

Section 221(g)(4) of the Act provides that debentures issued pursuant to that paragraph (with respect to the assignment of an insured mortgage to the Secretary) will bear interest at the "going Federal rate" in effect at the time the debentures are issued. The term "going Federal rate" is defined to mean the interest rate that the Secretary of the Treasury determines, pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield on all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of 8- to 12-year maturities, for the 6-month periods of January through June and July through December of each year. Section 221(g)(4) is implemented in the HUD regulations at 24 CFR 221.255 and 24 CFR 221.790.

The Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the interest rate to be borne by debentures issued pursuant to Section 221(g)(4) during the 6-month period beginning July 1, 2004, is 5 3/8 percent.

HUD expects to publish its next notice of change in debenture interest rates in January 2005.

The subject matter of this notice falls within the categorical exemption from HUD's environmental clearance procedures set forth in 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6). For that reason, no environmental finding has been prepared for this notice.

(Authority: Sections 211, 221, 224, National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1715b, 1715l, 1715o; section 7(d), Department of HUD Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: August 18, 2004.

Sean Cassidy,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Environmental Review of Proposed Incidental Take Permit and Habitat Conservation Plan for the Kauai Island Utility Cooperative, Hawaii

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is publishing this notice to correct a previous notice (document 04-16095) published on Thursday, July 15, 2004. On page 42447, under the heading **DATES**, the August 16, 2004, deadline for receipt of written comments is incorrect. The correct deadline is October 16, 2004. In addition, on page 42447 under the heading **SUMMARY** and on page 42448

under the heading **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, Environmental Review, the previous notice incorrectly referred to preparation of a "joint Federal/State environmental document." This reference is corrected to delete the words "joint" and "/State". The environmental document is a Federal document prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dated: August 4, 2004.

Don Weathers,

Acting Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Bureau of Reclamation

[NM-030-5101-ER-GO46]

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Alamogordo Regional Water Supply Project, New Mexico

AGENCIES: Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an EIS and notice of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) intend to prepare an EIS. The EIS will be analyzing the impacts associated with a proposal to develop a well field, construct a pipeline, and construct and operate a desalination water treatment facility in the Tularosa Basin, New Mexico (the Project). In addition, the EIS will present a discussion of significant environmental impacts and a comparison of reasonable alternatives. The BLM and Reclamation will serve as joint lead agencies and direct the preparation of the EIS by a third-party contractor funded by the City of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

DATES: Public scoping meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

October 5, 2004—6 to 8 p.m., Willie Estrada Civic Center, 800 East First Street, Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310.

October 6, 2004—6 to 8 p.m., Senior Center, 1055 Bookout Road, Tularosa, New Mexico 88352.

ADDRESSES: Public scoping meetings will be held in Alamogordo and

Tularosa, New Mexico, in order to receive input from interested agencies, organizations, and individuals, and to present further information regarding the Project.

Scoping is an early and public process for determining the issues to be addressed, for identifying any significant issues and suggesting alternatives related to the proposed Federal action. The scoping period will be open from August 26, 2004 to October 25, 2004. When the draft EIS is complete, its availability will be announced in the **Federal Register**, in the local news media, and through direct contact with interested parties. Written comments regarding the scope and content of the EIS, as well as requests for information regarding the Project, should be forwarded to SWCA Environmental Consultants, Attention: Alamogordo Regional Water Supply Project, 7001 Prospect Place NE., Suite 100, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, or by electronic mail to almwater@swca.com.

Those not desiring to submit comments or suggestions at this time, but who would like to receive a copy of the draft EIS, should contact SWCA Environmental Consultants at the address provided above. Comments will be solicited on the draft document for a minimum of 45 days after the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Philip Rhinehart, Bureau of Land Management, at (505) 525-4426 or Robert Maxwell, Bureau of Reclamation, at (505) 462-3597.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this EIS is to evaluate the potential for significant environmental and socioeconomic impacts as a result of the Project, provide a decision-making tool that will compare and analyze project alternatives, serve as a public information document, and track and document the process used to reach decisions. The need for the Project is to secure a sustainable fresh water resource for use by the City of Alamogordo and the surrounding region, as the current water supply is not sufficient to meet both current and future water demands. The region that would be potentially affected by the Project includes an area within the boundary of the Tularosa Ground Water Basin, as declared by the State Engineer of New Mexico (the Basin).

The Project would provide a water supply to serve the region's needs by pumping ground water from the Hueco-Bolson aquifer, a large portion of which

underlies the Tularosa Basin. The water within the aquifer and within the Basin is saline and would require treatment to meet drinking water standards. Saline water is defined as water that has a total dissolved solids (salts) concentration that is above drinking water standards. Estimates indicate that the volume of saline water stored within the Basin is enough to sustain a regional water supply to meet the region's present and future demands, if treated to meet drinking water standards. The Project is proposed to help serve the water supply needs of the Alamogordo region by continuing to ensure water conservation within the City, and by treating saline water from the Basin to meet drinking water standards.

Parameters to be evaluated in the EIS include (1) the location of project facilities, (2) desalination methodologies, (3) the effects of pumping water from the Hueco-Bolson aquifer, (4) the techniques used for concentrate disposal or beneficial re-use of concentrate that is a product of the desalination process, and (5) the consequences of not developing the Project.

Public Disclosure

Scoping comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and address from public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Bureau of Reclamation.

Dated: July 2, 2004.

Rick L. Gold,

Regional Director—UC Region, Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: July 6, 2004.

Edwin L. Roberson,

Field Manager, Las Cruces.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (Monument) Advisory Committee (Committee), will meet as directed below.

DATES: A meeting will be held on November 9, 2004 at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores, Colorado at 9 a.m. The public comment period for the meeting will begin at approximately 2:30 p.m. and the meeting will adjourn at approximately 3:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LouAnn Jacobson, Monument Manager or Stephen Kandell, Monument Planner, Anasazi Heritage Center, 27501 Hwy 184, Dolores, Colorado 81323; Telephone (970) 882-5600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The eleven member committee provides counsel and advice to the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, concerning development and implementation of a management plan developed in accordance with FLPMA, for public lands within the Monument. At the meeting, topics we plan to discuss include planning issues and management concerns in the field, planning alternatives, partnerships, science and other issues as appropriate.

The meeting will be open to the public and will include a time set aside for public comment. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meeting or submit written statements. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested persons an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of the Committee meeting will be maintained at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores, Colorado. They are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days of the meeting. In addition, minutes and other information concerning the Committee can be obtained from the Monument planning Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/>

canm which will be updated following each Committee meeting.

Dated: August 16, 2004.

LouAnn Jacobson,

Monument Manager, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-030-04-1610-PH-241A]

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSENM) meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSENMAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: Two days of meetings are scheduled for September 28–29, 2004. The meeting on September 28 will be held at the GSENM Cannonville Visitor Center, 10 Center Street, Cannonville, Utah. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 6:30 p.m. On September 29 the meeting will be held at the Escalante Interagency Office, 755 W. Main Street, Escalante, Utah. It will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m.

For further information: Contact Allysia Angus, Landscape Architect / Land Use Planner, GSENM Headquarters Office, 190 East Center, Kanab, Utah 84741; phone (435) 644-4364, or e-mail allysia_angus@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) Advisory Committee will meet on September 28 and 29, 2004, in Cannonville and Escalante, Utah, respectively. The meeting on September 28 will be held at the GSENM Cannonville Visitor Center, 10 Center Street, Cannonville, Utah. It will begin at 9:30 a.m., local time, and conclude at 6:30 p.m. On September 29 the meeting will be held at the Escalante Interagency Office, 755 W. Main Street, Escalante, Utah. It will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m.