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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Assistant Secretary— Water and Science

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Central Utah Project Completion Act; Diamond Fork System, Bonneville Unit, Central Utah Project

AGENCIES: The Department of the Interior (Department); the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD); and the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Mitigation Commission).

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FS-FEIS).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Department, CUWCD, and the Mitigation Commission, have issued a joint Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FS-FEIS) for the Diamond Fork System, Bonneville Unit, Central Utah Project. The FS-FEIS addresses potential impacts related to construction and operation of the features proposed for completing the Diamond Fork System. The FS-FEIS is intended to satisfy disclosure requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will serve as the NEPA compliance document for contracts, agreements and permits that would be required for construction and operation of the Diamond Fork System. The Department, CUWCD, and Mitigation Commission will use the FS-FEIS and other relevant materials to plan actions and make decisions.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Diamond Fork System is one of six systems of the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project that would develop central Utah's water resources for irrigation, municipal and industrial supply, fish and wildlife, and recreation. It was first identified in the Bonneville Unit Final EIS in 1973, described in detail in the Diamond Fork Power System Final EIS in 1984, and in

the Diamond Fork System Final Supplement to the Final EIS in 1990. The Diamond Fork System has been modified over the years and has been partially constructed. Additional modifications to the System were proposed in the Spanish Fork Canyon—Nephi Irrigation System (SFN) Draft EIS in 1998. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** on October 14, 1998, announcing the Department, CUWCD, and Mitigation Commission's intent to discontinue planning of the SFN system and to prepare the Diamond Fork FS-FEIS.

Proposed Action

The Proposed Action would: (1) Maintain the statutorily mandated minimum flows in Diamond Fork Creek and Sixth Water Creek; (2) implement the Department's environmental commitments on the Diamond Fork Pipeline from the 1995 Record of Decision; (3) meet the CUWCD's Municipal and Industrial water contractual commitments to Salt Lake, Utah and Wasatch counties; and (4) provide the Mitigation Commission the opportunity and flexibility for future restoration of aquatic and riparian habitat in Sixth Water and Diamond Fork creeks to protect water quality and threatened species in Diamond Fork Creek. The Diamond Fork System would be completed by constructing a series of tunnels and pipelines to convey water through the mountainous terrain of Diamond Fork Canyon and various Diamond Fork drainage tributary canyons in the Uinta National Forest. The features would include Tanner Ridge Tunnel, Diamond Fork Siphon, Red Mountain Tunnel, Red Hollow Pipeline, Diamond Fork Creek Outlet, Spanish Fork River Outlet from Diamond Fork Pipeline, modifications to Spanish Fork River diversion dams if necessary, and other appurtenant facilities.

No Action Alternative

Implementation of the No Action Alternative under the FS-FEIS would complete the Diamond Fork System if a decision were made not to proceed with future development of the Bonneville Unit through the Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System. The features of the No Action Alternative would include Three Forks Dam and Reservoir, Diamond Fork Pipeline Extension, and Spanish Fork River Outlet.

Public Involvement

Participation has occurred throughout the EIS process. There have been numerous open houses, public

meetings, and mail-outs to solicit comments and ideas. Comments received through the process have been considered. A Notice of Intent to prepare the FS-FEIS was published October 14, 1998, in the **Federal Register** (98-27483). Publication of the Record of Decision will occur no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Additional copies of the FS-FEIS or information on matters related to this notice can be obtained on request from: Ms. Nancy Hardman, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, 355 West University Parkway, Orem, Utah 84058, Telephone: (801) 226-7187, Fax: (801) 226-7150.

Copies are also available for inspection at:

Central Utah Water Conservancy District, 355 West University Parkway, Orem, Utah 84058
 Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, 102 West 500 South, Suite 315, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
 Department of the Interior, Natural Resource Library, Serials Branch, 18th and C Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240

Department of the Interior, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Draft Environmental Statement

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the comment period for the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge is extended.

DATES: Comments must be received by the new deadline of July 31, 1999 at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Address comments and requests for more information to: Refuge Manager, Little Pend Oreille National