

from mining and grazing and compare the environmental impacts of alternatives. The FEIS should also include detailed mitigation measures to protect aquatic resources.

ERP No. D-COE-E09810-MS Rating LO, Enhanced Evaluation of Cumulative Effects Associated with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permitting Activity for Large-Scale Development in Coastal Mississippi, Mississippi, Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties, MS.

**Summary:** While EPA has no objections to the proposed project, EPA did request clarification on the recreation and parking improvements proposed as part of the project.

ERP No. D-COE-L01009-ID Rating EC2, Emerald Creek Garnet Project, Proposal to Mine Garnet Reserves within the St. Maries River Floodplain near Fernwood, Walla Walla District, Issuance of Several Permits, Benewah and Shoshone Counties, ID.

**Summary:** EPA expressed concerns over the potential impacts of mining proposals on water quality. EPA recommends that adequate mitigation and reclamation be implemented to move the St. Maries River towards its designated beneficial uses. EPA also expressed concern over alternatives that do not avoid ecologically valuable oxbow complexes and recommended that if an alternative is selected that does not avoid oxbows, additional mitigation measures be implemented to ensure the long-term protection and restoration of wetland functions.

ERP No. D-USA-K11111-HI Rating EC2, Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team in Hawaii, Implementation, Honolulu and Hawaii Counties, HI.

**Summary:** EPA raised concerns that the project exceeds the Federal Air Quality Standard for particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter (fugitive dust) from training operations. Although the DEIS offers mitigation for fugitive dust emissions, it does not quantify reductions expected from controls nor a commitment to implement such mitigation. The Final EIS should evaluate the feasibility of monitoring at sites where the Federal standard is exceeded, and adopting additional mitigation if needed. EPA raised concerns that increased fugitive dust levels may have a disproportionately high adverse effect on low-income or minority populations when transported offsite.

ERP No. DS-COE-C39016-PR Rating EO2, Port of the Americas Project, Additional Information on the Development of a Deep-Draft Terminal at the Port of Ponce to Receive Post-

Panamax Ships, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Municipalities of Guyanilla-Penuelas and Ponce, Puerto Rico.

**Summary:** EPA believes that the permit applicant failed to adequately document compliance with the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines, and until further information is received, that the proposed discharges of fill material would have a substantial and unacceptable impact on aquatic resources of national importance. EPA recommended denial of the permit application for the project as currently proposed.

#### Final EISs

ERP No. F-FHW-J40158-MT I-15 Corridor Project, Transportation Improvements from Montana City to the Lincoln Road Interchange, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Jefferson and Lewis & Clark Counties, MT.

**Summary:** EPA has no objections to the preferred alternative.

ERP No. F-NOA-K91010-00 US West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (FMP), Approval and Implementation, Ocean Waters off the States of Washington, Oregon and California a portion of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), WA, OR and CA.

**Summary:** EPA continues to express concerns regarding bycatch and research actions needed to address information gaps.

Dated: March 15, 2004.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6649-4]

### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

**Responsible Agency:** Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed March 8, 2004 Through March 12, 2004

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

**EIS No. 040109, Draft EIS, FHW, NE, MO, US-159 Missouri River Crossing Project, Rehabilitate or Replace the Missouri River Bridge at Rulo, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section**

404 Permit, Richardson County, NE and Holt County, MO, Comment Period Ends: May 3, 2004, Contact: Ed Kosola (402) 437-5973.

**EIS No. 040110, Final EIS, AFS, UT, North Rich Cattle Allotment, Proposes to Authorize Grazing, Implementation, Logan District, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Cache and Rich Counties, UT, Wait Period Ends: April 19, 2004, Contact: Evelyn Sibbernson (435) 755-3620. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf/projects/proposed/index.shtm1>**

**EIS No. 040111, Final EIS, AFS, WY, Lost Cabin Mine Project, Improvement of Historic Mining Road (Way 4170H) to Allow Motorized Access to the Lost Mine for Mineral Exploration, Plan-of-Operations, Medicine-Bow Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, Carbon County, WY, Wait Period Ends: April 19, 2004, Contact: Terry Delay (307) 326-2518. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.r7.fws.gov/planning>**

**EIS No. 040112, Draft EIS, FHW, IN, US-231 Highway Project, Improvements from I-64 and Extends to State Road 56 in Haysville, Funding, NPDES Permit and U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Dubois County, IN, Comment Period Ends: May 3, 2004, Contact: Anthony DeSimone (317) 226-5307.**

**EIS No. 040113, Final EIS, AFS, AL, Forest Health and Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) Initiative, Implementation, Talladega National Forest, Talladega and Shoal Creek Ranger Districts, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Clebourne and Talladega Counties, AL, Wait Period Ends: April 19, 2004, Contact: Suzanne Alverson (256) 362-2909.**

**EIS No. 040114, Draft EIS, NPS, TX, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River General Management Plan, Implementation, Big Bend National Park, Brewster and Terrell Counties, TX, Comment Period Ends: May 18, 2004, Contact: Matthew Safford (303) 969-2898.**

**EIS No. 040115, Final EIS, CGD, WA, Seattle Monorail Project (SMP), Green Line 14-Mile Monorail Transit System Construction and Operation, Reviewing a Water Crossing at the Lake Washington Ship Canal Bridge and Duwamish Waterway Bridge Modification, USCG Bridge, Endangered Species Act Section 7 and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permits Issuance, City of Seattle, WA, Wait Period Ends: April 19, 2004, Contact: Austin Pratt (206) 220-7282. This**

document is available on the Internet at: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

*EIS No. 040116, Final EIS, USA, LA, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment Transformation and Installation Mission Support, Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Long-Term Military Training Use of Kisatchie National Forest Lands, Fort Polk, LA, Wait Period Ends: April 19, 2004, Contact: Stacy Basham-Wagner (337) 531-7458.*

*EIS No. 040117, Final EIS, FHW, CO, CO-9 (Frisco to Breckenridge) Highway Improvements Project to Improve a 14.5-kilometer (9-mile) stretch of CO-9 between the Towns of Frisco and Breckenridge to Decrease Travel Time, Improve Safety, Support Transportation needs of Local and Regional Travelers, Funding, Right-of-Way and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permits, Summit County, CO, Wait Period Ends: April 19, 2004, Contact: Scott Sands (303) 969-6730.*

*EIS No. 040118, Final EIS, AFS, OR, Monument Fire Recovery Project and Proposed Nonsignificant Forest Plan Amendments, Implementing Four Alternatives for Recovery, Malheur National Forest, Prairie City Ranger District, Grant and Baker Counties, OR, Wait Period Ends: April 19, 2004, Contact: Ryan Falk (541) 820-3311. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed/us/r6/malheur>.*

*EIS No. 040119, Draft EIS, NOA, AK, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab Fisheries and Fishery Management Plan, Implementation, in the United States Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska, Comment Period Ends: May 3, 2004, Contact: Gretchen Harrington (907) 586-7445. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/sustainable/crab/eis/default.htm>.*

*EIS No. 040120, Draft EIS, AFS, ID, South Fork Wildfire Salvage Project, Harvesting Fire-Killed and Imminently Dead Trees, Cascade Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Valley County, ID, Comment Period Ends: May 3, 2004, Contact: Keith Dimmett (208) 382-7430.*

*EIS No. 040121, Final Supplement, NOA, HI, GU, AS, Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region, Fishery Management Plan, Regulatory Amendment, Management Measures to Implement New Technologies for the Western Pacific Pelagic Longline Fisheries, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island, Wait Period Ends: March 29, 2004, Contact: Alvin*

Katekaru (808) 973-2937. Under Section 1502.9(c)(4) of the CEQ Regulation for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act the Council on Environmental Quality has Granted a 10-Day Waiver for the above EIS.

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 040020, Draft Supplement, AFS, AK, Kensington Gold Project, Proposed Modifications of the 1998 Approved Plan Operation, NPDES, ESA and US COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Tongass National Forest, City of Juneau, AK, Comment Period Ends: April 7, 2004, Contact: Steve Hohensee (907) 586-8800. Revision of FR Notice Published on 1/23/2004: CEQ Comment Period Ending 3/08/2004 has been Extended to 4/7/2004.*

Dated: March 16, 2004.

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#### FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

[No. 2004-N-05]

##### Prices for Federal Home Loan Bank Services

**AGENCY:** Federal Housing Finance Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) annually publishes the prices a Federal Home Loan Bank (Bank) may charge for processing and settlement of items such as negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) and demand deposit (DDA) accounts offered to Bank members and other eligible institutions. Since no Banks currently offer item processing services directly to their members or other eligible institutions, the Finance Board is not publishing prices for Bank services for 2004.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 19, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Ternullo, Assistant Director, Office of Supervision, Risk Monitoring Division, by electronic mail at [ternullog@fhfb.gov](mailto:ternullog@fhfb.gov) or by telephone at (202) 408-2904, or Edwin J. Avila, Financial Analyst, by electronic mail at [avilae@fhfb.gov](mailto:avilae@fhfb.gov) or by telephone at (202) 408-2871 or by regular mail at the Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 11(e) of the Federal Home Loan Bank

Act (Bank Act) (12 U.S.C. 1431(e)) authorizes the Banks to: (1) Accept demand deposits from member institutions; (2) be drawees of payment instruments; (3) engage in collection and settlement of payment instruments drawn on or issued by members and other eligible institutions; and (4) have such incidental powers as are necessary to the exercise of such authority. Section 11(e)(2)(B) of the Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1431(e)(2)(B)) requires the Finance Board to determine and regulate the charges the Banks must charge for these services. In accordance with section 11(e)(2)(B), the Finance Board annually publishes prices for Bank services in the **Federal Register**. See 12 CFR 975.6(c).

The Banks provide some correspondent services to their members or other eligible financial institutions, such as securities safekeeping, disbursements, coin and currency, settlement, and electronic funds transfer. However, the Banks do not provide services related to processing of items drawn against or deposited into third party accounts held by their members or other eligible financial institutions. Since no Banks currently offer item processing services directly to their members or other eligible financial institutions, the Finance Board is not publishing prices for Bank services for 2004. In addition, until a Bank resumes offering item processing services, the Finance Board will not publish a notice of prices in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 12, 2004.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board,  
**Stephen M. Cross,**  
*Director, Office of Supervision.*

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#### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

##### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the