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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared April 22, 1996 Through April 26, 1996 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) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 5, 1996 (61 FR 15251).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-L65255-AK Rating EC2, Control Lake Timber Sale, Implementation, Prince of Wales Island, Tongass National Forest, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns related to potential impacts of the project on water quality and the marine environment.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65259-OR Rating EC2, Foss Perkins Analysis Area, Vegetation Management and Timber Sale, Ochoco National Forest, Snow Mountain Ranger District, Harney County, OR.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns based on potential water quality impacts to Silver Creek, a 303(d) listed, impaired water body according to the Oregon State Department of Environmental Quality.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65260-WA Rating EC2, Taneum/Peaches Road Access Project, Issuance of Two Temporary Permits to Plum Creek for Road Construction, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District, Kittitas County, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns related to alternative selection prior to the Plum Creek Habitat Conservation Plan and the Snoqualmie Pass Adaptive Management Area plans and insufficient information to evaluate potential impacts to a 303(d) listed waterbody, Lookout Creek.

ERP No. D-BLM-J65247-UT Rating EC2, Dixie Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Cedar City Ranger District, Washington County, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns due to potential impacts to water quality, air quality and wildlife habitat. EPA requested that the discussion of these issues be expanded in the final document.

ERP No. D-NPS-K65180-CA Rating LO, Lava Beds National Monument, General Management Plan, Implementation, Siskiyou and Modoc Counties, CA.

SUMMARY: EPA had no objections to the proposed action.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-L02021-00 Umatilla and Malheur National Forests Oil and Gas Exploration and Development, Lease Offerings, several counties, WA and OR.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the EIS lacks the criteria for subsequent NEPA documentation which would be tiered from this EIS.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65228-ID Tailholt Administrative Research Study, Timber Harvesting and Road Construction, Payette National Forest, Krassel Ranger District, Valley County, ID.

SUMMARY: EPA had no objections to the preferred alternative as described in the EIS.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65244-ID Fall Creek Post-Fire Project, Harvesting Fire-Killed and Damage Trees, Implementation, McCall Ranger District, Payette National Forest, Valley County, ID.

SUMMARY: EPA had no objections to the preferred alternative as described in the EIS.

ERP No. F-COE-J35010-UT Kennecott Tailings Modernization Project, Tailings Impoundment Expansion, COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Salt Lake County, UT.

SUMMARY: The FEIS substantively addresses most of EPA's concerns; although the potential for bioaccumulation of selenium is a continuing concern. The CERCLA process and the proposed mitigation and monitoring plans should adequately address issues identified during the ongoing ecological risk assessments.

ERP No. F-SCS-J36046-UT Muddy Creek—Orderville Watershed Plan, Offsite Salt and Sediment Damage to Water Quality in the Virgin River and the Colorado River, Wildlife Habitat and Rangeland Productivity Enhancements, Approvals and Funding, Kane County, UT.

SUMMARY: EPA had no objections to the project as proposed.

ERP No. FS-AFS-L65183-AK Central Prince of Wales Ketchikan Pulp Long-Term Timber Sale, Additional

Information, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, Prince of Wales Island, AK.

SUMMARY: EPA had no objections to the preferred alternative as described in the EIS.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed April 29, 1996 Through May 3, 1996 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 960201, Final EIS, AFS, NV, CA, Heavenly Ski Resort Master Plan, Improvement, Expansion and Management, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Special-Use-Permit, Douglas County, NV and El Dorado and Alpine Counties, CA, Due: June 10, 1996, Contact: Virgil Anderson (916) 573-2600.

EIS No. 960202, Draft EIS, FHW, WI, US 151 Highway Project, Dickeyville to Belmont, Improvements, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Grant and Lafayette Counties, WI, Due: July 1, 1996, Contact: Richard C. Madrzak (608) 829-7510.

EIS No. 960203, Final EIS, AFS, MS, G.F. Erambert and Black Creek Seed Orchards Pest Management Plan, Implementation, Southern Region, National Forests in Mississippi, Forrest and Perry Counties, MS, Due: June 10, 1996, Contact: Dennis Weber (503) 326-7171.

EIS No. 960204, Final EIS, COE, MS, Coldwater River Watershed Demonstration Erosion Control Project, Flood and Sediment Control Measures, Implementation, Yazoo Basin, Marshall, Benton and Tate Counties, MS, Due: June 14, 1996, Contact: Wendell King (601) 631-5967.

EIS No. 960205, Final EIS, AFS, AK, 1995 Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area Management Plan, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, Juneau Ranger District, Chatham Area, AK, Due: June 10, 1996, Contact: Joni Packard (907) 586-8800.

EIS No. 960206, Draft EIS, AFS, NV, Spring Mountains National Recreation