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Pamela Hamilton-Powell,
Director, Office of Rulemaking.

Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2002-12590.

Petitioner: United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 91.309 and 103.1(b).

Description of Relief Sought: To amend United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (USHPA) current Exemption No. 4144, which allows USHPA members to tow unpowered ultralight vehicles (hang gliders) using powered ultralight vehicles. The requested amendment would allow USHPA members who are licensed sport pilots, with light sport aircraft, to tow aloft unpowered ultralight vehicles (hang gliders) for recreational and/or instructional purposes, as well.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; St. Lucie County, FL

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed new river crossing project in the City of Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie County, Florida.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. George Hadley, Federal Highway Administration, 545 John Knox Road, Suite 200, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, Telephone: (850) 942-9650 ext. 3011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation, will prepare an EIS for a third east-west bridge crossing over the North Fork of the St. Lucie River in the City of Port St. Lucie, in St. Lucie County, Florida. The proposed improvement would link the Crosstown Parkway on the west to U.S. 1 (SR 5) on the east. The proposed action is known as the Crosstown Parkway Corridor Extension Study and was formerly known as the Third East-West River Crossing Study. The proposed action would provide needed relief to the two existing river crossings which are over capacity. Alternatives under consideration include a No Build

Alternative and multiple alternatives that provide a river crossing on a new alignment. Expansion of the two existing river crossings was previously considered and determined to be infeasible.

Coordination with appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and private organizations and citizens who have expressed interest in this proposal has been ongoing and will continue. A series of public meetings and workshops have been held in Port St. Lucie as part of the planning efforts for this project and will continue throughout the EIS process. A formal scoping meeting is planned for this project and is anticipated to occur in August of 2008. In addition, public workshops and a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing and for future meetings. The Draft EIS will be made available for public and agency review and comment before the public hearing date.

Related to the full range of issues related to the proposed action is addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation of Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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George B. Hadley,
Environmental Programs Coordinator,
Tallahassee, Florida.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Project Number STP-0022-01 (059)]

Environmental Impact Statement: Stone, Perry, George, and Greene Counties, MS

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared to study improvements to State Route 15 to

provide a four-lane facility beginning in the vicinity of Ramsey Springs, Mississippi and terminating on U.S. Highway 98 near Beaumont, Mississippi, a distance of approximately 35 miles.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Cecil Vick, Project Development Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, 666 North Street, Suite 105, Jackson, MS 39202-3199, Telephone: (601) 965-4217. Contacts at the State and local level, respectively are: Mr. Claiborne Barnwell, Environmental/Location Division Engineer, Mississippi Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, MS 39215-1850, telephone: (601) 359-7920; and Mr. Steven Twedt, District 6 Engineer, Mississippi Department of Transportation, 6356 Highway 49 North, Hattiesburg, MS 39403-0551, telephone (601) 544-6511.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, Mississippi Division Office will serve as the lead Federal agency for this project while the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) will serve as joint lead agency. The FHWA, in cooperation with MDOT, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to study potential improvements to State Route 15 (SR 15) in order to provide a four-lane facility. This approximately 35-mile long corridor has logical termini near Ramsey Springs in Stone County and on U. S. Highway 98 near Beaumont, MS in Perry County.

The purpose of the EIS is to address the transportation, environmental, and safety issues of such a transportation corridor. The Transportation facility will greatly enhance Hurricane evacuation from the Mississippi Gulf, provide a new four-lane facility, and meet legislative intent. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action and (2) build alternatives.

The FHWA and MDOT are seeking input as a part of the scoping process to assist in determining and clarifying issues relative to this project. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, Native American tribes, private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A formal scoping meeting with federal, state, and local agencies, and other interested parties will be held in the near future. Public involvement meetings will be held during the EIS process. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and

comment prior to the official public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

Andrew H. Hughes,

Federal Highway Administration, Division Administrator, Mississippi Division, Jackson, Mississippi.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in Idaho

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by FHWA.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, 1-84 Orchard Interchange to Gowen Interchange Study, in Boise, Ada County in the State of Idaho [Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Key Number 6492].

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before January 13, 2009. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For FHWA: Mr. Peter Hartman, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 3050 Lake Harbor Lane, Suite 126, Boise, Idaho 83703; telephone: (208) 334-1843; e-mail: Peter.Hartman@fhwa.dot.gov. The FHWA Idaho Division Office's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time). For IID: Ms. Sue Sullivan, Project Manager, Idaho Transportation Department, District 3 Office, 8150 Chinden Blvd., Boise, Idaho 83724, telephone: (208) 334-8300. Normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the FHWA has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing approvals for the following highway project in the State of Idaho: 1-84 Orchard Interchange to Gowen Interchange Study in Boise, Ada County. The project will be 9.2 miles long, and expand the existing four-lane freeway to an eight-lane freeway with auxiliary lanes from approximately one half mile west of the Orchard interchange to Broadway interchange. An existing four-lane freeway will be expanded to a six-lane freeway from Broadway interchange to Gowen interchange and from Gowen interchange to just east of Issacs Canyon the existing four-lane freeway will be reconstructed. The project also includes the reconstruction of the Vista, Orchard, Broadway and Gowen interchanges. The actions by the FHWA, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project approved on July 13, 2007. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued on November 5, 2007. The EA, FONSI and other project records are available by contacting the FHWA or the Idaho Transportation Department at the addresses provided above. The EA and FONSI can be viewed and downloaded from the project Web site at <http://www.itd.idaho.gov/Projects/D3/184OrchardToGowen/> or viewed at the Idaho Transportation Department.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. General: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128]; Public Hearing [23 U.S.C. 128].

2. Air and Noise: Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)]; Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (Sec 1008 U.S.C. 149); Noise Standards: 23 U.S.C. 109(i) (P.L. 91-605) (P.L. 93-87).

3. Wildlife: Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and Section 1536]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)]; Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703-712].

4. Historic and Cultural Resources: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)-470(II)]; Archeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469-469(c)].

5. Land: Section 4(f) of The Department of Transportation Act: 23 U.S.C. 138,49 U.S.C. 303 (P.L. 100-17), (P.L. 7-449), (P.L. 86-670); Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209]; Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6901, *et seq.*).

6. Social and Economic: Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000(d)-2000(d)(1)); Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, P.L. 91-646) as amended by the Uniform Relocation Act Amendments of 1987 (P.L. 100-17).

7. Wetlands and Water Resources: Clean Water Act [33 U.S.C.]; Wetlands Mitigation [23 U.S.C. 103(b)(6)(M) and 133(b)(11)].

8. Executive Orders: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. § 139(l)(1).

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Peter J. Hartman,

Division Administrator, FHWA—Idaho Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice To Rescind a Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Ada and Canyon Counties, ID

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration.

ACTION: Rescind Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent (NOI) published on July 17, 2007 to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed highway project in Ada County, Idaho is being rescinded.