

**B. Need for the EIS**

It has been determined that this request for release of funds may constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the areas of traffic, air quality, and historic resources. Therefore, an EIS will be prepared by the Commission in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190). Responses to this notice will be used to:

1. Determine significant environmental issues;
2. Identify issues which the EIS should address; and
3. Identify agencies and other parties which will participate in the EIS process and the basis for their involvement.

The draft EIS will be published and distributed on or about June 1, 2001, and a copy will be available for public inspection at the Community Development Commission, 2 Coral Circle, Monterey Park, California 91755; at the West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California 90069; and at the West Hollywood County Library, 715 North San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California 90069. Copies of the draft EIS may be purchased upon request to DeAnn Johnson at (323) 890-7186, for a price sufficient to cover reproduction costs.

**C. Scoping:**

This notice is part of the process used for scoping the EIS. Responses will help determine the significant environmental issues, identify issues which the EIS should address, and help identify Cooperating Agencies.

This notice shall be in effect for one year. If one year after the publication of the notice in the **Federal Register** a draft EIS has not been published for the project, then the Notice for the project shall be canceled. If the draft EIS is expected to be published more than one year after the publication of this Notice, a new and updated Notice shall be published.

Dated: April 19, 2001.

**Donna M. Abbenante,**

*Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Central Utah Project Completion Act**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment (EA) and Public Scoping Meetings on the Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Plan of the Bonneville Unit, Central Utah Project.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to: Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended; Council on Environmental Quality Regulations at 40 CFR 1501.7 and section 315 of Public Law 102-575, Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA), the joint lead agencies are initiating an environmental impact analysis, with public involvement, for the Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Plan of the Bonneville Unit, Central Utah Project. The Mitigation Plan includes land and water acquisition, wetland construction, and land and water management alterations, for the creation and enhancement of wetland resources along the lower Duchesne River in eastern Utah. The project is intended to offset the environmental impacts to wetland resources resulting from construction and operation of the Strawberry Aqueduct and Collection System of the Bonneville Unit, Central Utah Project. Many plan features are proposed to occur on lands held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of the Ute Indian Tribe. The Tribe has served as the lead planning entity and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, as Trustee for the Ute Indian Tribe, will serve as a Cooperating Agency, along with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Reclamation, in the preparation of the EA. The EA will evaluate the significant environmental impacts associated with each alternative including the No Action Alternative.

The joint lead agencies will conduct scoping meetings on the Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Plan to give the public an opportunity to review project plans and identify the significant environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action and each alternative. Information obtained through the scoping process will be used to identify the scope and significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the environmental document.

**DATES:** Three public scoping meetings will be held in the local geographic area of the project to receive input from Federal, State and local governments and agencies and the general public. The meetings will be held in:

Salt Lake City, Utah: Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Conference Room, 4th Floor, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138.

Fort Duchesne, Utah: Ute Indian Tribal Headquarters Auditorium, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026.

Roosevelt, Utah: Conference Room, Mood Lake Electric Association, 188 West 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah 84066.

The dates and times for each meeting will be announced in local media. The deadline for submitting scoping comments will also be announced.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Additional information on matters related to this **Federal Register** notice can be obtained at the address and telephone number set forth below: Mr. Ralph G. Swanson, Department of the Interior, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606-6154, Telephone (801) 379-1254, E-mail: rswanson@uc.usbr.gov.

Dated: April 19, 2001.

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**Michael Weland,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge in Williamson, Jackson, and Union Counties, Illinois**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its implementing regulations, for the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge located in Williamson, Jackson, and Union Counties, Illinois.

The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd *et seq.*), to achieve the following:

- (1) Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and