

## VERMONT

## Chittenden County

Gray Rocks (Agricultural Resources of Vermont MPS), US 2, near jct. with US 89, Richmond, 96001534

## WEST VIRGINIA

## Ohio County

Shaw Hall, West Liberty State College, Bethany Pike, approximately 1.25 mi. S of jct. with Locust Grove Rd., West Liberty, 96001528

Shotwell Hall, West Liberty State College, Bethany Pike, approximately 1.25 mi. S of jct. with Locust Grove Rd., West Liberty, 96001529

## WISCONSIN

## Grant County

Potosi Badger Huts Site, .5 mi. SW of jct. of WI 133 and WI U, Potosi vicinity, 96001532

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**Bureau of Reclamation**

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Rio Grande and Low Flow Conveyance Channel Between San Acacia, NM and Elephant Butte Reservoir**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) addressing possible changes to the configuration and operation of the Rio Grande "Floodway" and Low Flow Conveyance Channel between San Acacia, New Mexico and Elephant Butte Reservoir. Public scoping meetings will be held to obtain comments from interested organizations and individuals on what issues should be considered in the DEIS.

**DATES:** Two public meetings will be held in January 1997 to present information and solicit public input. The first meeting will be held on January 21, 1997, in Albuquerque, at the University of New Mexico from 3:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The second meeting will be held on January 22, 1997, in Socorro, New Mexico at the Bureau of Reclamation Field Division Office from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting in Albuquerque will be held at the University of New Mexico Union Building, Rooms 250 A, B, and C (the

Union Bldg., is located north of Pope Joy Hall). The Socorro meeting will be held at the Bureau of Reclamation Socorro Field Division Office Building, 2401 State Road 1, in the east assembly room. Written comments should be submitted to Mr. Chris Gorbach, Project Team Leader at the address listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mr. Chris Gorbach, Project Team Leader, Bureau of Reclamation, 505 Marquette NW, Suite 1313, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87102; telephone: 505-248-5379. E-mail: cgorbach@uc.usbr.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Flood Control Acts of 1948 and 1950 authorize Reclamation to construct and maintain channel works on the Rio Grande between Velarde, New Mexico and Caballo Reservoir. These works promote efficient conveyance of water to Elephant Butte Reservoir. Channel works assist in meeting water delivery obligations required by interstate compact and international treaty. They also assist in providing reliable valley drainage and contribute to the safe passage of flood waters. To assure that these project purposes continue to be met effectively, Reclamation is reevaluating the configuration and operation of the channel system between San Acacia, New Mexico and Elephant Butte Reservoir. The channel facilities specifically involved in this reevaluation are the Low Flow Conveyance Channel and the Rio Grande Channel or "Floodway."

Factors prompting a reevaluation of the channel system and its operation include changes in the flow of the Rio Grande due to climatic variation and infrastructure changes. Chronic sediment management problems, anticipated reductions in Federal funding, and new legal constraints, such as the Endangered Species Act, on system operation are also factors that prompt this reevaluation. The needs of endangered species and requirements for preservation and enhancement of the Rio Grande bosque will be considered. The DEIS will address possible actions or changes in the operation of the system that may result from the findings of these investigations.

Besides ensuring continued fulfillment of original project purposes, Reclamation will analyze the environmental impacts associated with the maintenance and operation of the floodway and Low Flow Conveyance Channel system.

Dated: December 4, 1996.

Charles A. Calhoun,

*Regional Director.*

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**Investigation 332-375]**

**The Dynamic Effects of Trade Liberalization: An Empirical Analysis**

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation and request for written submissions.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 2, 1996.

**SUMMARY:** Following receipt on November 1, 1996, of a request from the Office of the U. S. Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-375, The Dynamic Effects of Trade Liberalization: An Empirical Analysis, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Information on economic aspects of the investigation may be obtained from Michael Ferrantino, Office of Economics (202-205-3241), Arona Butcher, Office of Economics (202-205-3301), or William Donnelly, Office of Economics (202-205-3223), and on legal aspects, from William Gearhart, Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202-205-1810).

*Background:* This investigation follows a previous investigation requested by the United States Trade Representative on a similar topic ("The Dynamic Effects of Trade Liberalization: A Survey," Investigation No. 332-324, USITC publication 2608, February 1993). In its report the Commission will, as requested by USTR in its November 1, 1996 letter, review and summarize the existing literature on the dynamic effects from trade, both theoretical and empirical, both completed and in progress, with an emphasis on empirical literature. The Commission will include, as background, a general discussion of the relationship between trade and the underlying causes of economic growth, such as capital accumulation, technological change, and labor force growth.