

on the responses. A summary of those responses is shown on Table C.

An environmental evaluation meeting was also held on June 24, 1993, to identify environmental concerns and issues and discuss how best to address those concerns.

Numerous newspaper articles, newsletters, and radio public service announcements have been aired to provide public information. Public meetings with the news media in attendance were held to gain input and inform the public.

A public meeting in the morning and a sponsors meeting in the afternoon were held December 2, 1993, to determine the desirability of pursuing a planning authorization and review the preliminary plan. The sponsors felt that cost shared management practices were essential to get adequate water quality improvement. Potential alternatives and the responsibilities of each sponsor and NRCS were stressed in discussions. The SCDs have the right of eminent domain under authority established by state law. If needed, they are willing to fulfill their agreements to see that a plan is formulated and implemented.

The public and sponsors encouraged NRCS to go forth with the request for planning. Potential practices and alternatives were reviewed to identify what may be needed. A revised application was developed and approved by the sponsors to slightly change the watershed size and sponsors in January 1994.

The sponsors reviewed the preauthorization report in March 1994 and concurred with the report. However, the sponsors requested cost share on management practices. NRCS, agreed to pursue cost sharing for management practices. The preauthorization report was transmitted to the WNTC in Portland for technical review in April 1994. A review by the WNTC was completed on June 30, 1994. Comments were incorporated, and on July 28, 1994, the SCD boards reviewed WNTC comments on the Preauthorization Plan, and agreed to continue their support of the plan even though cost sharing for management practices were not approved.

The SCD boards have met regularly and provided positive leadership to the furthering of conservation and improvement of the watershed. Ongoing water quality, quantity and management practices are being installed by a combination of landowner, district and state funds. The two district boards cooperated in getting a 319 demonstration project, approved in February 1994, to show the value of surge irrigation and irrigation water

management on six fields in the watershed area.

On September 26, 1994 the watershed was approved for planning. A meeting was held in December 1994 with field and area staffs, the State Water Resources Planning staff, and sponsors to review the Plan of Work and develop assignments to complete the watershed plan. A scoping meeting and environmental assessment meeting was held at this time.

The Watershed Plan was developed and reviewed with the sponsors at their board meetings in May, 1995. They requested that NRCS have a public meeting to present the plan to all interested publics. On June 1, 1995, a public meeting was held in Lamar, Colorado. It was the consensus of those present to move forward into inter-agency review.

Specific consultation was conducted with the State Historic Preservation Officer concerning cultural resources in the watershed.

Public meetings were held throughout the planning process to keep all interested parties informed of the study progress and to obtain public input to the plan and environmental evaluation.

Agency consultation and public participation to date has shown no unresolved conflicts related to the project plan.

Conclusion

The Environmental Assessment summarized above indicates that this federal action will not cause significant local, regional, or national impact on the environment. Therefore, based on the above findings, I have determined that an environmental impact statement for the Limestone-Graveyard Creeks Watershed Plan is not required.

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Stuart N. Simpson,
Assistant State Conservationist.
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Limestone-Graveyard Creeks; Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the NRCS Regulations (7 CFR Part 650); the NRCS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact

statement is not being prepared for the Limestone-Graveyard Creeks Watershed, Bent and Prowers Counties, Colorado.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these finds, Duane L. Johnson, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The project purpose is a plan for watershed protection. The planned works of improvement include accelerated technical assistance for implementing land treatment with practices such as conservation tillage, irrigation water management and enduring practices to reduce deep percolation to improve water quality.

The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Stuart N. Simpson.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic under No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which required intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials)

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the California Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the California Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 2:00 p.m.