

another long window of opportunity to file refund applications. Many firms and individuals may have already heard of the Subpart V refund process and simply decided not to apply for a refund. Further, even those that have not yet heard about the refund process might not wish to file a claim, even if they were made aware of their eligibility. We do not believe that it would be useful to hold open the refund process based upon the speculation raised by commenters. It is simply not feasible to hold the proceeding open to ensure that all eligible claimants have received notice of the opportunity to apply. We believe it is sufficient to provide adequate notice of the proceeding, and a reasonable period for applications to be submitted. We find that this notice and opportunity have been provided over the course of the eight-year refund period. Further, in view of the fact that notice of the reopening of this refund proceeding was published on November 8, 1994, we find that there has been adequate time for filing services to renew their search efforts and provide additional notification.

The comments submitted by filing services representing larger refund applicants in this proceeding indicate that they are generally not now seeking to locate additional refund claimants. This group urged that the application period be quickly terminated. These firms and individuals point out that the longer the claim period remains open, the more delay there will be in terminating the entire crude oil overcharge refund process, and in disbursing the final refund payment. We believe that there is considerable merit to this position.

We are also aware that a new, lengthy additional window of opportunity for filing refund claims may result in a large number of duplicate claims, administrative waste, and confusion among members of the public. Accordingly, we find that prompt closure of the refund application period will best promote our goals of administrative efficiency and finality. Therefore, the final date for filing Applications for Refund in the OHA Subpart V crude oil overcharge refund proceeding will be June 30, 1995. All crude oil refund applications must be postmarked no later than that date.

Dated: April 17, 1995.

George B. Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared March 20, 1995 Through March 24, 1995 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 260-5076.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 14, 1995 (72 FR 19047).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65227-MT Rating EC2, Wagner-Atlanta Vegetation Treatment Project, Implementation, Helena National Forest, Townsend Ranger District, Meagher County, MT.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental concerns with the treatment methods/units, existing degraded water quality/fisheries in the project area, and an inadequate plan for a water quality monitoring program. EPA recommended additional information be collected to fully assess and mitigate impacts of the proposed action. EPA supported a combination of grass burns (Alternative C) and harvest methods from the other alternatives which protect big game, minimize new road construction, protect water quality, in stream uses and the aquatic ecosystem.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65228-UT Rating EC1, Jacob/Swale Vegetation Management Project, Implementation, Dixie National Forest, Escalante Ranger District, Garfield County, UT.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental concerns and recommended that a preferred alternative be selected that minimizes the impacts to road management, roadless areas and wildlife habitat concerns.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65233-OR Rating EC2, Sandy River Delta Plan, Implementation, Special Management Area (SMA), Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (NSA), Several Permits for Approval, US Coast Guard Bridge Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Multnomah County, OR.

Summary

EPA supported the wetland vegetation restoration objectives of the draft EIS, but expressed environmental concerns regarding the repeated use of herbicides to meet vegetative objectives. EPA preferred the re-establishment of the original native species mix to the extent possible, to create a self-sustaining wetland system without using herbicides.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65234-ID Rating EC2, Hobo Cornwall Project Area Timber Sale and Ecosystem Management Plan, Implementation, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, St. Joe Ranger District, Shoshone County, ID.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental concerns based on potential water quality standards violations and the lack of an air quality impacts analysis. Additional information is requested to clarify compliance with state water quality standards and to disclose air quality impacts related to prescribed burning.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65236-OR Rating LO, Santiam Pass Forest Health Project, Implementation, Willamette National Forest, McKenzie Ranger District, Linn County, OR.

Summary

EPA expressed lack of objections to the proposed project.

ERP No. D-BLM-G65061-NM Rating LO, Rosewell Resource Area Management Plan and Carlsbad Resource Area Management Plan Amendment, Implementation, Quay, Curry, DeBaca, Roosevelt, Lincoln, Guadalupe, Chaves, Eddy, and Lea Counties, NM.

Summary

EPA expressed lack of objections and supported the preferred alternative. For clarification EPA requested that the air impact analysis be expanded to include definitive effects of oil and gas operations on air quality and consider the cumulative impacts of 23,000 wells on the 2 resource areas.

ERP No. D-BLM-J60016-WY Rating EC2, Kenetech/PacificCorp Windpower Development Project, Construction of a 500-MW Windplant and 230-kV Transmission Line between Arlington and Hanna, Right-of-Way Grant, COE Section 404 Permit and Special-Use-Permit, Carbon County, WY.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental concerns based on potential adverse

impacts of the proposed project on raptors.

ERP No. D-NPS-D61039-PA Rating LO, White-Tailed Deer Management Plan, Implementation, Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower Historic Site, Adams County, PA.

Summary

EPA expressed lack of objections to the proposed action, but suggested the Final EIS include reproduction intervention methods which are currently Food and Drug Administration approved (Alternative 2B and 4).

ERP No. D-NPS-E61071-FL Rating EC1, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, General Management Plan and Development Concept Plans, Implementation, Fort Caroline National Memorial Area, Duval County, FL.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental concerns over potential project impacts. EPA recommended that the FEIS address guidelines regarding ORV use on the natural resource portions of the Preserve.

