

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is submitted to meet the USGS policy requirements stipulated in Survey Manual Chapter 500.20.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 108-148, the NCGMP Advisory Committee will meet in Room 7000 A of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The Advisory Committee, composed of scientists from Federal Agencies, State Agencies, academic institutions, and private companies, will advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey on planning and implementation of the geologic mapping program. Topics to be reviewed and discussed by the Advisory Committee include the:

- Progress of the NCGMP towards fulfilling the purposes of the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.
- Updates on the Federal, State, and educational components of the NCGMP
- Strategic Goals

DATES: September 17-18, commencing at 9 a.m. on September 17th and adjourning by 5 p.m. on September 18th.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter T. Lyttle, U.S. Geological Survey, 908 National Center, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-6943.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program Advisory Committee are open to the Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-610-01-1610-DQ]

Notice of Availability of the Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert Proposed Plan, an Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, and Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, California Desert District, Riverside, California.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Proposed Plan and associated Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert planning area (NEMO), an amendment to the Bureau of Land Management California Desert Conservation Area Plan.

SUMMARY: NEMO amends the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan for a 3.3 million acre area in the northeastern portion of the CDCA, and provides for conservation and recovery of T & E species, reduces the need for further species listings and streamlines the processing of land-use permits. NEMO includes goals, objectives, management prescriptions and monitoring in accordance with the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) for comprehensive, strategic, management of the desert landscapes, including a programmatic biological opinion for the desert tortoise, strategies for the Amargosa watershed which include multiple listed species and sensitive bat habitat. The FEIS evaluates the Proposed Plan Amendments and alternatives, includes public comments on the Draft EIS and provides responses to those comments.

DATES: Written protests on the Final EIS will be accepted if received within 30 calendar days from the date that a Notice of Availability is published in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency. Instructions for filing protests are contained in the NEMO document Cover Sheet, just inside the front cover, and are included below the Supplemental Information.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the NEMO Proposed Plan/FEIS are being mailed to those who received the Draft EIS or provided comments on the Draft EIS. The document is available for review online at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/cdd/nemo.html>. Reading copies are also available at most local libraries and the following BLM offices:

BLM, 6221 Box Springs Blvd.,
Riverside, CA 92507; (909) 697-5200

BLM, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000

BLM, 101 West Spikes Road, Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000

BLM, 300 South Richmond Road, Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400

BLM, 690 Garnet, North Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800

BLM, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edythe Seehafer, Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311; Telephone (760) 252-6021.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Development of the plan began in 1994, with scoping meetings held in conjunction with the National Park Service (NPS). NPS is conducting concurrent planning efforts on adjacent lands. The NEMO Planning Area covers 3.3 million acres of land in the southeastern California Desert of which 2.7 million acres are public lands. This document describes and analyzes a number of alternatives for managing species and habitats on public lands administered by the BLM. Issues identified during public scoping included (1) recovery of threatened and endangered species, including the desert tortoise, the Amargosa vole, the Amargosa niterwort, the Ash Meadows Gumplant and spring-loving Centaury; (2) maintenance of public access through the NEMO planning area which includes sensitive areas, is surrounded by two national park units and two large military bases, and includes all or parts of twenty-four wilderness and eight wilderness study areas; (3) addressing impacts to other land uses; and (4) protection of County tax base.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Environmental Protection Agency published the Notice of Availability of the NEMO DEIS in the **Federal Register** on April 13, 2001. The public review period on the DEIS began April 13, 2001 and ended November 1, 2001.

Following are the instructions from the *Code of Federal Regulations 1610.5-2* for filing protests. (a) Any person who participates in the planning process and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the approval or amendment of a resource management plan may protest such approval or amendment. A protest may raise only those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process.

(1) The protest shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Director. The protest shall be filed within 30 days of the date the Environmental Protection Agency published the notice of receipt of the final environmental impact statement containing the plan or amendment in the **Federal Register**. For

an amendment not requiring the preparation of an environmental impact statement, the protest shall be filed within 30 days of the publication of the notice of its effective date.

