

Evaporation Pond and closure of the evaporation pond and (2) partial treatment at the main mine site with continued discharge to the existing New Ivanpah Evaporation Pond, and a No Project alternative, whereby no action would be taken to replace the pipeline or provide on-site treatment.

During preparation of the December 1996 Draft EIR, significant impacts to the environment from the project and the project alternatives were identified in the following issue areas: Geologic Hazards, Flood Hazards, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Air Quality, Scenic Resources, Soil Resources, and Hazardous/Radioactive Materials. Cumulative impacts were also identified in these issue areas. The Draft EIR/EIS will review the impact assessment provided in the December 1996 Draft EIR in light of comments received from agencies and the public during the December 1996 Draft EIR circulation period and will revise the impact assessment in accordance with the components and activities of the redesigned project.

The Draft EIR/EIS will also evaluate potential impacts of the pipeline replacement project and alternatives as well as the potential impacts from continuing contaminant migration from the main mine site from continuing operations. Technical studies are planned or underway in the following areas:

- Survey of the existing waste discharge pipeline for contamination from potential past releases
- Evaluation of the biological resources along the corridors of the pipeline alternatives
- Evaluation of cultural and paleontological resources in the area of the pipeline replacement alternatives
- Hydrology studies of the main mine site and nearby washes
- Hydrology studies of the existing New Ivanpah Evaporation Pond
- Waste discharge treatment alternatives
- Pipeline alignment alternatives
- Human health and ecological risk assessments
- Pit lake water quality modeling

The Draft EIR/EIS will use the data provided in the technical reports to analyze the potential impacts to the environment from the proposed project and alternatives.

A public scoping meeting will be held at the Baker Community Center, 73730 Baker Boulevard, Unit C, Baker, California, on February 3, 1998 at 7 p.m. Upon close of the comment period for the joint Notice of Preparation (NOP)/ Notice of Intent (NOI), the County and BLM will direct the preparation of the

Draft EIR/EIS. It is anticipated that the Draft document will be available for circulation within 6 to 8 months. The Draft EIR/EIS will be circulated for 60 days, during which time comments will be solicited from interested parties and organizations and a public hearing will be held. The Final EIR/EIS is expected to be completed within 3 to 4 months following close of the comment period.

The BLM scoping process for this EIR/EIS will include the following: (1) Identification of issues to be addressed, (2) identification of viable alternatives, and (3) notification of interest groups, individuals, and agencies so that additional information concerning these issues can be obtained.

The scoping process will consist of a news release announcing the start of the EIR/EIS process and letters of invitation to participate in the scoping process.

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Manager, Needles Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action—Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act Classification, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of R&PP lease/patent of public land in San Juan County, New Mexico.

SUMMARY: The following described public land is determined suitable for classification for leasing and patenting to the Lee/Hammond Water Treatment Plant (Lee/Hammond), Bloomfield, New Mexico under the provisions of the R&PP Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Lee/Hammond proposes to use the land for water treatment facilities.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 29 N., R. 11 W.,

Sec. 28, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Containing 40 acres, more or less.

DATES: On or before March 16, 1998, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed leasing and conveyance, or classification of the lands to the Bureau of Land Management at the following address. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington District Manager, 1235 LaPlata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, NM 87401, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence

of any adverse comments, this realty action becomes the final determination of the Department of the Interior and effective 60 days from publication date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information related to this action, including the environmental assessment, is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington District Office, 1235 LaPlata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, NM 87401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Publication of this notice segregates the public land described above from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for leasing and conveyance under the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws for a period of two (2) years from date of this publication in the **Federal Register**. The segregative affect will terminate upon issuance of the lease and patent to Lee/Hammond, or two (2) years from the date of this publication, whichever occurs first.

The lease, when issued, will be subject to the following terms:

1. Provisions of the R&PP Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. Provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA) as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901-6987 and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 and all applicable regulations.

3. Provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

4. Provisions that the lease be operated in compliance with the approved Development Plan.

The patent, when issued, will be subject to the following terms:

1. Reservation to the United States of a right-of-way for ditches and canals in accordance with 43 U.S.C. 945.

2. Reservation to the United States of all minerals.

3. All valid existing rights, e.g., rights-of-way and leases of record.

4. Provisions that if the patentee or its successor attempts to transfer title to or control over the land to another or the land is devoted to a use other than that for which the land was conveyed, without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior or his delegate, or prohibits or restricts, directly or indirectly, or permits it agents, employees, contractors, or subcontractors, including without limitation, lessees, sublessees and permittees), to prohibit or restrict, directly or indirectly, the use of any part of the patented lands or any of the

facilities whereon by any person because of such person's race, creed, color, or national origin, title shall revert to the United States.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Leasing and later patenting is consistent with current Bureau of Land Management policies and land use planning. The estimated intended time of lease issuance is April 15, 1998, with the patent being issued upon substantial development taking place. The proposal serves the public interest since it would provide modern water treatment facilities that would meet the water needs of the public.

Dated: January 22, 1998.

Joel Farrell,

Assistant District Manager for Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Marine Transportation of Federal Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Crude Oil Produced Offshore California

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Extending comment period for proposed Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL).

SUMMARY: This document extends to April 6, 1998, the deadline for the submission of comments on the proposed NTL on Marine Transportation of Federal OCS Crude Oil Produced Offshore California published December 5, 1997 (62 FR 64399).

DATES: We will consider all comments received by April 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-carry written comments to MMS Pacific Region; 770 Paseo Camarillo; Camarillo, CA 93010; Attention: E. Aronson. E-mail comments to transportation.ntl@mms.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Aronson, Office of the Regional Director, at (805) 389-7502.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMS received several requests for extending the comment period. To provide the necessary time for commenters to prepare detailed and comprehensive comments, MMS is extending the comment period 62 days from the original February 3, 1998, deadline.

Dated: January 23, 1998.

J. Lisle Reed,

Regional Director, Pacific OCS Region, Minerals Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Final Environmental Impact Report/ Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIR/FEIS) for the Hamilton City Pumping Plant Fish Screen Improvement Project, Central Valley, California

AGENCIES: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Defense.

ACTION: Notice of availability of final environmental impact report/final environmental impact statement (FEIR/FEIS) FES 98 02.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), and the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) have prepared a FEIR/FEIS for the Hamilton City Pumping Plant Fish Improvement Screen Project (Project). The Project responds to concerns about impacts to salmon and other fish species from water diversion operations at the Hamilton City Pumping Plant.

The FEIR/FEIS analyzes the no-action alternative as well as three action alternatives. The action alternatives would minimize loss of all fish species in the vicinity of the pumping plant diversion while maximizing GCID's capability to divert the full quantity of water to which it is entitled to divert to meet its water supply delivery obligations. The agency-preferred alternative would include an extension of the existing fish screen, internal fish bypasses, improvements to the intake and bypass channel, and a gradient facility.

DATES: No decision will be made on the proposed action until 30 days after release of the FEIR/FEIS. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation and the Corps will complete a Record of Decision which states the action that will be implemented and discusses all factors leading to the decision.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the FEIR/FEIS should be submitted to the Fish Screen Improvement Project, Attention: Rick Lind, 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 600, Sacramento, California 95814. His telephone number is (916) 325-4050.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kurt Flynn, Reclamation, (916) 275-1554; Mr. Matt Davis, Corps, (916) 557-6708; Ms. Sandra Dunn, GCID, (916) 446-7979; or Nick Villa, DFG, (916) 358-2943.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Locations where FEIR/FEIS is Available for public Inspection and Review

- Bureau of Reclamation, Room E-1704, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825-1898; (916) 978-5104.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Northern California Area Office, Attn: NC-320, 16349 Shasta Dam Blvd, Shasta Lake, CA 96019-8400; (916) 275-1554.
- Surface Water Resources, Inc., 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 600, Sacramento, CA 95814; (916) 325-4050.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Willows Construction Office, Attn: WCO-200, 1140 West Wood Street, Willows, CA 95988-0988; (916) 934-7066.
- Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Main Interior Building, Washington DC 20240-0001.
- Library, Bureau of Reclamation, 6th Avenue and Kipling, Room 167, Building 67, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225-0007.
- University of California Berkeley, Water Resources Center Archives, 410 O'Brien Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-1718.
- California State University Chico, Government Publications Center, Meriam Library, Chico, CA 95929-0295.
- Butte County Library, Publications, 1820 Mitchell Ave, Oroville, CA 95966-5333.
- Shasta County Public Library, Redding Main Branch, 1855 Shasta Street, Redding, CA 96001-0418.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Dated: January 20, 1998.

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Dated: January 22, 1998.

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