS analyzes five alternatives: (1) Alternative 1c—Gross Reservoir Expansion (Additional 40,700 AF)/New Leyden Gulch Reservoir (31,300 AF), (2) Alternative 8a—Gross Reservoir Expansion (Additional 52,000 AF)/Reusable Return Flows/Gravel Pit Storage (5,000 AF), (3) Alternative 10a—Gross Reservoir Expansion (Additional 52,000 AF)/Reusable Return Flows/Denver Basin Aquifer Storage (20,000 AF), (4) Alternative 13a—Gross Reservoir Expansion (Additional 60,000 AF)/Transfer of Agricultural Water Rights/Gravel Pit Storage (3,625 AF), and (5) No Action Alternative, which assumes that Denver Water would not receive approval from the Corps to implement the Moffat Project. Denver Water would rely upon a combination of strategies including using a portion of its Strategic Water Reserve and imposing mandatory restrictions to reduce demand during droughts.

Copies of the Draft EIS will be available for review at:

1. Arvada Library, 7525 W. 57th Avenue, Arvada, CO 80002.
2. Boulder County Main Library, 1001 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder, CO 80302.
3. Denver Central Library, 10 W. 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver, CO 80204.
4. Fraser Valley Library, 421 Norgren Road, Fraser, CO 80442.
5. Golden Library, 1019 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401.
6. Granby Library, 55 Zero Street, Granby, CO 80446.
7. Kremmling Library, 300 S. 8th Street, Kremmling, CO 80459.
8. Summit County Library North Branch, 651 Center Circle, Silverthorne, CO 80498.
9. Summit County Library South Branch, 504 Airport Road, Breckenridge, CO 80424.
10. Thornton Branch Library, 8992 Washington Street, Thornton, CO 80229.
11. Denver Water, 1600 W. 12th Avenue, Denver, CO 80204.
12. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Denver Regulatory Office, 9307 S.

Wadsworth Boulevard, Littleton, CO 80128.

13. Electronically at <https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/od-tl/eis-info.htm>.

Oral and/or written comments may also be presented at Open Houses and Public Hearings to be held at 4 p.m. (Open House) and 6 p.m. (Public Hearing) on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at the Boulder Country Club (7350 Clubhouse Road), Boulder, CO; at 4 p.m. (Open House) and 6 p.m. (Public Hearing) on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at The Inn at SilverCreek—Grand Ballroom (62927 US Highway 40) Granby, CO; and at 4 p.m. (Open House) and 6 p.m. (Public Hearing) on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel—Grand Ballroom II (3203 Quebec Street), Denver, CO.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management 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 November 30, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, be faxed to (202) 395-5806 or send e-mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov.

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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that 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.

Dated: October 27, 2009.

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Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: New.

Title: Student Assistance General Provisions Annual Fire Safety Report.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 7,282.

Burden Hours: 7,283.

Abstract: This new regulation requires the collection of statistics on fires in on-campus student housing facilities, the establishment of a fire log available for public inspection, and the publication of an annual fire safety report containing the institutional policies regarding fire safety and fire statistics.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4077. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the