(2) The protest shall contain:

(i) The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest;

(ii) A statement of the issue or issues being protested;

(iii) A statement of the part or parts of the plan or amendment being protested;

(iv) A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record; and

(v) A concise statement explaining why the State Director's decision is believed to be wrong.

(3) The Director shall promptly render a decision on the protest. The decision shall be in writing and shall set forth the reasons for the decision. The decision shall be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(b) The decision of the Director shall be the final decision for the Department of the Interior.

Mailing address for filing a protest:

Regular mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Protest Coordinator (WO-210), 1849 "C" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240

Overnight mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Director, Bureau of Land Mgt, Protest Coordinator (WO-210), 1620 "L" Street, NW., Rm 1075, Washington, DC 20036

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee, Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Klamath Falls Resource Area.

ACTION: Meeting notice for the Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee will meet at the North State Blood Center, 1876 Park Marina Drive, Redding, CA 96001 on Thursday, September 12, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Suggested topics include:

- Effectiveness Monitoring,
- Restoration efforts in the basin, and
- PAC membership.

Information to be distributed to the committee members is requested ten (10) days prior to the start of the meeting.

The entire meeting is open to the public. Opportunities for public comment are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 3 to 3:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee may be obtained from Teresa Raml, Field Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area, 2795 Anderson Ave., Building 25, Klamath Falls, OR 97603, Phone Number 541-883-6916, FAX 541-884-2097, or e-mail traml@or.blm.gov.

Dated: August 12, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

[INT-FES-02-24]

Angostura Unit, Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin Project, South Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability for final environmental impact statement (FEIS).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, has completed a FEIS on the proposed renewal of a long-term water service contract for irrigation water from the Angostura Unit, Cheyenne River Basin, South Dakota. The FEIS describes four alternatives, including no action, and evaluates the environmental consequences of each of these alternatives. Reclamation's preferred alternative is the Improved Efficiencies alternative.

DATES: The DEIS was issued on January 18, 2001. Responses to comments received from agencies, interested organizations, and individuals on the DEIS are addressed in the FEIS. No decision will be made on the proposed action until 30 days following the release of the FEIS. Following the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete and sign a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will describe the action to be implemented and will discuss factors contributing to that decision.

ADDRESSES: Printed copies of a Summary of the FEIS or the entire FEIS (with appendices) may be obtained from Kenneth Parr, Dakotas Area Office, Rapid City Field Office, 515 9th Street, Room 101, Rapid City, SD 57701 or by telephone at (605) 394-9757 x3004 or by e-mail at kparr@gp.usbr.gov. Copies are also available for public inspection and review on the Internet at "<http://www.gp.usbr.gov>" in the "Current Activities" section under "Environmental Activities", and at the locations listed in the Supplementary Information section at the end of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth Parr, Dakotas Area Office, Rapid City Field Office, 515 9th Street, Room 101, Rapid City, SD 57701 or by telephone at (605) 394-9757 x3004 or e-mail kparr@gp.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS considers the effects of renewing a long-term water service contract with the Angostura Irrigation District. The authority for contract renewal is found in the Act of July 2, 1956, 70 Stat. 483, and the Act of June 21, 1963, 77 Stat. 68, which requires the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to renew long-term water service contracts upon request.

The Angostura Unit has been providing supplemental irrigation water to the irrigation district since 1953. The original long-term water service contract had a term of 40 years and expired in 1996. In order to continue the rights and obligations of the original contracts during the contract renewal process, the Angostura Irrigation District has been operating under a temporary contract.

The FEIS describes four alternatives, including no action, reestablishment of natural flows below the dam, improved efficiencies, and reservoir recreation and fisheries alternatives, and evaluates the environmental consequences of each of the alternatives. The FEIS considered the following issues: surface water quantity, surface water quality, groundwater, sediment, stream corridor, wetlands, fisheries, wildlife, threatened and endangered species, social and economic conditions, Indian trust assets, environmental justice, cultural resources, paleontological resources, and cumulative impacts.

The Improved Efficiencies Alternative is Reclamation's preferred alternative and is designed to continue delivery of irrigation water to the irrigation district while improving the efficiency of the water delivery system and on-farm efficiencies. A public process will be undertaken to establish uses for the water saved through facility and on-