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The Bureau of Prisons proposes to construct and operate either a high security United States Penitentiary or a medium security Federal Correctional Institution, both with an adjacent minimum security satellite camp, in the Northern Panhandle region of West Virginia. The high security facility would have a rated capacity of approximately 1,000 inmates. The medium security facility would be designed to have a rated capacity of approximately 1,200 inmates, and the minimum security component would house approximately 150-300. Sites currently under consideration are located in Ohio County and Tyler County, West Virginia. The potential site also would be used for road access, administration, programs and services, parking, and support facilities.

In the process of evaluating potential sites, several aspects will receive a detailed examination including utilities, traffic patterns, noise levels, visual intrusions, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, and socio-economic impacts.

Alternatives. In developing the DEIS, the options of "no action" and "alternative sites" for the proposed facility will be fully and thoroughly examined.

Scoping Process. Informal discussions and meetings with local economic development staff have already been held on the proposed project, and during the preparation of the DEIS, there will be numerous other opportunities for public involvement. The public scoping meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 1998, at the Northern West Virginia Community College (B & O Auditorium) located at 1704 Market Street, Wheeling, West Virginia. The meeting has been well publicized and is scheduled at a time that will make the meeting possible for the public and interested agencies or organizations to attend.

DEIS Preparation. Public notice will be given concerning the availability of the DEIS for public review and comment.

ADDRESSES: Questions concerning the proposed action and the DEIS can be answered by: David J. Dorworth, Chief, Site Selection & Environmental Review Branch, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20534, Telephone: (202) 514-6470,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Prisons

Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Construction of a Federal Correctional Facility in Northeastern West Virginia

AGENCY: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

SUMMARY:

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The Bureau of Prisons proposes to construct and operate either a high security United States Penitentiary or a medium security Federal Correctional Institution, both with an adjacent minimum security satellite camp, in Northeastern West Virginia. The high security facility would have a rated capacity of approximately 1,000 inmates. The medium security facility would be designed to have a rated capacity of approximately 1,200 inmates, and the minimum security component would house approximately 150-300. Sites currently under consideration are located in Preston County, West Virginia. The potential site also would be used for road access, administration, programs and services, parking, and support facilities.

In the process of evaluating potential sites, several aspects will receive a detailed examination including utilities, traffic patterns, noise levels, visual intrusions, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, and socio-economic impacts.

Alternatives: In developing the DEIS, the options of "no action" and "alternative sites" for the proposed facility will be fully and thoroughly examined.

Scoping Process: Informal discussions and meetings with local economic development staff have already been

held on the proposed project, and during the preparation of the DEIS, there will be numerous other opportunities for public involvement. The public scoping meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 1998, at the Masontown Volunteer Fire Department building located on West Virginia Route 7 in Masontown, West Virginia. The meeting has been well publicized and is scheduled at a time that will make the meeting possible for the public and interested agencies or organizations to attend.

DEIS Preparation: Public notice will be given concerning the availability of the DEIS for public review and comment.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional