

Health (NIH), the Deputy Director for Extramural Research, NIH and the Director, Center for Scientific Review (CSR), on matters relating broadly to review procedures and policies for the evaluation of scientific and technical merit of applications for grants and awards.

*Place:* Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

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**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission: Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, that a meeting of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2005.

The Commission was established pursuant to Public Law 99-647. The purpose of the Commission is to assist federal, state and local authorities in the development and implementation of an integrated resource management plan for those lands and waters within the Corridor.

The meeting will convene on February 1, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the Whitinsville Town Hall at 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 for the following reasons:

1. Approval of minutes.
2. Chairman's report.
3. Executive Director's report.
4. Financial budget.
5. Public input.

It is anticipated that about twenty-five people will be able to attend the session

in addition to the Commission members.

Interested persons may make oral or written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made prior to the meeting to: Michael Creasey, Executive Director. John H. Chafee, Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, One Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI 02895, Tel.: (401) 762-0250.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Michael Creasey, Executive Director of the Commission at the aforementioned address.

**Michael Creasey,**

*Executive Director, BRVNHCC.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **Availability of the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces that the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Final CCP/EIS) for the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) is available. This Final CCP/EIS was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Final CCP/EIS describes the Service's proposal for management of the Refuge for 15 years, beginning at Refuge establishment, which is anticipated to occur sometime between 2006 and 2008. Four alternatives for management of the Refuge are considered in the CCP/EIS.

**DATES:** A Record of Decision will be signed no sooner than 30 days after publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** To request a copy of the Final CCP/EIS, contact Laurie Shannon, Planning Team Leader, Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge, Rocky Mountain Arsenal—Building 121, Commerce City, Colorado 80222.

Additionally, copies of the Final CCP/EIS may be downloaded from the project Web site: <http://rockyflats.fws.gov>. The Final CCP/EIS will be available for reading at the following main branch libraries: Arvada Public Library, Boulder Public Library,

Daniels Library, Golden Public Library, Westminster Public Library, Front Range Community College, Louisville Public Library, Thornton Public Library, and Mamie Dowd Eisenhower Library in Broomfield.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laurie Shannon, Planning Team Leader at the above address or at 303-289-0980.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 6,240-acre Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge site is in northern Jefferson County and southern Boulder County, Colorado. The Rocky Flats site was used as a nuclear weapons production facility until 1992, when the mission of Rocky Flats changed to environmental cleanup and closure. The majority of the site has remained undisturbed for over 50 years and provides habitat for many wildlife species, including the federally threatened Preble's meadow jumping mouse, and several rare plant communities. Under the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge Act of 2001, most of the site will become a National Wildlife Refuge once cleanup and closure has been completed. The Refuge will likely be established sometime between 2006 and 2008.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, requires the Service to develop a CCP for the Refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife science, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, the CCP identifies wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. The CCP is intended to be a dynamic document that will be adaptable to changing resource and management conditions.

Significant issues addressed in the Final CCP/EIS include: Vegetation management, wildlife management, public use, cultural resources, property, infrastructure, and refuge operations. The Service developed four alternatives for management of the Refuge: Alternative A—No Action; Alternative B—Wildlife, Habitat, and Public Use; Alternative C—Ecological Restoration; and Alternative D—Public Use. All four alternatives outline specific

management objectives and strategies related to wildlife and habitat management; public use, education, and interpretation; safety; open and effective communication; working with others; and refuge operations.

Alternative B, the Service's Proposed Action, emphasizes wildlife and habitat conservation with a moderate amount of wildlife-dependent public use. Refuge-wide habitat conservation would include management of native plant communities, weeds, restoration tools, removal and revegetation of unused roads and stream crossings, management of deer and elk populations, prairie dogs, and protection of Preble's meadow jumping mouse habitat. Visitor use facilities would include about 16 miles of trails, a seasonally staffed visitor contact station, trailheads with parking, and developed overlooks. Most of the trails would use existing roads and public access would be by foot, bicycle, horse, or car. A limited public hunting program would be developed.

Public comments were requested, considered, and incorporated throughout the planning process in numerous ways. Some of the changes from the Draft CCP/EIS that resulted from public comments included changes to trail alignments, more flexible trail implementation, changes to the types of weaponry allowed for hunting, more discussion about issues related to cleanup and contamination, and additional discussion about potential impacts from transportation improvements. Public outreach has included public open houses, public hearings, individual outreach activities, planning update mailings, and **Federal Register** notices. Two previous notices were published in the **Federal Register** concerning this CCP/EIS (67 FR 54667, August 23, 2002; and 69 FR 7789, February 19, 2004).

During the Draft CCP/EIS comment period that occurred from February 19, 2004 to April 25, 2004, the Service received over 5,000 comments from about 1,000 individuals, agencies, and organizations. Comments were received through public hearing testimony, letters, emails, form letters, and petitions. All substantive issues raised in the comments were addressed in the Final CCP/EIS. Public comments will be available for review at the Front Range Community College Library, Rocky Flats Reading Room or at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center on weekends. Responses to comments will be included as a companion document with the Final CCP/EIS.

Dated: September 29, 2004.

**Linda H. Kelsey,**

*Acting Deputy Regional Director, Region 6,  
Denver, Colorado.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-070-1990-EX]

#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Golden Sunlight Mine, Jefferson County, Montana

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) has been prepared for the Golden Sunlight Mine administered by the Bureau of Land Management's Butte Field Office (BLM) and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The SEIS addresses alternatives and potential impacts and mitigating measures associated with Golden Sunlight Mine's proposed pit backfill.

**DATES:** We will accept written comments on the Draft SEIS for 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. We will announce future meetings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings. The Draft SEIS will be posted on the Montana DEQ Web site (<http://www.deq.state.mt.us>).

**ADDRESSES:** Send your written comments concerning this notice to: Greg Hallsten, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901. Submit electronic comments to: [ghallsten@state.mt.us](mailto:ghallsten@state.mt.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to request a copy of the document, contact: Greg Hallsten, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901 or David Williams, Bureau of Land Management, Butte Field Office, 106 N. Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed Golden Sunlight Mine pit backfill and reclamation is in response to a District Court order stipulating that

reclamation of the open pit be carried out in accordance with the Montana Metal Mine Reclamation Act. The public is invited to review and comment on the range and adequacy of the alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and proposed mitigation of impacts in the SEIS. For comments to be most helpful, they should be specific in identifying any concerns or conflicts the reviewer may have with the analysis in the SEIS.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**Richard M. Hotaling,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-050-5853-EU]

#### Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Las Vegas Valley Disposal Area

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

*Cooperating Agencies:* U.S. Air Force, Nellis Air Force Base; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex; Clark County Regional Flood Control District; Clark County Comprehensive Planning; City of Henderson; City of Las Vegas; City of North Las Vegas.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) with the specific purpose to enable BLM to transfer title or authorize uses of public land in the Las Vegas Valley. The project area consists of public lands identified for disposal within the boundary established by the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act