

availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures.

Dated: October 26, 2000.

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3460]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; Fulbright Student Program

NOTICE: Conference for bidders.

SUMMARY: The State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces a Conference for Bidders, inviting for discussion organizations that are interested in submitting a Proposal to administer the Fulbright Student Program. The conference will take place November 9, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the following location: SA-44, Room 800-A, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested organizations should contact Rosalind Swenson at (202) 619-5384 prior to November 9, 2000 to schedule their attendance at the Conference.

The Fulbright Student Program was announced in the **Federal Register**, Volume 65, Number 206, on October 24, 2000.

Dated: October 25, 2000.

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Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Tellico Reservoir Land Management Plan, Blount, Loudon, and Monroe Counties, TN

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

ACTION: Issuance of record of decision.

SUMMARY: This notice is provided in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 to 1508) and TVA's procedures implementing the National

Environmental Policy Act. On August 29, 2000, the TVA Board of Directors decided to adopt the preferred alternative (Allocation Alternative) identified in its Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Tellico Reservoir Land Management Plan.

The Final EIS was made available to the public in July, 2000. A Notice of Availability of the Final EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on July 7, 2000. Under the Allocation Alternative, TVA seeks to provide a clear statement on how it will manage its lands, based on scientific, cultural, and economic principles. The plan and EIS cover 12,643 acres of TVA lands on Tellico Reservoir. About half (6,103 acres) of the land is currently committed to specific uses, which would be continued. The remaining 6,540 acres have no outstanding commitments and their use is determined in the plan. The total 12,643 acres is allocated as follows: 9,321 acres for natural resource conservation and management; 635 acres for TVA project operations and public works; 331 acres for industrial and commercial development uses; 1,804 acres for recreation developments; and 552 acres for shoreline residential access.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the development of the Tellico Project, TVA purchased about 37,737 acres of land. About 13,943 acres are normally covered by water during the summer, resulting in a reservoir pool with 360.8 miles of shoreline. About 11,150 acres of the remaining project lands were sold to the Tellico Reservoir Development Agency (TRDA) in November 1982. TVA has since entered into agreements for the use of about half the remaining lands. The management of the lands retained under TVA's control, as well as the lands sold to TRDA, is prescribed by the land plan included in a 1982 joint agreement (Contract No. TV-60000A) between TVA and TRDA.

In its 1999 Record of Decision on its Shoreline Management Initiative (SMI) Final EIS, TVA committed to developing comprehensive land management plans for all its reservoirs. These plans are intended to integrate land and water benefits, provide for the optimum public benefit, and balance competing, and sometimes, conflicting resource uses. In doing so, these plans

will provide a clear statement of how TVA manages reservoir lands and identify the specific uses of individual land parcels.

TVA began public scoping and preparation of this plan in 1997. In late 1998, TVA determined that an EIS would be the appropriate level of environmental review. TVA then issued a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS on January 14, 1999, and held a public scoping meeting two weeks later. The Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS was published on March 17, 2000. TVA subsequently held a public meeting in Lenoir City, Tennessee on March 28, 2000, to solicit comments on the Draft plan and EIS. Written and oral comments on the EIS were received from 36 parties. The Notice of Availability for the Final EIS was published on July 7, 2000.

Alternatives Considered

TVA considered two alternatives for planning the uses of 12,643 acres of Tellico Reservoir lands. A third alternative, which included the use of 850 acres of TVA land for a commercial development proposed by Tellico Landing, Inc., was dropped after the TVA Board announced on March 15, 1999, that it would not consider this proposal.

Under both alternatives, TVA would implement the categorization of residential and flowage easement shoreline, as defined in the SMI. The results of this categorization are as follows: Shoreline Protection, 1 mile; Residential Mitigation, 38 miles; and Managed Residential, 23 miles. TVA would also continue existing land uses on lands transferred to TRDA and other parties, and continue existing land uses on 6,103 acres of TVA lands under easement or other committed long-term use. About 6,540 acres have no committed uses and are considered plannable lands.

Under *Alternative A*, the *No Action Alternative*, TVA would continue to use the 1982 land use plan established by Contract No. TV-60000A with TRDA. The largest land use category is Cultural/Public Use/Open Space (61 percent of the area). Other categories include TVA Dam Reservation (5 percent), Natural/Wildlife (15 percent), Industrial Development (3 percent), Private Residential (3 percent), Recreation (11 percent), and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Memorial (1 percent).

Under *Alternative B*, the *Allocation Alternative*, TVA would adopt a new Reservoir Land Management Plan for 139 tracts of TVA land. The TVA lands would be allocated as follows: 5 percent