

**Purpose and Need for Action**

The draft supplemental environmental impact statement will not change the purpose and need for the Sheep Flats Diversity Unit Timber Sales as described on pages 1–1 through 1–3 of the final environmental impact statement. The scope of the draft supplemental environmental impact statement is only to provide additional analysis regarding wildlife resources.

**Proposed Action**

The draft supplemental environmental impact statement will not change the proposed action for the Sheep Flats Diversity Unit Timber Sales as described on pages 1–1 through 1–3 of the final environmental impact statement. The scope of the draft supplemental environmental impact statement is only to provide additional analysis regarding wildlife resources.

**Responsible Official**

The Responsible Official is Connie Clementson, District Ranger, Grand Valley Ranger District, 2777 Crossroads Blvd. Unit 1, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

**Nature of Decision To Be Made**

The Responsible Official will review the supplemental information and determine if the 2001 Record of Decision should be modified or if the original decision is to remain in effect and unchanged.

**Scoping Process**

Extensive public involvement has occurred on this project over the last 13 years in the form of news releases, field tours and public meetings. No additional scoping is planned for this supplement.

**Comment Requested**

A legal notice will be published in the newspaper of record and a Notice of Availability will be published in the **Federal Register** to inform the public that supplemental information is available for review and comment. The draft supplemental environmental impact statement will be distributed to all parties that received the 2001 final supplemental environmental impact statement and record of decision and to those parties that filed an appeal of the 2001 decision.

**Early Notice of Importance of Public Participation in Subsequent Environmental Review**

A draft supplemental environmental impact statement will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement will be 45 days from

the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: August 5, 2005.

**Connie Clementson,**

*District Ranger.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Natural Resource Conservation Service****Canon City C–4 Dam Repair Project; Fremont County, CO**

**AGENCY:** Natural Resource Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resource Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resource Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Canon City C–4 Dam Repair Project, Fremont County, Colorado.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Allen Green, Colorado State Conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service, 655 Parfet St., Lakewood, Colorado, 80215–5517, telephone (720) 544–2810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action documents that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the human environment. The findings of Allen Green, State Conservationist, indicate that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The project purpose is to restore the integrity of the C–4 Canon City watershed protection dam to the safety provided by the originally installed condition. The planned work consists of removing a portion of the upstream embankment slope to permit installation of a sloping filter consisting of imported aggregates and geotextile. Existing cracks and voids will be filled with fine aggregate to the extent feasible, and the embankment will be restored to its original line and grade using the soil removed from the upstream slope. These repairs meet current standards & specifications for dam safety and design.

This Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State and Local agencies and interested parties. Copies of the FONSI and Plan/Environmental Assessment are available by request from Allen Green, Colorado State Conservationist. Basic data developed during the environmental evaluation are on file

and may be reviewed by contacting Allen Green, State Conservationist.

No administrative action on implementation of this project will be taken until 30 days after the date this Notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10904 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention.)

**Leroy Hall,**

*Acting State Conservationist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Chiwapa Creek Watershed, Pontotoc, Lee and Monroe Counties, MS

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for Chiwapa Creek Watershed, Pontotoc, Lee, and Monroe Counties, Mississippi. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Suite 1321, A.H. McCoy Federal Building, 100 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39269, Telephone: 601-965-5205.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental assessment of this Federal assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project concerns a watershed plan to provide supplemental flood protection and reduce threat to loss of life from sudden dam failure to the residents of the Chiwapa Creek Watershed and others. The planned works of improvement consists of rehabilitating Floodwater Retarding

Structure (FWRS) Nos. 3, 29, and 65. The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Homer L. Wilkes. No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: August 1, 2005.

**Al Garner,**

*Asst. State Conservationist (PROG).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** The Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comments requested.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Rural Housing Site Loans Policies, Procedures and Authorizations.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by October 11, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nica Mathes, Senior Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 0783, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0783, telephone (202) 205-3656.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* 7 CFR part 1822-G, Rural Housing Site Loans, Policies, Procedures and Authorizations.

*OMB Number:* 0575-0071.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* March 31, 2006.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Section 523 of the Housing Act of 1949 as amended (Pub. L. 90-448) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Self-Help Land Development Fund to be used by the Secretary as a revolving fund for making loans on such terms and conditions and in such amounts as deemed necessary to public or private nonprofit organizations for the acquisition and development of the land as building sites to be subdivided and sold to families, nonprofit organizations and cooperatives eligible for assistance.

Section 524 authorizes the Secretary to make loans on such terms and conditions and in such amounts as deemed necessary to public or private nonprofit organizations for the acquisition and development of land as building sites to be subdivided and sold to families, nonprofit organizations, public agencies and cooperatives eligible for assistance under any section of this title, or under any other law which provides financial assistance for housing low and moderate income families.

RHS will be collecting information from participating organizations to insure they are program eligible entities. This information will be collected at the RHS field office. If not collected, RHS would be unable to determine if the organization would qualify for loan assistance.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Public or private nonprofit organizations, State, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6.  
*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

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*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 36.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Brigitte Sumter, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0042.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c)