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Dated: February 25, 1998.

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UTAH RECLAMATION MITIGATION AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision on the Provo River Restoration Project

AGENCIES: The Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Mitigation Commission).

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: On February 23, 1998, Don A. Christiansen, Chairman of the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission signed the Record of Decision (ROD) which documents the selection of the Proposed Action (the Riverine Habitat Restoration Alternative) as presented in the Provo River Restoration Project (PRRP) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), MC FES 97-01, filed December 23, 1997. The Mitigation Commission and the Department of the Interior served as

joint lead agencies in the preparation of the PRRP FEIS. The Proposed Action and three alternatives are described and evaluated in the FEIS upon which the ROD is based. Implementation of the Proposed Action responds to the Mitigation Commission's and the Department of the Interior's need to mitigate for impacts of the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project and other federal reclamation projects and to restore and improve fish and riparian habitats in the Provo River. The Proposed Action will accomplish this by making modifications to the shape, slope and alignment of the Provo River between Jordanelle Dam and Deer Creek Reservoir (Project Area). The objective of the modifications is to create a more naturally functioning river system, and thereby enhance biological productivity and diversity of the fish habitat, riparian, and other environmental resources in the river corridor. Public access would be provided to the restored and enhanced fishery and natural area.

The Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior, will issue a separate ROD for the PRRP. The Assistant Secretary's separate decision is necessitated by the responsibility and authority of the Department of the Interior to mitigate for reclamation projects and because of the use of federal lands and interests in lands administered by the Bureau of Reclamation within the Project Area for the PRRP.

The Mitigation Commission selected the Proposed Action because it most thoroughly and effectively meets the need to restore and improve fish and riparian habitats in the Provo River as mitigation for the CUP and the Provo River Project. The Proposed Action meets mitigation requirements established by the Bureau of Reclamation's 1987 Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Statement for the Municipal and Industrial System of the Bonneville Unit (INT FES 87-8); by the 1988 Supplement to the Definite Plan Report for the Bonneville Unit; by the 1988 Aquatic Mitigation Plan for the Strawberry Aqueduct and Collection System of the Bonneville Unit of CUP; and by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's report on the PRRP which

identified mitigation needs for the Provo River Project.

The Proposed Action will accomplish these measures by increasing the length of the Provo River by 19 percent and improving the quality of the associated fish, wildlife and riparian habitat by restoring a meandering channel pattern and floodplain. Trout biomass is expected to increase by 481 percent over baseline. The Proposed Action would restore 237 acres of riparian habitats, thereby meeting the need for riparian habitat mitigation for impacts of the Jordanelle Reservoir component of the Municipal and Industrial System of the Bonneville Unit of CUP. Of principal significance, the Proposed Action not only meets the legal mitigation obligations of the PRRP, but is the alternative that most thoroughly meets the Mitigation Commission's ecosystem restoration standard established by the Central Utah Project Completion Act (Public Law 102-575) in 1992.

During preparation of the FEIS, the Mitigation Commission consulted formally on listed species with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) under § 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. sections 1531 to 1544, as amended). In a letter dated December 10, 1997, the FWS indicated that the Proposed Action Alternative selected by this ROD is not likely to adversely affect listed or proposed species or designated or proposed critical habitats. The Mitigation Commission and the Department of the Interior will continue to consult with FWS prior to and during construction to avoid actions that may affect proposed or listed species or their proposed or designated critical habitats. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Additional information on matters related to this **Federal Register** notice can be obtained at the address and telephone number set forth below:

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Dated: February 24, 1998.

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*Executive Director, Utah Reclamation
Mitigation and Conservation Commission.*

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