

and suggested the final EIS develop site-specific ground water data and define the selected protection measures.

ERP No. D-BLM-J67026-MT Rating EC2, Golden Sunlight Mine Expansion, Implementation of Amendment 008 to Operating Permit No. 0065, COE Section 404 Permit, Whitehall, Jefferson County MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about implementing the proposed environmental mitigation measures and suggested the final EIS calculate the final bonding amount needed to comply with water quality standards in perpetuity and improve the groundwater mixing zone procedure.

ERP No. DR-AFS-K65184-CA Rating EC2, Aock Creek Recreational Trails Management Plan, Implementation, Additional Information, Eldorado National Forest, Georgetown Ranger Director, Eldorado County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about numerous substantive changes to the Forest Service's preferred alternative, and recommended that the Forest Service take additional steps to address high road densities and excessive sediment delivery in the project area. The final monitoring plan identify specific sedimentation minimization targets and follow-up actions.

ERP No. D1-AFS-J65111-MT, Rating EC2, Flathead National Forest, Management Direction Plan Related to Old Growth Forests, Forest Plan Amendment No. 21, Implementation, Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula and Lewis and Clark Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and recommends that the preferred alternative be modified to include areas of old growth to monitor ecological responses and to allow protect biodiversity and grizzly bear habitat.

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ERP No. F-AFS-J61098-MT, Lost Trail Ski Area Expansion Project, Implementation, New Master Development Plan, Bitterroot National Forest, Sula Ranger District, Ravalli County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about inadequate wetlands mitigation, potential water quality degradation associated with increased wastewater pollutant loading, lack of adequate analysis and disclosure or indirect growth related impacts and air quality impacts.

ERP No. F-AFS-J65263-SD, Anchor Hill Mine Expansion Project in Gilt Edge Mine, Plan-of-Operations,

Approval, Black Hills National Forest, SD.

Summary: The Final EIS has addressed many of EPA's comment however, EPA has remaining concerns about the inadequate cash reclamation bonding, the absence of post closure operations and maintenance (O&M) funding/bonding and contingency plans, and long term water quality protection.

ERP No. F-AFS-J65271-MT, Jericho Salvage Timber Sale, Implementation, Salvage Treatments and Temporary Road Construction, Helena National Forest, Helena Ranger District, Powell County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about proposed reduction of streamside buffer zone widths below INFISH recommended widths, and inadequate water quality/aquatics monitoring for the detection and mitigation of all potential environmental impacts of the management actions.

Dated: March 24, 1998.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5987-5]

Public Meeting on the Ground Water Disinfection Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notification is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding three public meetings concerning the Ground Water Disinfection Rule (GWDR). The objective of these meetings are to provide the public with the current available data and the potential regulatory options under consideration to support the GWDR development; ask for comments on the data and potential regulatory options; solicit further data if available; as well as to identify parties who may be interested in further meetings.

DATES: The first meeting will be held on May 5, 1998, in Portland, OR. The second will be held on June 9, 1998, in Madison, WI. The last meeting will be held on June 25, 1998, in Dallas, TX.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: EPA will provide a copy of meeting materials prior to each meeting to anyone

requesting it. To register for any of these meetings and for copies of the meeting materials please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791 or Martha Kucera at US EPA (202) 260-7773, kucera.martha@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Safe Drinking Water Act as amended in 1996 directs EPA to promulgate regulations requiring disinfection "as necessary" for ground water systems. The intention of the GWDR is to reduce microbial contamination risk from public water sources relying on ground water. To determine if treatment is necessary, the rule will establish a framework to identify public water supplies vulnerable to microbial contamination and to develop and implement risk control strategies including but not limited to disinfection. This rulemaking will apply to all public water systems that use ground water, which includes noncommunity systems.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

W. R. Diamond,

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act [Public Law 92-463], EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is giving notice of a public meeting of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and Friday, April 17, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: the Holiday Inn (Hotel & Suites, Historic District Alexandria); 625 First Street; Alexandria, Virginia 22314; Telephone number: 703 548-6300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Margie Fehrenbach or Linda Murray, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 1119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway; Arlington, VA 22202; Phone: 703 305-