

Big Dry, and Powder River RMPs in Montana; the Dillon MFP in Montana; the North Dakota RMP; and the South Dakota RMP. The fire plan update will help guide future management decisions concerning fire management objectives, wildland fire suppression and rehabilitation, the use of prescribed fire and other fuel management techniques.

DATES: Comments and issues should be submitted by November 30, 1998. The EA is scheduled for release to the public in late 1998 or early 1999.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to John Thompson, Project Manager, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, MT 59107.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Thompson, 406-255-2852.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM has fire protection responsibility on more than 8 million acres of public land in Montana and the Dakotas. By agreement, the BLM also protects more than 600,000 acres of other federal and state agency lands in eastern Montana while other federal and state agencies protect 1.7 million acres of public lands for the BLM in western Montana. Over the 10-year period between 1987 and 1996, the BLM responded to over 1,500 wildland fires for which BLM had fire protection responsibility. Over 265,000 acres were burned and the fires averaged 176 acres. The largest fire burned an estimated 58,300 acres.

The Fire Management Plans are being updated to comply with the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Program Review, reduce the risk and cost of severe wildland fires, and ensure the ecological health and function of grasslands and forest ecosystems that are fire dependent. As part of these fire plan updates, the BLM will carefully analyze resource objectives, fire management objectives, appropriate response to wildland fires based on consideration of firefighter and public safety, threats to private property, anticipated suppression costs, resource values at risk, resource benefits, and political and social concerns. An environmental analysis will address how fire can be used to help achieve resource objectives identified in land use plans and to reduce dangerous accumulations of fuel especially near populated areas. Where appropriate, the BLM will amend existing RMPs to be consistent with current fire management policy and to better achieve priority resource management objectives.

Dated: October 1, 1998.

John E. Moorhouse,

Acting Deputy State Director, Division of Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting; Proposed Withdrawal at Roosevelt Lake; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the time and place for an open house to provide an opportunity for public involvement regarding the Bureau of Reclamation's application to withdraw 9,880 acres of National Forest System lands. The withdrawal is requested to protect the public from rising water levels due to the operation of the recently raised Theodore Roosevelt Dam, and to protect Reclamation's investment in the associated recreational developments at Roosevelt Lake. This notice also establishes an additional written comment period to allow people to present their views after attending the open house.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted November 17, 1998 to December 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Phoenix Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 81169, Phoenix, Arizona 85069.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Koontz, BOR Phoenix Area Office, 602-216-3852.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting was published in the **Federal Register** issue of December 3, 1997, Vol. 62, No. 232, page 63957. The notice required comments to be submitted on or before March 3, 1998 and stated that a public meeting would be held at a later date.

Notice is hereby given that an open house will be held on November 17, 1998. The open house will be held at the Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix Area Office, located in the Concord Commerce Center, Suite 100. The Concord Commerce Center is located at 2222 West Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. The open house will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The public will be able to view the reservoir maps, gather information, and ask questions.

All persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing, during the dates specified above, to the Phoenix Area Manager of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

Phillip D. Moreland,

Acting Deputy State Director, Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Report to Congress: Operations of Glen Canyon Dam Pursuant to the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992 (Water Year 1997-1998)

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Transmittal of Report to Congress and the Governors of the Colorado River Basin States.

SUMMARY: This **Federal Register** notice announces the transmittal of the Report to Congress: Operations of Glen Canyon Dam Pursuant to the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992 (Water Year 1997-1998) by the Secretary of the Interior in addition to the Governors of the Colorado River Basin States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In October 1992, the President of the United States signed into law the Reclamation Projects and Authorization and Adjustment Act (Pub. L. 102-575) containing Title XVIII-Grand Canyon Protection (GCPA). Section 1804(c)(2) of the GCPA reads as follows:

* * * the Secretary shall transmit to the Congress and to the Governors of the Colorado River Basin States a report, separate from and in addition to the report specified in section 602(b) of the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968 on the preceding year and the projected year operations undertaken pursuant to this Act.

The Report to Congress: Operations of Glen Canyon Dam Pursuant to the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992 (Water Year 1997-1998) contains background and history, 1997 and 1998 operations plans, and adaptive management activities for Glen Canyon Dam. The Record of Decision for the Environmental Impact Statement on the Operation of Glen Canyon Dam called for establishing an Adaptive Management Program (AMP) containing four elements: an Adaptive Management Work Group, a Technical Work Group, a Monitoring and Research Center, and