

ERP No. DS-BLM-K67011-NV

Rating EC2, Betze-Post Project, Updated Information, Dewatering Operations and a Proposed Pipeline, Elko and Eureka Counties, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding the project's direct and cumulative impacts to biological resources and recommended consideration of an alternative to mitigate impacts to springs and streams. EPA also requested additional information regarding ecological risk, cumulative impacts and mitigation measures.

ERP No. DS-COE-E36074-00

Rating EU3, Yazoo Basin Reformulation Study, Supplement No: 1 To the 1982 Yazoo Area Pump Project, Flood Control, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Yazoo Basin, MS and LA.

Summary: EPA raised significant objections with the recommended pumping plan based on the potential for large-scale adverse impacts to wetlands and non-compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. EPA also raised objections over the lack of adequate assessment of the scope/significance of environmental impacts, and the flawed procedures/incorrect assumptions used throughout the document.

Final EISs**ERP No. F-AFS-J65302-UT**

South Manti Timber Salvage, To address Ecological and Economic Values affected by Spruce Beetle Activity in the South Manti Project, Manti-La National Forest, Ferron-Price and Sanpete Ranger Districts, Sanpete and Sevier Counties, UT.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65300-ID

Goose Creek Watershed Project, Harvesting Timber and Improve Watershed, Payette National Forest, New Meadows Ranger District, Adams County, ID.

Summary: EPA continues to have concerns about potential impacts from road activities and harvesting to 303(d) listed Brundage Reservoir and Little Salmon River. EPA recommend that the Forest Service complete analyses prescribed in the May 1999 "Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Protocol for Addressing 303(d) "Listed Waters" for the two impaired waters and make this information available to the decisionmaker.

ERP No. F-COE-K36051-AZ

Rio de Flag Flood Control Study, Improvement Flood Protection, City of Flagstaff, Coconino County, AZ.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-COE-K36131-CA

Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Proposed Plan for Flood Control, City of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, CA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-COE-L39056-WA

Programmatic EIS—Green/Duwamish River Basin Restoration Program, Capitol Improvement Type Program and Ecological Health, King County, WA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: November 21, 2000.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed November 13, 2000 Through November 17, 2000 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000391, DRAFT EIS, FTA, MN, Northstar Transportation Corridor Project, Improvements from downtown Minneapolis to the St. Cloud area along Trunk Highway (TH) 10/47 and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad Transcontinental Route, Connecting the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit (LRT) Line at a Multi-Modal Station, Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP) International, Due: January 08, 2001, Contact: Paul Fish (312) 353-2865.

EIS No. 000392, DRAFT EIS, AFS, OR, South Bend Weigh and Safety Station Establishment, Special Use Permit for Construction, Maintenance and Operation, Deschute National Forest Lands along US 97 near the Newberry National Volcanic Monument, Deschutes County, OR, Due: January 08, 2001, Contact: Chris Mickle (541) 383-4769.

EIS No. 000393, DRAFT EIS, BLM, OR, Rogue National Wild and Scenic

River Hellgate Recreation Area (Applegate River to Grave Creek) Management Plan, Implementation, Badford District, Ephine County, OR, Due: February 24, 2001, Contact: Cori Cooper (541) 618-2428.

EIS No. 000394, FINAL

SUPPLEMENT, NPS, CA, Yosemite National Park General Management Plan, Implementation, Tuolumne County, CA, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Alan Schmierer (415) 427-1441.

EIS No. 000395, FINAL EIS, AFS, MT, ID, Yellowstone Pipeline Proposed Changes to Existing Pipeline between Thompson Fall and Kingston, Sanders County, MT and Shoshone County, ID, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Terry Egenhoff (406) 329-3601.

EIS No. 000396, DRAFT EIS, AFS, OR, Mill Creek Timber Sales and Related Activities, To Implement Ecosystem Management Activities, Prospect Ranger District, Rogue River National Forest, Jackson County, OR, Due: January 16, 2001, Contact: Joel T. King (541) 560-3400.

EIS No. 000397, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, COE, IL, Sugar Creek Municipal Water Supply, Updated Information, Proposed New 1172 Acre Water Supply Reservoir, Construction, COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, City of Marion, Williamson and Johnson Counties, IL, Due: January 08, 2001, Contact: Ronny Sadri (502) 315-6681.

EIS No. 000398, DRAFT EIS, AFS, ID, UT, OR, Boise National Forest, Payette National Forest and Sawtooth National Forest, Forest Plan Revision, Implementation, Southwest Idaho Ecogroup several counties, ID, Malheur County, OR and Box Elder County, UT, Due: March 15, 2001, Contact: David Rittenhouse (208) 373-4100.

EIS No. 000399, DRAFT EIS, FAA, IL, WI, IN, Chicago Terminal Airspace Project (CTAP), For Proposed Air Traffic Control Procedures and Airspace Modification for Aircraft Operating To/ From the Chicago Region, Including Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago Midway Airport, Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, IL, IN and WI, Due: January 08, 2001, Contact: Annette Davis (847) 294-8091.

