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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Assessment Plan: Grand Calumet River, Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, Indiana Harbor and Associated Lake Michigan Environments; Notice of Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that the public comment period for the document titled "Assessment Plan: Grand Calumet River, Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, Indiana Harbor and Associated Lake Michigan Environments" is extended for 30 days. Initial notice of availability was published on October 14, 1997 with a deadline for submittal of comments of November 13, 1997. This notice extends the comment period until 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

The U.S. Department of the Interior, and the State of Indiana ("trustees") are trustees for natural resources considered in this assessment, pursuant to subpart G of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 CFR 300.600 and 300.610, and Executive Order 12580.

The trustees are following the guidance of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at 43 CFR Part 11. The public review of the Plan announced by this Notice is provided for in 43 CFR 11.32(c).

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Plan. Copies of the Plan can be requested from the address listed below. All written comments will be considered by the trustees and included in the Report of Assessment, at the conclusion of the assessment process.

DATES: Written comments on the Plan must be submitted on or before December 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Plan may be made to: Supervisor, Ecological Services Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 620 S. Walker Street, Bloomington, Indiana 47403

or:

Ms. Elizabeth Admire, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, 100 N. Senate Avenue, P.O. Box 6015, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6015.

Comments on the Plan should be sent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at the address listed above. The trustees will coordinate comment review.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The trustees are undertaking an assessment of damages resulting from the suspected injury to natural resources of the Grand Calumet River, Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, Indiana Harbor and Associated Lake Michigan Environments which have been exposed to hazardous substances released by area steel mills, refineries and other potential sources. It is suspected that this exposure has caused injury and resultant damages to trustee resources. The injury and resultant damages will be assessed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, and the Clean Water Act, as amended. The Plan addresses the trustees' overall assessment approach and utilizes existing data. Plan addenda may be prepared by the trustees to provide public notice of additional data collection activities.

William F. Hartwig,

Regional Director, Region 3, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Technology Transfer Act of 1986

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is planning to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Lizardtech Company, Seattle, Washington. The purpose of the CRADA is to jointly discover the most efficient and affordable delivery mechanisms and product development methods for digital image data; specifically large numbers of Digital Orthophoto Quadrangles in more acceptable formats to a wider market segment.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be addressed to the Acting Chief of Research, U.S.

Geological Survey, National Mapping Division, 500 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; Telephone (703) 648-4643, facsimile (703) 648-4706; Internet "ebrunson@usgs.gov".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ernest B. Brunson, address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the USGS Survey Manual.

Dated: October 31, 1997.

Richard E. Witmer,

Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Emergency Closure for the Elk Springs Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Sandoval County, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of emergency closure of access.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective November 17, 1997, a road located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 29, T. 19 N., R. 1 W., NMPM, is closed to all forms of access except as specifically authorized by the Bureau of Land Management. The purpose of this road closure is to prevent unnecessary degradation of resources, undue environmental damage and to ensure resource protection on public lands. The area is being temporarily closed during the winter and spring when the elk/deer are most heavily occupying the area. All roads within the proximity of the Elks Spring ACEC are limited to motorized vehicles, using existing roads and trails.

The emergency access closure is in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR 8364.1. This designation remains in effect until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Jaramillo, Realty Specialist at Bureau of Land Management, Rio Puerco Resource Area, 435 Montano NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107, (505) 761-8779.

Dated: November 5, 1997.

Michael R. Ford,

District Manager.

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