

aquatic and wetland habitat at the Montezuma Enhancement Site under Alternative 3 would be the same as that described under the proposed action.

Under Alternative 4, Pacific Gas and Electric Company would replace the existing fish screens at Units 1-6 at the Pittsburg Power Plant and Units 6 and 7 at the Contra Costa Power Plant with screens having smaller mesh sizes (e.g., 1/8 by 1/2 inch) and lower approach velocities according to NMFS and the California Department of Fish and Game guidelines. The smaller mesh sizes and lower prescribed approach velocities necessitate additional major changes in the intake structures including: (1) an increase in the overall cross-sectional area of the intake bays (to reduce approach velocities); (2) the need for continuous rotating screens (to clean the smaller mesh screens); and (3) the need for fish bypass and return systems (to collect fish entrapped in the fish-screen cleaning system and return them safely to the Delta at a safe distance from the intake systems of the plants).

Under the No-Action Alternative, the Service and NMFS would not issue incidental take permits, the plants would not continue to operate, Pacific Gas and Electric Company would not implement species protection and minimization measures as provided under the Conservation Plan, Pacific Gas and Electric Company would not implement the habitat enhancement project at the Montezuma Enhancement site, nor would they convey a perpetual conservation easement on the Montezuma Site to the California Department of Fish and Game.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). The Service and NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act regulations and section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act. If it is determined that requirements are met, permits will be issued for incidental take of the listed species.

Dated: September 4, 1998.

Michael J. Spear,

Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Sacramento, California.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

Kevin Collins,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, Silver Spring, Maryland.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-250-1220-00]

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB Approval Number 1004-019

The proposal for the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information, related forms, and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. One June 26, 1998, BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 34918) requesting comments on the proposed collection. The comment period closed on August 25, 1998. BLM received no comments from the public in response to that request. OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond within 30 days. For maximum consideration, your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Desk Officer (1004-0119), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20503. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Clearance Officer (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St., N.W., mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Nature of Comments: We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for BLM's proper functioning, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information,

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology.

Abstract: Respondents supply identifying information and data on proposed commercial, competitive, or individual recreational use, respectively, when required, to determine eligibility for a permit. This information allows the Bureau of Land Management to authorize requested use and determine appropriate fees. This information will also be used to tabulate recreation use data for the annual *Federal Recreation Fee Report* as required by the Land and Water Conservation Act.

Bureau Form Number: 8370-1.

Frequency: On occasion.

Description of Respondents:

Recreation visitors to areas of the public lands, and related waters, where special recreation permits are required.

Estimated Completion Time: .5 hours.

Annual Responses: 31,000.

Annual Burden Hours: 15,500.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Carole Smith 202-452-0367.

Dated: August 26, 1998.

Carole J. Smith,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ 952 1990 00]

Arizona: Announcement of Automated Land and Mineral Records System; Notice of Temporary Unavailability of Automated Records

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a new automated system of records, the Automated Land and Mineral Record System (ALMRS), is being implemented by the Bureau of Land Management in Arizona. The expected implementation of this system is November 16, 1998. In preparation for the implementation of this new system, the Bureau's current ORCA, Case Recordation, and Mining Claim Recordation Systems for Arizona will continue to be available for public

viewing. However, these systems will not be updated after mid-September for approximately 60 days. Any new actions will be updated after deployment of ALMRS. The Information Access Centers will continue to provide current status through manual tracking systems and the paper records.

ADDRESSES: See Supplementary Information section for website information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Burger, Group Administrator, Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004-2203, (602) 417-9200. Field Office telephone numbers are listed in Supplementary Information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ALMRS is a unique automated system of records which incorporates data from the currently used automated record systems: On-Line Recordation and Case Access (ORCA)/Case Recordation (CR) and Mining Claim Recordation (MCR). Combining these systems creates a new and efficient automated system of recording, maintaining, and retrieving land use and land availability to meet BLM's mission as a land management agency. ALMRS will allow user access to automated public land records through the use of computers by viewing the application throughout Arizona BLM's Information Access Centers (IACs). The majority of ALMRS user requests for information refers to data from land and mineral cases, and will be available from standard reports. ALMRS data will be accessible to BLM personnel; other federal, state, and local agencies; private industry; and public customers. However, access to proprietary or confidential information will be available according to security, Privacy Act, and FOIA regulations.

