

measures, incorporating state and local measures whenever possible, for only those projects which request federal financial assistance.

VII. Summary

This determination affects only the Poolesville Area Aquifer System located in Western Montgomery County, MD. As a result of this Sole Source Aquifer determination, all federal financially-assisted projects proposed in the designated area will be subject to EPA review to ensure that they do not create a significant hazard to public health. Once designated, the Poolesville Area Aquifer System will become part of the existing MD Piedmont SSA area.

Dated: January 14, 1998.

Thomas C. Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region III.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared January 19, 1998 through January 23, 1998 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) 564-7267.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 11, 1997 (62 FR 16154).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65277-CO Rating EC2, Sheep Flats Diversity Unit, Timber Sales and Related Road Construction, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Collbran Ranger District, Mesa County, CO.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information related to sedimentation potential, surface water resource buffer zone mitigation and intermittent road closure BMPs.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65279-MT Rating EC2, Wayup Mine/Fourth of July Road Access, Right-of-Way Grant, Kootenai National Forest, Libby Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and

recommended additional alternatives be developed to minimize water quality impacts, disclosure of the effects of "motorized" mine exploration and development and incorporation of total maximum daily loads for water pollutants in the EIS.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65281-UT Rating LO, Spruce Ecosystem Recovery Project, Implementation, Dixie National Forest, Cedar City Ranger District, Iron County, UT.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed lack of objections.

ERP No. D-AFS-K65201-CA Rating EC2, Liberty Forest Health Improvement Project, Implementation, Tahoe National Forests, Sierraville Ranger District, Sierra and Nevada Counties, CA.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed environmental concerns involving threshold of concern (TOC) exceedences in three sub-watersheds and road management proposals.

ERP No. D-BLM-J01076-WY Rating EC2, Powder River (WYW136142) and Thundercloud (WYW136458) Coal Lease Applications, Federal Coal Leasing, Campbell and Converse Counties, WY.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information related to Air Quality and Irreversible and Irrecoverable Commitment of Resources.

ERP No. D-BLM-L65295-OR Rating EC2, Northeastern Oregon Assembled Land Exchange Resource Management Plan (RMP), Implementation, Site Specific, John Day, Umatilla, Granda Ronde, Power River Basins, Grant, Umatilla, Morrow, Wheeler, Baker, Wallowa and Union, OR.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed environmental concerns based on potential water quality and riparian habitat impacts, loss of Columbia Basin shrub-steppe habitat, and loss of old growth forest habitat.

ERP No. DS-AFS-J65213-MT Rating LO, Helena National Forest and Elkhorn Mountain portion of the Deerlodge National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Updated Information on Oil and Gas Leasing, Implementation, several counties, MT.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed lack of objections.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J02034-UT, Western Uinta Basin Oil and Gas Leasing, Implementation, Federal Oil and Gas Estate on Land Administered by the Uinta and Ashley National Forests in the western portion of the National Forests in the Western portion of the Uinta Basin, Wasatch and Duchesne Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objection to the preferred alternative described in the Final EIS.

ERP No. F-AFS-J65257-UT, High Uintas Wilderness Forest Plan Amendment, Implementation, Ashley and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, Duchesne and Summit Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections with the preferred alternative.

ERP No. F-AFS-J65258-MT, Lewis and Clark National Forest Plan, Implementation, Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis, Upper Missouri River Basin, several counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the cumulative impacts analysis, and impacts to wetlands and air quality. EPA recommended that air and water quality monitoring be implemented at the lease proposal stage to verify site conditions and validate predictions.

ERP No. F-AFS-J65264-UT, Sheepherder Hill Sanitation Salvage Sale, Management of Selected Vegetation Stands, Implementation, Uinta National Forest, Spanish Fork District, Nebo Management Area, Utah County, UT.

Summary: The final EIS addressed EPA's concerns.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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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

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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

EIS No. 980016, Draft EIS, NSF, Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Proposal to Modernize through Reconstruction and Replacement of Key Facilities, Antarctica, Due: March 23, 1998. Contact: Joyce A. Jatko (703) 306-1032.

EIS No. 980017, Final EIS, IBR, CA, Hamilton City Pumping Plant, Fish Screen Improvement Project, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Central Valley, Butte, Colusa, Glenn and