

comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A7. Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A9. Notice of intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

A10. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified

comment date for the particular application.

C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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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 November 09, 1998 Through November 13, 1998 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 10, 1998 (62 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-L82016-ID Rating LO, Sandpoint Noxious Weed Control Project, Implementation, Proposing to control noxious weeds on 46 sites, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Sandpoint Ranger District, Bonner County, ID.

Summary: Review of the Draft EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. D-DOI-J31026-UT Rating EO2, Spanish Fork Canyon—Nephi Irrigation System (SFN) System), Construction and Operation, Bonneville Unit, Central Utah Project, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Utah, Salt Lake and Juab Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections about potential adverse impacts to water quality, and on the basis of the incomplete alternatives analysis contained in the DEIS, EPA recommends that the draft EIS be revised and re-issued.

ERP No. D-NPS-A61319-00 Rating LO, Oregon, California, Moron Pioneer and Pony Express National Historic Trails, Implementation, Comprehensive Management and Use Plan, OR, CA, MO, IA, IL, KS, NB, CO, WY, ID, WA, UT and NV.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections.

ERP No. D-NPS-L61221-AK Rating LO, Sitka National Historical Park, General Management Plan, Implementation, City and Borough of Sitka, AK.

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

Final EISs

ERP No. F-BLM-J39027-CO, Plateau Creek Pipeline Replacement Project, Operation and Maintenance, Ute Water Conservancy District, Right-of-Way Permit, Mesa County, CO.

Summary: EPA continued to express concerns that the Final EIS did not address indirect effects as they relate to non-jurisdictional wetland and that the purpose and need statement does not reflect the actual purpose and need for the increase in capacity of the project.

ERP No. F-BLM-L65298-AK, Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A), Integrate Activity Plan, Multiple-Use Management, for Land within the North Slope Borough, AK.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal

comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: November 23, 1998.

Joe Montgomery,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5497-3]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed November 16, 1998 Through November 20, 1998

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

EIS No. 980473, DRAFT EIS, BOP, WV, Ohio and Tyler Counties Federal Correctional Facility, Construction and Operation, Three Possible Sites: Wheeling-Ohio County Airport Industrial Park, Fort Henry and Iver Flats, Ohio and Tyler Counties, WV, Due: January 11, 1999, Contact: David J. Dorworth (202) 514-6470.

EIS No. 980474, DRAFT EIS, FHW, CA, US-7 Expressway Project, Construction between CA-98 to Interstate 8, Improve Access to the new Calexico East Port of Entry, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Imperial County, CA, Due: January 19, 1999, Contact: C. Glen Clinton (916) 498-5037.

EIS No. 980475, FINAL EIS, FHW, MI, US-2/141 Alternate Highway, Construction in the vicinity of City of Iron Mountain, Funding, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Dickinson County, MI, Due: December 28, 1998, Contact: James Kirschensteiner (517) 377-1880.

EIS No. 980476, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, AFS, CO, Lakewood Raw Water Pipeline for Continued Operation, Maintenance, Reconstruction and/or Replacement, Updated and New Information for the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, Application for Easement, in the City of Boulder, CO, Due: January 11, 1999, Contact: Jean A. Thomas (970) 498-1267.

EIS No. 980477, FINAL EIS, FHW, PA, US 222 Corridor Design Location Study, Improvements from Breingsville to the I-78 Interchange, Funding, Lower and Upper Macungie

Township, Lehigh County, PA, Due: December 28, 1998, Contact: Ronald W. Carmichael (717) 221-3461.

EIS No. 980478, FINAL EIS, NOA, MS, Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR), Designation, To Conduct Research, Educational Project and Construction, East of the City of Biloxi, Jackson County, MS, Due: December 28, 1998, Contact: Jeffery R. Benoit (301) 713-3155.

EIS No. 980479, FINAL EIS, FHW, PA, PA-0119 South Transportation Improvement Project, Between Blairsville and Homer City, Funding, NPDESs Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Indiana County, PA, Due: December 30, 1998, Contact: Ronald W. Carmichael (717) 221-3461.

EIS No. 980480, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, FAA, IN, Indianapolis International Airport Master Plan Development, Updated and New Information on Establishing New Air Traffic Procedures to Restore, Construction and Operation, Runway 5L/23R Parallel to existing Runway 14/32 and connecting to Runways 5R/23L and 5L/23R, Airport Layout Plan Approval, Funding and Section 404, Due: January 11, 1999, Contact: Wally Welter (847) 294-8091.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 980393, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, AFS, CO, Telluride Ski Area Expansion Project, Implementation, New/Additional Information, Special-Use-Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Norwood Ranger District, San Miguel County, CO, Due: December 08, 1998, Contact: Arthur Bauer (970) 327-4261. Published FR 10-09-98—Review Period extended.

EIS No. 980438, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, FHW, CA, CA-1 Improvement, Carmel River Bridge to CA-1/Pacific Grove (Route 68) Interchange, Updated and Additional Information, Funding Section 404 Permit, Monterey County, CA, Due: December 21, 1998, Contact: John R. Schultz (916) 498-5041. The notice for the above DSEIS should have appeared in the 11/13/98 **Federal Register**. The 30-day Comment Period is Calculated from 11/13/98.

EIS No. 980454, FINAL EIS, NPS, UT, Capitol Reef National Park, Implementation, General Management Plan, Development Concept Plan, Emery, Garfield, Sevier and Wayne Counties, UT, Due: December 14, 1998, Contact: Charles V. Lundy (435) 425-3791. Published FR 11-13-98. The notice for the above FEIS should have appeared in the 11/13/98

Federal Register. The 30-day Comment Period is Calculated from 11-13-98.

EIS No. 980462, FINAL EIS, BOP, PA, Greater Scranton Area, United States Penitentiary (USP) Construction and Operation, Site Selection, Lackawanna and Wayne Counties, PA, Due: December 21, 1998, Contact: David J. Dorworth (202) 514-6470.

The notice for the above FEIS should have appeared in the 11/20/98 **Federal Register**. The 30-day Comment Period is Calculated from 11-20-98.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG); Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) will hold a 2-day meeting, December 7 and 8, 1998. This notice announces the location and times for this meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The SFIREG will meet on Monday, December 7, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 8, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: The Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Rosslyn, VA 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Elaine Y. Lyon, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, Crystal Mall 2 (CM #2); (703) 305-5306; fax (703) 308-1850; e-mail: lyon.elaine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tentative agenda of the SFIREG includes the following.

1. Food Quality Protection Act implementation update: