

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the San Juan Public Lands Center, and will be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Shannon Manfredi, Planning Team Leader at San Juan Public Land Center. Phone: (970) 385-1229.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original Notice of Availability provided for comments on the Draft LMP/EIS to be received through March 12, 2008. The BLM and FS received requests for an extension of the comment period from individuals and groups. The BLM and FS are agreeing with these requests. Comments on the Draft Land Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement will now be accepted through April 11, 2008.

Dated: February 26, 2008.

Dave Hunsaker,
Acting State Director, BLM.

Dated: February 26, 2008.

Randall Karstaedt,
Director of Physical Resources, Region 2, Forest Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice To Rescind Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, Middle Fork Popo Agie River Watershed, Fremont County, WY

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

ACTION: Rescind notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Middle Fork Popo Agie River Watershed, Fremont County, Wyoming.

SUMMARY: The Natural Resources Conservation Service is issuing this notice to advise the public that we are rescinding the notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to address recurring flooding impacts along the Middle Fork Popo Agie River in and near the city of Lander, Fremont County, Wyoming, which was issued in the **Federal Register** on November 26, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 228).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay T. Mar, Assistant State Conservationist—Programs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 100 East B Street, Room 3124, P.O. Box 33124, Casper, Wyoming 82602-5011, telephone (307) 233-6757.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRCS is rescinding the NOI to prepare an EIS for a project proposed to address recurring flooding impacts along the Middle Fork Popo Agie River in and near the city of Lander, Fremont County, Wyoming. The NOI is being rescinded because preliminary analysis of the proposed alternative indicates that impacts are likely not to be significant. NRCS has therefore determined an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be appropriate for this project.

Dated: February 25, 2008.

Jay T. Mar,
Assistant State Conservationist—Programs. (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.)

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Norborne Baseload Plant

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Termination of Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency delivering the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Utilities Programs, hereinafter referred to as Rural Development or the Agency, is terminating further action by Rural Development on the environmental review process in accordance with the Agency's environmental policies and procedures for the Norborne Baseload

Plant (Norborne Plant) in Carroll County, Missouri.

The purpose of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of and alternatives to Associated Electric Cooperative, Incorporated's (AECI) application requesting federal financial assistance from Rural Development to construct the proposed 660 megawatt net supercritical pulverized coal fired power plant, new and modified substations, approximately 134 miles of new 345-kV transmission lines, a utility waste landfill, new rail access from existing mainline railroads, and a water supply system consisting of groundwater wells and associated pipeline. The AECI withdrew their application for federal financial assistance from the Agency on February 12, 2008, and has decided to evaluate non-federal financing options. The notice to prepare an EIS and to hold scoping meetings was published in the **Federal Register** on August 10, 2005. Four public scoping meetings were conducted in August of 2005. In addition, the Agency held an interagency scoping meeting with state and federal agency stakeholders on August 23, 2005. The Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2007 with the 45-day public comment period beginning on the date the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) published their receipt of the document. The USEPA's notice was published on January 26, 2007 and the public review period concluded on March 12, 2007. Three public hearings to solicit review comments were held between February 6–8, 2007. A Notice of Availability of the Final EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on July 13, 2007 with a 30-day public comment period. The comment period was extended to October 28, 2005 through a second notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Stephanie A. Strength, USDA, Rural Development Utilities Programs, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 1570, Room 2244, Washington, DC 20250-1570, telephone (202) 720-0468, fax (202) 720-0820, or e-mail: Stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov.

Dated: February 28, 2008.

James R. Newby,
Assistant Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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