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**Andrew Cuomo,**

*Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Mule Canyon Project Mining Plan of Operations**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation Mule Canyon Project Plan of Operations for mining in Lander County, Nevada and notice of scoping period and public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) as amended, and to 43 CFR Part 3809, the Surface Management Regulations, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), will be directing the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed development of a new mill facility, tailings impoundment, heap leach facility, five open pits, and ancillary facilities in Lander County, Nevada. The environmental impact statement will be prepared by third party contractor and funded by the proponent, Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation. The BLM invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis.

**DATES:** Scoping meetings will be held on May 24, 1995, from 7-9 p.m. at the Battle Mountain District BLM Office conference room, 50 Bastian Road, in Battle Mountain, Nevada; and on May 25, 1995, from 7-9 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, Crescent Valley, Nevada. The purpose of these meetings is to identify issues to be addressed in

the EIS, and to encourage public participation in the NEPA process. Representatives of the BLM and Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation will be summarizing the Plan of Operations and the anticipated environmental impacts resulting from the project and will be accepting comments from the audience. Additional briefing meetings will be held as appropriate. Written comments on the Plan of Operations and the scope of the EIS will be accepted until close of business, June 26, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Scoping comments may be sent to: USDI-BLM, District Manager, P.O. Box 1420, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada, 89820, Attn.: Dave Davis, Mule Canyon Project Manager.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dave Davis, Mule Canyon Project Manager, (702) 635-4000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation has recently submitted a proposal to develop a mining facility on the north end of the Shoshone Mountain Range, in Lander County, Nevada, approximately 14 miles east-southeast of Battle Mountain. The proposed mining development will involve the development of five open pits, a heap leach pad, a tailings storage facility, four holding ponds, several solution ponds, milling, processing, and other ancillary facilities. There are currently two disposal plans for over/interburden storage. The no backfill plan entails the construction of 12 overburden facilities (total disturbance 504 acres). The backfill disposal plan entails construction of fourteen facilities, including the backfilling of the Main Pit area (total disturbance 521 acres). Total maximum disturbance under either scenario is expected to be near 2,870 acres. A fence surrounding the project will enclose approximately 6,606 acres.

The BLM has determined through internal scoping that the following issues may be potentially significant and as such will be the focus of the EIS: Minor dewatering associated with mining, water quality and pit water quality after closure, socio-economic impacts to the region, air quality, impacts to range and wildlife resources,

cultural and Native American Religious Concerns, reclamation, and cumulative impacts. Additional significant issues to be addressed may arise during the scoping process. Federal, State, and local government agencies and other individuals who may be interested or affected by the BLM's decision on this plan of operations are invited to participate in the scoping process.

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**Michael C. Mitchel,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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**Utah and Colorado: Uinta Southwestern Utah Regional Coal Team Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of regional coal team meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the responsibilities outlined in the Federal Coal Management Regulations (43 CFR Part 3400), the Regional Coal Team (RCT) for the decertified Uinta Southwestern Utah Federal Coal Production Region will hold a meeting to discuss and make recommendations concerning coal leasing and development in the Region. The RCT will review pending coal lease applications under the "Leasing by Application" (LBA) program and discuss any additional coal-related activities appropriate at this time. Members of the public, coal companies, and interested agencies are invited to make comments at the meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A total of six coal lease applications are pending in the region, including five in Utah, and one in Western Colorado. The RCT will be reviewing the applications, and, where appropriate, making recommendations to the BLM concerning processing the applications. Pending applications in the Region include:

State	Applicant	Coal field	Est. acreage
Utah	Coastal States Energy	Wasatch Plateau	2,020
	Sage Point Coal Co	Book Cliffs	1,104
	PacifiCorp Electric Oper	Wasatch Plateau	7,865
	Genwal Coal Co	Wasatch Plateau	4,052
	Cyprus Western Coal	Book Cliffs	2,300
Colorado	Mountain Coal <sup>1</sup>	Paonia/Summerset	2,276

<sup>1</sup> Tract scheduled for sale in Denver, Colorado, May 15, 1995.

**DATES:** The Regional Coal Team meeting will be June 8, 1995, at 1:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, Conference Room, No. 302, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Max Nielson, Uinta Southwestern Utah Coal Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84145-0155 (Telephone 801-539-4038).

Dated: May 2, 1995.

**G. William Lamb,**

*Associate State Director, Utah.*

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## Bureau of Reclamation

### Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement on the Western Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Project

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) are canceling plans to continue work under the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act on the environmental impact report/environmental impacts statement (EIR/EIS) for the Western Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Project (Project), Plan of Protection for the Suisun Marsh, Phases III and IV. The EIR/EIS is being cancelled because it is unlikely that additional large-scale facilities are necessary for controlling salinity in the Suisun Marsh due to the provisions in the December 1994 draft Delta water quality control plan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Will Keck, Mid-Pacific Region, Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: MP-401, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825-1898; telephone: (916) 979-2321; or Mr. Dwight P. Russell, Environmental Services Office, California Department of Water Resources, 3251 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816-7017; telephone: (916) 227-7529.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of intent was published in 55 FR 47481, Nov. 13, 1990. The Project was aimed at lowering channel water salinity in the western portion of the Suisun Marsh. The construction of several ditches and culverts were being studied as part of the proposed action. With the release in

December 1994 of the draft Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary, and DWR's estimate of resulting salinity conditions in the Suisun Marsh, it is unlikely that additional large-scale facilities will be necessary for salinity control in the Suisun Marsh. DWR and Reclamation will evaluate if additional actions are needed for meeting western Suisun Marsh channel water salinity standards after the Suisun Marsh Ecological Work Group completes evaluating the basis for Suisun Marsh standards and recommends new standards.

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**Dan M. Fults,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## Fish and Wildlife Service

### Availability of Environmental Assessments/Habitat Conservation Plans and Receipt of Applications for Incidental Take Permits for Construction of Single-Family Residences Within Travis County, TX

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Bette Craddock Pressler (Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for incidental take permits pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The requested permits, which are for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction on one single-family residence on each lot within Travis County, Texas. The Applicant has been assigned the following permit numbers: Lot number 6—PRT-800439, Lot number 5—PRT-800438, Lot number 4—PRT-800440, Lot number 3—PRT-800441, Lot number 1—PRT-800442, and Lot number 2—PRT-800443.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessments/Habitat Conservation Plans (EA/HCP's) for the incidental take applications. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made before 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**DATES:** Written comments on the application and EA/HCP should be received by June 8, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the application(s) may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102. Persons wishing to review the individual EA/HCP(s) may obtain a copy by contacting Joseph E. Johnston or Alma Barrera, Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Hartland Bank Building, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0063).

Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (9:00 to 4:30). Written data or comments concerning the application(s) and EA/HCP(s) should be submitted to the Acting Field Supervisors, Ecological Services Field Office, Austin, Texas (see **ADDRESSES** above). Please refer to applicable Permit Numbers when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joseph E. Johnston or Alma Barrera at the above Austin Ecological Service Field Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Bette Craddock Pressler plans to construct single-family residences on Lots 1-6 on Red Bud Trail, West Lake Hills, Austin, Travis County, Texas. This action will eliminate less than one-half acre of land and indirectly impact less than one additional acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat per residence. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by placing \$1,500 for each residence in the City of Austin Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Fund to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because selling or not developing the subject property with