

comment period and have agreed to extend the period to January 31, 2005.

DATES: Please send your comments no later than January 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Please hand-deliver written comments: To Nick Douglas, Suite 700, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. This is also the FedEx address. Mail written comments to BLM (Attention: Nick Douglas), Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Mail Stop: LS 700, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240. Electronic Mail: You may send comments through the Internet to BLM at: Nick_Douglas@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nick Douglas, Senior Policy Advisor, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop: LS 700, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240 at (202) 452-0374.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BLM published a Notice of Request for Comments on Potential for Oil Shale Development on November 22, 2004; see 69 FR 67935. The purpose of this notice is to extend the comment period from December 22, 2004 to January 31, 2005. The United States holds over 50 percent of the world's oil shale resources, which contain 2.6 trillion barrels of oil. These resources include the oil shale deposits in the Green River formation in the Western United States.

Dated: December 9, 2004.

Thomas P. Lonnie,

Assistant Director, Minerals Realty, and Resource Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-960-1910-BJ-4489, ES-052572, Group No. 37, Missouri]

Eastern States: Filing of Plat of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plat of survey; Missouri.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. Attn: Cadastral Survey.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This survey was requested by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The lands we surveyed are:

Fifth Principal Meridian, Missouri,

T. 49 and 50 N., Rs. 2 and 3 E.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of portions of the township boundaries, portions of the subdivisional lines and portions of various U.S. Surveys and the survey of the Lock and Dam No. 25 acquisition boundary, in Townships 49 and 50 North, Ranges 2 and 3 East, of the Fifth Principal Meridian, in the State of Missouri, and was accepted on November 30, 2004.

We will place a copy of the plat we described in the open files. It will be made available to the public as a matter of information.

Dated: November 30, 2004.

Stephen D. Douglas,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Closure Order Establishing Prohibitions at Keswick Lake, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure.

SUMMARY: *Purpose Of Closure Order:* This closure order is issued to provide for the protection of federal property and to ensure public safety at Reclamation facilities.

Closure Areas: The following facilities, lands, and waters are closed to the public: Keswick Dam Road crossing the crest of Keswick Dam, and adjacent property, buildings, and facilities under the control of Reclamation. The closure area includes the area within 500 feet upstream and 600 feet downstream of Keswick Dam for the entire width of the reservoir surface at high mean water upstream, and 600 feet on either side of the entire width of the dam downstream.

DATES: The entire closure area is to remain closed effective December 31, 2004, and remain closed indefinitely except as permitted as described below.

ADDRESSES: A map is available for inspection at Reclamation's Northern Area Office, located at 16349 Shasta Dam Blvd., Shasta Lake, California, 96019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region Public Affairs Office at 916-978-5100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Prohibited Acts: The following acts are prohibited in the closure area.

A. Operating a motorized vehicle of any kind, including stopping, standing, or parking in the closure area.

Limited Exceptions: Motor vehicles may be operated across the crest of Keswick Dam 24 hours a day in compliance with all signs and other directions posted or disclosed. This limited exception to the closure order may be revoked at any time to meet operational, security, or safety concerns as determined by the area manager or his/her designee.

General Exception: Reclamation employees acting within the scope of their employment; operations, maintenance, and construction personnel that have express written authorization from Reclamation; law enforcement and fire department officials; ambulances and others who have received express written authorization to enter the closure area.

B. Entering the closure area on foot, on bicycle, or by any other means.

Limited Exceptions: Pedestrians and bicyclist may enter that portion of the closure area that crosses the crest of Keswick Dam on the roadway or walkway across the dam. All persons shall comply with all signs and other directions as posted or disclosed. This limited exception to the closure order may be revoked at any time to meet operational, security, or safety concerns as determined by the area manager or his/her designee. Reclamation employees acting within the scope of their employment; operations, maintenance, and construction personnel that have express authorization from Reclamation; law enforcement and fire department officials; and others who have received express written authorization from Reclamation to enter the closure area.

C. Operating a vessel or watercraft of any kind, swimming, or scuba diving.

Limited Exceptions: Reclamation employees acting within the scope of their employment; operations, maintenance, and construction personnel that have express authorization from Reclamation; law enforcement and fire department officials; and other who have received express written authorization from Reclamation to enter the closure area.

D. Carrying or discharging firearms.

Exceptions: Law Enforcement, *i.e.* Federal, state, and local agencies and

others who have received express written authorization from Reclamation to enter the closure area.

E. Carrying or using any other type of weapons, including explosives of any kind.

F. Fires.

G. Vandalism or destroying, injuring, defacing, or damaging property or real property that is not under one's lawful control or possession.