ERP No. D-USN-K11028-CA Rating EO2/EC2, Long Beach Naval Hospital Base Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, City of Long Beach, CA.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental objections to the "Retail Alternative" due to air quality impacts. EPA had environmental concerns with the remaining alternatives. The DEIS is lacking a comprehensive air quality analysis, although it is exempt from a conformity determination.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J67014-UT, Gardner Canyon Gypsum Open Pit Mine, Development and Operation, Special Use Permit and Possible COE Section 404 Permit, Mount Nebo Wilderness Area, Unita National Forest, Jaub County, UT.

Summary

EPA expressed lack of objections to the proposed project.

ERP No. F-AFS-L61198-OR, Washington Analysis Area/Baker City Municipal Watershed Project, Implementation, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Baker Ranger District, Baker County, OR.

Summary

EPA expressed no objection to the preferred alternative as described in the FEIS. No formal written comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-DOA-D81024-MD, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Construction of an Office Complex and Site Selection, Prince Georges County, MD.

Summary

EPA expressed lack of objections to the proposed project.

ERP No. F-NPS-K61131-00, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Management of Burros, Implementation, Clark Co., NV and Mohave Co., AZ.

Summary

EPA expressed lack of objections to the proposed action.

Dated: April 18, 1995.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 260-5076 OR (202) 260-5075. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed April 10, 1995 Through April 14, 1995 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 950113, FINAL EIS, DOE, CO, Flatiron-Erie 115-kV Electrical Transmission Line Replacement of Wood-Pole Structures, Construction, Operation and Right-of-Way Grant, City of Longmont, Larimer, Boulder and Weld Counties, CO, Due: May 22, 1995, Contact: Rodney Jones (303) 490-7200. Published FR-03-31-95-Refiled/Due Date Correction.

EIS No. 950133, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, AFS, CA, Bear Mountain Ski Resort Expansion, (Formerly Known as Goldmine) New Information, San Bernardino National Forest, Special-Use-Permit and Possible COE Section 404 Permit, San Bernardino County, CA, Due: May 22, 1995, Contact: Hal Seyden (909) 383-5588.

EIS No. 950134, FINAL EIS, FHW, OK, OK-99/OK-3E/US 377 North of Ada Transportation Corridor Reconstruction, Funding, COE Section 404 and NPDES Permits, Pontotoc and Seminole Cos., OK, Due: May 22, 1995, Contact: Gary E. Larsen (405) 231-4724.

EIS No. 950135, FINAL EIS, USA, NC, Military Ocean Terminal Navigation Basins and Entrance Channels Improvements, Implementation, Sunny Point, Brunswick and New

Hanover Counties, NC, Due: May 22, 1995, Contact: Gordon Schwerzmann (703) 614-6605.

EIS No. 950136, DRAFT EIS, AFS, NM, Agua/Caballos Timber Sale, Harvesting Timber and Managing Existing Vegetation, Implementation, Carson National Forest, El Rito Ranger District, Taos County, NM, Due: June 16, 1995, Contact: Audrey Kuykendall (505) 758-6200.

EIS No. 950137, DRAFT EIS, BIA, MT, Yellowstone Pipe Line Easement, Construction and Operation, Renewal of Right-of-Way (ROW) Grant for Easement, Across the Flathead Indian Reservation, Approval of Trust and Allotted Lands and COE Section 404 Permit, Missoula, Lake and Sanders Counties, MT, Due: June 05, 1995, Contact: George Farris (202) 208-4791.

EIS No. 950138, DRAFT EIS, AFS, WY, Tie Hack Dam and Reservoir Construction, Special-Use-Permit, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits, Bighorn National Forest, Buffalo Ranger District, City of Buffalo, WY, Due: June 05, 1995, Contact: John W. Almond (307) 672-0751.

EIS No. 950139, DRAFT EIS, EPA, CA, Humboldt Bay Open Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDs) Designation, Samoa Peninsula, Humboldt County, CA, Due: June 05, 1995, Contact: Allan Ota (415) 744-1980.

EIS No. 950140, DRAFT EIS, FHW, PA, US 22/US 322 (PA-0022 Section C02) Lewistown Improvements, Construction, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Mifflin County, PA, Due: June 05, 1995, Contact: Manual A. Marks (717) 782-3461.

EIS No. 950141, DRAFT EIS, AFS, CA, Barkley Fire Salvage Sale, Implementation, Lower Deer Creek Management Area, Lassen National Forest, Almanor Ranger District, Tehama County, CA, Due: June 05, 1995, Contact: Phillip Tuma (916) 258-2141.

EIS No. 950142, DRAFT EIS, DOE, Nuclear Weapons Nonproliferation Policy Concerning Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel, Implementation, Due: June 20, 1995, Contact: Charles Head (1) (800) 736-3282.

EIS No. 950143, DRAFT EIS, MMS, AL, TX, MS, LA, 1996 Center and Western Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OSC) Oil and Gas Lease, Sales No. 157 (March 1996) and No. 161 (August 1996), Lease Offerings, offshore Coastal Counties/Parishes of AL, MS, LA and TX, Due: July 14, 1995, Contact: Archie P. Melancon (703) 787-5471.