

Consultation and Coordination With Tribal Governments (Executive Order 13175)

The BIA irrigation projects are vital components of the local agriculture economy of the reservations on which they are located. To fulfill its responsibilities to the tribes, tribal organizations, water user organizations, and the individual water users, the BIA communicates, coordinates, and consults on a continuing basis with these entities on issues of water delivery, water availability, costs of administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. This is accomplished at the individual irrigation projects by Project, Agency, and Regional representatives, as appropriate, in accordance with local protocol and procedures. This notice is one component of the BIA's overall coordination and consultation process to provide notice and request comments from these entities on adjusting our irrigation rates.

Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use (Executive Order 13211)

The rate adjustments will have no adverse effects on energy supply, distribution, or use (including a shortfall in supply, price increases, and increase use of foreign supplies) should the proposed rate adjustments be implemented. This is a notice for rate adjustments at BIA owned and operated irrigation projects, except for the Fort Yuma Irrigation Project. The Fort Yuma Irrigation Project is owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation with a portion serving the Fort Yuma Reservation.

Regulatory Planning and Review (Executive Order 12866)

These rate adjustments are not a significant regulatory action and do not need to be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rate making is not a rule for the purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because it is "a rule of particular applicability relating to rates." 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995

These rate adjustments impose no unfunded mandates on any governmental or private entity and are in compliance with the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995.

Takings (Executive Order 12630)

The Department has determined that these rate adjustments do not have significant "takings" implications. The rate adjustments do not deprive the public, state, or local governments of rights or property.

Federalism (Executive Order 13132)

The Department has determined that these rate adjustments do not have significant Federalism effects because they pertain solely to Federal-tribal relations and will not interfere with the roles, rights, and responsibilities of states.

Civil Justice Reform (Executive Order 12988)

This notice complies with the requirements of Executive Order 12988. Specifically, this notice does not unduly burden the judicial system and meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

These rate adjustments do not affect the collections of information which have been approved by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OMB Control Number is 1076-0141 and expires August 31, 2009.

National Environmental Policy Act

The Department has determined that these rate adjustments do not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and that no detailed statement is required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370(d)).

Data Quality Act

In developing this notice, we did not conduct or use a study, experiment, or survey requiring peer review under the Data Quality Act (Pub. L. 106-554).

Dated: January 16, 2008.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-070-1990-EX]

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed "M" Pit Mine Expansion at Montana Tunnels Mine, Jefferson County, Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been prepared for the Montana Tunnels Mine "M" Pit Mine Expansion administered by the Bureau of Land Management's Butte Field Office (BLM) and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Operations on public lands are on mining claims located in accordance with the General Mining Law of 1872, as amended (30 U.S.C. 22 *et seq.*). The public is invited to review and comment on the range and adequacy of the draft alternatives and associated environmental effects. For comments to be most helpful, they should relate to specific concerns or conflicts that are within the legal responsibilities of the BLM and DEQ. The DEIS addresses alternatives associated with Montana Tunnels Mine "M" Pit Mine Expansion.

DATES: We will accept written comments on the Draft EIS for 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The last day of the written comment period may be identified at the Internet address below, after publication of the EPA Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. We will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media new releases, and/or mailings. The Draft EIS will be posted on the Montana DEQ Web site <http://www.deq.state.mt.us>.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* ghallsten@state.mt.us.
- *Mail:* Send written comments to

"M" Pit Mine Expansion at Montana Tunnels Mine EIS, Greg Hallsten, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Director's Office, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901.

- Fax: (406) 444-4386.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to request a copy of the document, contact: Greg Hallsten, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901 or David Williams, Bureau of Land Management, Butte Field Office, 106 N. Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701.

Documents related to this EIS, including public comments, will be posted on the Montana DEQ Web site (<http://www.deq.state.mt.us>) and may be published as part of the final EIS.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware 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 your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: December 6, 2007.

Richard M. Hotaling,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Kane Springs Valley Groundwater Development Project, Nevada

AGENCY: Lead Agency—Bureau of Land Management, Interior; Cooperating Agencies—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior; State of Nevada Department of Wildlife; Moapa Valley Water District, Nevada.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) that analyzes a proposed right-of-way for groundwater and conveyance facilities in Lincoln

County. This notice initiates the public review process on the FEIS.

DATES: The Kane Springs Valley Groundwater Development Project FEIS will be available for review and comment for 30 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes their Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the FEIS using any of the following methods:

- Mail: Penny Woods, Project Manager, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520.

- Fax: 775-861-6689 (Attn: Penny Woods, Project Manager).

- E-mail: nvgwprojects@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Penny Woods, BLM Project Manager, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520, telephone 775-861-6466, or e-mail: nvgwprojects@blm.gov with "Kane Springs Information Request" in the subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS describes and analyzes a proposal for groundwater facilities in the Kane Springs Valley submitted by the Lincoln County Water District (LCWD). The FEIS addresses the proposal submitted by LCWD, an alternative alignment, and a no action alternative. Under the Proposed Action, the LCWD would develop and convey groundwater in Kane Springs Valley to private land for community development purposes in Coyote Springs Valley. The volume of water to be transported through the proposed facilities could be up to 5,000 acre-feet per year.

The proposed project would be located in unincorporated portions of southwestern Lincoln County, Nevada, and would consist of a 13.2 mile pipeline, seven production wells, water storage tanks, a 12.5 kV transmission line, and a fiber optic line.

On June 22, 2007, the BLM published the Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS for this project in the **Federal Register**. Nineteen comments were received from individuals, organizations, agencies and a tribal band. Specific comment responses are provided in the FEIS, and issues and concerns raised during the review are addressed in the FEIS.

Copies of the FEIS will be mailed to individuals, agencies, or companies who previously requested copies or who responded to the BLM on the Draft EIS. Copies of the FEIS are available on request from the BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520, phone 775-861-6681 or e-mail to: nvgwprojects@blm.gov. You may request

a hard copy or a computer disc (CD). The document will be available electronically at: <http://www.blm.gov/nv/>. Copies of the FEIS will be available for review at the following locations:

- Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nevada.
- Bureau of Land Management, Ely Field Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada.

All comment submittals to this FEIS must include the commenter's name and street address. Comments, including the names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Nevada State Office during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except for Federal holidays). Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Ron Wenker,

Nevada State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[Docket No. AZ-910-0777-XP-241A]

State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet on March 6, 2008, in Phoenix, Arizona, at the BLM National Training Center located at 9828 North 31st Avenue in Phoenix from 8 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. Morning agenda items include: Review of the December 6, 2007, meeting minutes for RAC and Recreation Resource Advisory Council (RRAC) business; BLM State Director's update on statewide issues;