

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of the Assistant Secretary
Water and Science****Central Utah Project Completion Act;
Notice of Availability of the Record of
Decision on the Diamond Fork System
Final Supplement to the Final
Environmental Impact Statement
Documenting the Department of
Interior's Approval for the Central Utah
Water Conservancy District To
Proceed With the Construction of the
Proposed Action Alternative**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Record of Decision on the Diamond Fork System Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: On September 29, 1999, Mark Schaefer, Deputy Assistant Secretary—Water and Science, Department of the Interior (Interior), signed the Record of Decision (ROD) which documents the selection of the Proposed Action Alternative as presented in the Diamond Fork System Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FS-FEIS), INT FES 99-25, filed July 1, 1999. The ROD also approves the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD) proceeding with construction of the Diamond Fork System, in accordance with statutory and contractual obligations. The following features will be constructed as part of the Proposed Action: (1) Sixth Water Connection, (2) Tanner Ridge Tunnel, (3) Diamond Fork Siphon, (4) Red Mountain Tunnel, (5) Red Hollow Pipeline, (6) Diamond Fork Creek Outlet, (7) Spanish Fork River Outlet, and (8) possible modifications to Spanish Fork River diversion dams. The ROD acknowledged that value engineering studies would be conducted that could result in minor modifications to the physical facilities to further reduce environmental impacts and reduce construction costs.

The Proposed Action specifically fulfills project needs to: (1) Maintain the statutorily mandated minimum flows in Sixth Water Creek and Diamond Fork Creek; (2) implement Interior's environmental commitments on the Diamond Fork Pipeline from the 1995 ROD, which includes but is not limited to removing high flows brought over from Strawberry Reservoir into the Sixth Water and Diamond Fork creek drainages; (3) meet the CUWCD's M&I water contractual commitments to Salt Lake, Utah and Wasatch Counties, by

conveying Bonneville Unit water to Utah Lake for exchange to Jordanelle Reservoir; and (4) provide the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (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 FS-FEIS for the Diamond Fork System, considered alternatives to complete the Diamond Fork System as mandated in section 302(a)(6) of the Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA). Interior, the Mitigation Commission, and CUWCD served as the Joint Lead Agencies in the preparation of the NEPA compliance documents.

During preparation of the FEIS, CUWCD consulted formally on listed species with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under § 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A. sections 1531 to 1544, as amended). A draft Biological Opinion was issued which evaluated project impacts on the June sucker and Ute ladies' tress. The Opinion concluded the Proposed Action would not affect the bald eagle or peregrine falcon. The Biological Opinion also included a list of recommendations which if agreed to and implemented by the Joint-Lead Agencies, will result in a non-jeopardy Biological Opinion. The Joint-Lead Agencies have included these recommendations as environmental commitments in the ROD. A final Biological Opinion was issued by the USFWS on August 24, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information on matters related to this **Federal Register** notice can be obtained at the address and telephone number set forth below: Mr. Reed Murray, Program Coordinator, CUP Completion Act Office, Department of the Interior, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, UT 84606-6154; Telephone: (801) 379-1237, E-mail: rmurray@uc.usbr.gov.

Dated: September 30, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit**

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain

activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

Applicant: Ray Boyd, Lakeland, TN, PRT-017174.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Frank Tosta, Modesto, CA, PRT-018004.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden, Cincinnati, OH, PRT-011866.

The applicant requests a permit to import one wild-born male Chinese giant salamander (*Andrias davidianus*) from the Rotterdam Zoo, Netherlands, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation.

Applicant: University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, PRT-014946.

The applicant requests a permit to export two male and two female captive-born Cotton-top tamarins (*Saguinus oedipus*) to the Crystal Gardens Zoo, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through zoological display and conservation education.

Applicant: Rare Feline Breeding Center, Center Hill, FL, PRT-012014.

The applicant requests a permit to sell in foreign commerce one male and one female tiger (*Panthera tigris*) to Jinan Zoological Gardens in Shandong Province, China, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through propagation and conservation education.

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

Applicant: Carlton Goldthwaite, Raleigh, NC, PRT-017856

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*)