This order is posted in accordance with 43 CFR 423.3(b). Violation of the prohibition or any prohibition listed in 43 CFR part 423 is punishable by fine or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

Dated: November 10, 2004.

Michael J. Ryan,

Area Manager, Northern California Area Office, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

[FES 04-53]

Sacramento River Settlement Contractors

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors (SRSC) have prepared a Final EIS for the Renewal of the Sacramento River Settlement Contracts. The proposed renewal of long-term contracts provides for delivery of water from the Central Valley Project (CVP) to the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors and the diversion of Base Supply water.

A Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, October 1, 2004 (69 FR 58947). The comment period on the Draft EIS closed Monday, November 15, 2004. The Final EIS contains responses to all substantive comments received on the Draft EIS and those comments, or summaries thereof. Additional information received during the period was reviewed and responses are provided stating how the information was addressed.

DATES: Reclamation will not make a decision on the proposed action until at

least 30 days after release of the Final EIS. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will state the action that will be implemented and will discuss all factors leading to the decision.

ADDRESSES: A compact disk or a copy of the Final EIS may be requested from Ms. Sammie Cervantes, Public Affairs Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, at 916-978-5104. The Final EIS and ROD are available online at www.usbr.gov/mp/cvpia/3404c/index.html, scroll to Final EISs.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for locations where copies of the Final EIS are also available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Buford Holt, Bureau of Reclamation, Northern California Office, 16349 Shasta Dam Blvd., Shasta Lake, CA 96019, at 530-275-1554 or e-mail bholt@mp.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CVP was first authorized as a Federal project in 1935 and includes facilities on the Sacramento River. Prior to the authorization of the CVP, individuals and entities along the Sacramento River were diverting water for irrigation and municipal and industrial (M&I) uses under various claims of right. Construction of CVP dams on the Sacramento River and the Trinity River modified the flows of the Sacramento River. To settle controversy over assertions of rights, the United States, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, negotiated the Settlement Contracts to provide agreement on diversion of the natural flow of the Sacramento River and stored CVP water. Using jointly conducted studies, the parties negotiated to arrive at agreed amounts of Base Supply and Project Water. Base Supply is water the Settlement Contractors divert during the period of April through October each year, free of charge in recognition of their unquantified water rights, which existed prior to the construction of the CVP. In addition, Reclamation agreed to provide the Settlement Contractors with certain designated monthly quantities of CVP water, referred to as Project Water, primarily in the months of July, August, and/or September. Project Water is subject to all requirements of the Federal Reclamation Law, including pricing regulations. Base Supply water is subject only to the provisions of the Settlement Contracts and applicable State law. The term of the initial Sacramento River Settlement contracts was not to exceed 40 years, and the contracts were set to expire on March

31, 2004; however, Congress has granted a 2-year extension of the contracts.

The EIS addresses impacts related to the proposed March 2005 renewal of up to 145 Sacramento River Settlement contracts to continue delivery of supplemental Project Water for agricultural and M&I uses and the renewal of a contract with the Colusa Basin Drain Mutual Water Company for Project Water to replace the drain water that is consumptively used. Water would continue to be delivered through existing CVP facilities, with no new construction required. With the exception of Sutter Mutual Water Company and the Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District, the proposed Settlement contracts provide for the continued delivery of the same quantities of Project Water provided for under the expiring Settlement contracts. In addition, the Colusa Basin Drain Mutual Water Company's project water allocation is being reduced from 100,000 to 70,000 acre-feet.

Under the proposed action, the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors would divert up to 1.8 million acre-feet of Base Supply per year from the Sacramento River, and up to 380,000 acre-feet of Project Water per year from the Sacramento River. Twenty of the 145 Settlement Contractors account for approximately 94 percent of the total Settlement contract amount. The proposed contract renewal amounts range in size from 10 to 825,000 acre-feet per year. Contracts would be renewed for a 40-year term. The renewal contracts provide for continued delivery of CVP water to the same lands and for the same purposes of use, with exception of Natomas Central Municipal Water Company which has requested a change from agricultural use to M&I use in the Metro Air Park portion of its service area. The EIS describes and analyzes the effects of the proposed contract renewals on fish resources, vegetation, and wildlife, hydrology, and water quality, recreation, cultural resources, land use, geology and soils, and air quality.

A public hearing was held on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, in Willows, California.

Copies of the Final EIS and ROD are available for public inspection and review at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Northern California Area Office, 16349 Shasta Dam Boulevard, Shasta Lake, CA 96019-8400 (Shasta County); telephone 530-275-1554
- Bureau of Reclamation, Mid Pacific Construction Office, 1140 West Wood Street, Willows, CA 95988-0988 (Glenn County); telephone 530-934-7066