If you have questions regarding this notice, you may visit our website at: <http://azwww.az.blm.gov> or contact any Arizona BLM Office:

Arizona State Office—602-417-0200
Arizona Strip Field Office—801-688-3200

Kingman Field Office—520-757-3161
Lake Havasu Field Office—520-505-1200

Phoenix Field Office—602-780-8090
Safford Field Office—520-348-4400
Tucson Field Office—520-722-4289
Yuma Field Office—520-317-3200

Dated: September 14, 1998.

Carol Burger,

Group Administrator, Public Info & Records.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-040-7122-00-5513; AZA 28793; AZA 29640]

Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Dos Pobres/San Juan Project Case Number AZA 28793 and AZA 29640, Safford Field Office, Graham County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Safford Field Office, United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Dos Pobres/San Juan Project, as described in the mining plan of operations (MPO) submitted by Phelps Dodge Safford, Inc. The DEIS analyzes the anticipated impacts to the human environment resulting from the development of the Dos Pobres and San Juan copper ore deposits, located in Graham County near Safford, Arizona, by Phelps Dodge Safford, Inc. The proposed mining operation utilizes conventional open pits mining methods combined with solvent extraction electrowinning (SXEW) refining technology and is expected to produce 2.9 billion pounds of copper over the projected 16 year life of the mine. The proposed mining operation utilizes private lands owned by Phelps Dodge, Inc., and BLM-administered public lands. Surface disturbing impact are anticipated on 3,332 acres of land of which 1,935 acres are public lands administered by the BLM.

As an alternative to the mining plan of operations, Phelps Dodge has proposed a land exchange which involves trading 17,000 acres of BLM-administered public lands for 3,858 acres of private lands owned by Phelps Dodge, Inc. The BLM-administered public lands, Phelps Dodge, Inc., proposes to acquire, are located in the Safford Mining District in the vicinity of the Dos Pobres, San Juan and Lone Star ore deposits. They are expected to be utilized for mining-related purposes. The eleven private properties offered for exchange to the BLM by Phelps Dodge, Inc., are all located within the state of Arizona. All eleven-offered parcels are either in holdings within or adjacent to large blocks of federal lands. If the land exchange alternative were to be approved, the 325 acre Tavasci Marsh property would be administered by the National Park Service since it is within

the boundaries of the Tuzigoot National Monument while the other ten-offered properties would be managed by the BLM. The offered lands either contain high value riparian and aquatic resources which provide habitat for fish and wildlife including threatened and endangered species, or will contribute to resolving public land management problems such as access to public lands in the Dos Cabezas Wilderness Area, Cienega Creek Resource Conservation Area and the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area.

This DEIS was prepared to comply with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, The Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act of 1988, BLM regulations governing land exchanges (43 CFR Parts 2090 and 2200), The General Mining Law and the BLM regulations governing mining operations on public lands (43 CFR Part 3809).

DATES: Written comments relating to the DEIS will be accepted until November 25, 1998. Written or oral comments may also be presented at the three public open houses to be held:

October 27, 1998, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BLM Safford Field Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546

October 28, 1998, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BLM Tucson Field Office, 12661 East Broadway, Tucson, Arizona 85748

October 29, 1998, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm.,

BLM Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Safford Field Office, Attention: Tom Terry, Project Manager, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft Environmental Impact Statement analyzes the impacts associated with four alternatives: (1) the Proposed Action (Phelps Dodge's Mining Plan of Operations); (2) a partial backfill alternative to the proposed mining plan of operations; (3) the land exchange alternative (BLM's preferred alternative) and; (4) the No Action Alternative.

Phelps Dodge, Inc., holds 844 of the 844 mining claims that are currently on file for the 17,000 acres of BLM-administered public lands they have selected for acquisition in the land exchange alternative. 2,299 acres of the Phelps Dodge private lands to be acquired by BLM would be withdrawn from mineral entry by virtue of their location within BLM or National Park Service areas previously withdrawn from the operation of the mining laws.