EIS No. 000400, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, NOA, ME, VT, CT, NH, MA, RI, Federal Lobster Management in the Exclusive Economic Service, Implementation, American Lobster Fishery Management Plan, NY, NH and MA, Due: January 08, 2001, Contact: Penelope D. Dalton (301) 713-2239.

EIS No. 000401, DRAFT EIS, DOE, SC, Savannah River Site, High-Level Waste

Tank Closure (DOE/EIS-0303D), Implementation, Industrial Wastewater Closure Plan for the F and H-Area High-Level Waste Tank Systems, Aiken County, SC, Due: January 23, 2001, Contact: Andrew R. Grainger (800) 881-7292.

EIS No. 000402, FINAL EIS, COE, IL, Hunter Lake New Supplemental Water Supply Reservoir, Construction, City of Springfield Application for Permit, Sangamon County, IL, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Charlene Carmack (309) 794-5570.

EIS No. 000403, FINAL EIS, COE, NE, Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Flood Reduction Study Including Environmental Restoration Component, Lower Platte River and Tributaries, Saunders and Sarpy Counties, NE, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Nelson S. Carpenter (402) 221-4450.

EIS No. 000404, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, AFS, CA, WA, OR, Northern Spotted Owl Management Plan, Updated Information for Amendment to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer and Other Mitigating Measures, Standards and Guidelines (to the Northwest Forest Plan), Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl, OR, WA and CA, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Dick Prather (503) 808-2165.

EIS No. 000405, FINAL EIS, COE, CA, Whitewater River Basin (Thousand Palms) Flood Control Project, Construction of Facilities to Provide Flood Protection, Coachella Valley, Riverside County, CA, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Hayley Lovan (213) 452-3863.

EIS No. 000406, FINAL EIS, FHW, WA, NE 8TH/I-405 Interchange Project, Construction, Funding, Right-of-Way Use Permit and NPDES Stormwater Permit, City of Bellevue, King County, WA, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Gene Fong (360) 753-9413.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 000331, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, AFS, WA, Huckleberry Land Exchange Consolidate Ownership and Enhance Future Conservation and Management, Updated Information, Proposal to Exchange Land and Mineral Estates, Federal Land and Non Federal Land, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skagit Snohomish, King, Pierce, Kittitas, and Lewis Counties, WA Revision of FR notice published on 09/22/2000: CEQ Comment Date Extended from 11/13/2000 to 11/27/2000.

Dated: November 20, 2000.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6905-4]

Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS); Extension of Waiver

ACTION: Notice of FIPS waiver.

SUMMARY: The Chief Information Officer for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted an extension to the waiver (published October 1, 1998, at 63 FR 52693) authorizing the Agency to continue to use the cryptographic features in the commercial software application, Travel Manager Plus. The software's cryptographic features do not comply with Federal Information Processing Standards: 46-3 Data Encryption Standard (DES); 140-1, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules; 180-1, Secure Hash Standard; and 186-2, Digital Signature Standard. This waiver is being issued pursuant to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 1441.

DATES: This waiver extension takes effect on November 24, 2000 and expires on January 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Day, Director, Office of Technology, Operations, and Planning, Office of Environmental Information, 401 M Street SW, Mail Code 2831, Washington, DC 20460, 202-260-4465.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 46-3 Data Encryption Standard (DES); 140-1, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules; 180-1, Secure Hash Standard; and 186-2, Digital Signature Standard publications establish standards for generating digital signatures (which can be used to verify authenticity) and for the encryption of sensitive information transmitted and stored electronically. As authorized by 40 U.S.C. 1441(c), these FIPS publications permit Federal agencies to waive them under certain circumstances: A waiver may be granted if (1) compliance with a standard would adversely affect the accomplishment of the mission of an operator of a Federal computer system; or (2) compliance with a standard would cause a major adverse financial impact on the operator

which is not offset by Governmentwide savings.

Travel Manager Plus is commercial off the shelf (COTS) software that is on the General Services Administration (GSA) schedule. The application complies with a broad range of governmentwide requirements including Travel System Requirements issued by the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program.

EPA plans to deploy Travel Manager Plus agency-wide so that the process of reimbursing EPA employees can be fully automated. In addition to gaining efficiencies, by dramatically shortening the reimbursement process cycle, the Travel Manager Plus software will help ensure that the Agency complies with new legal requirements that travelers be reimbursed promptly.

The EPA Chief Information Officer has granted a waiver from the four FIPS cited above to enable EPA to continue to use the built-in cryptographic features in Travel Manager Plus. EPA determined that the cryptographic protection embedded in Travel Manager Plus provides an appropriate level of security to protect the unclassified information used, communicated, and stored on the system.

If the Agency were to purchase and maintain FIPS-compliant applications for its automated travel reimbursement system, the additional costs would be prohibitive. By relying on the FIPS non-compliant cryptographic features embedded in Travel Manager Plus, EPA will be able to achieve a fully automated travel reimbursement system that has adequate and cost-effective security.

In accordance with FIPS requirements, notice of this waiver has been sent to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

Dated: November 7, 2000.

Edwin A. Levine,

Interim Chief Information Officer.

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State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Working Committee on Pesticide Operations & Management; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).