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**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10, 43 CFR 1610.2.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Northwestern and Coastal Oregon Record of Decision/Resource Management Plan and the Southwestern Oregon Record of Decision/Resource Management Plan for Western Oregon

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has signed the Northwestern and Coastal Oregon Record of Decision (ROD)/Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Southwestern Oregon ROD/RMP, and by this notice is announcing their availability. The Deputy Director of Operations for the Bureau of Land Management signed the RODs.

**DATES:** The BLM signed the Northwestern and Coastal Oregon ROD/RMP and Southwestern Oregon ROD/RMP on August 5, 2016. These RODs/RMPs were effective immediately upon signing.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies or notification of the electronic availability of the Northwestern and Coastal Oregon ROD/RMP and the Southwestern Oregon

ROD/RMP have been sent to affected Federal, State, tribal, and local government agencies and to other stakeholders including interested parties that previously requested a copy. Copies of the RODs/RMPs are available for public inspection at the Coos Bay, Eugene, Medford, Roseburg, and Salem District Offices and the Lakeview District's Klamath Falls Field Office. Interested persons may also access the RODs/RMPs on the Internet at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark Brown, Western Oregon RMPs Project Manager, telephone (503) 808-6233; address 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, (P.O. Box 2965, zip code 97208), Portland, OR, 97204; or email [blm\\_or\\_rmps\\_westernoregon@blm.gov](mailto:blm_or_rmps_westernoregon@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Northwestern and Coastal Oregon ROD/RMP and Southwestern Oregon ROD/RMP were developed through a collaborative planning process to design management for western Oregon BLM lands that would: produce a sustained yield of timber products, contribute to the conservation and recovery of threatened and endangered species, provide for clean water, restore fire-adapted ecosystems, provide for recreation opportunities, and coordinate management of lands surrounding the Coquille Forest with the Coquille Tribe.

The RMPs include land use allocations that reserve lands for the protection of resource values (Congressionally Reserved, District-Designated Reserve, Late-Successional Reserve, Riparian Reserve) and include land use allocations that prioritize timber harvest and multiple use management (Harvest Land Base, Eastside Management Area). The Northwestern and Coastal Oregon ROD/RMP revises the following BLM RMPs completed in 1995: Coos Bay, Eugene, Roseburg, and Salem. The Southwestern Oregon ROD/RMP revises the following BLM RMPs completed in 1995: Klamath Falls, Medford, and Roseburg. These six RMPs incorporated the land use allocations and standards and guidelines from the Northwest Forest Plan.

The decision areas for the Northwestern and Coastal Oregon ROD/RMP and Southwestern Oregon ROD/RMP encompass approximately 2.5 million acres of BLM-administered lands and 69,000 acres of split-estate lands in western Oregon.

A Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Proposed RMP/Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the RMPs for Western Oregon was published in the **Federal Register** on April 15, 2016, which initiated a 30-day protest period (81 FR 22263). The BLM initiated the 60-day Governor's Consistency Review period on March 31, 2016. The BLM received 46 timely and valid protest submissions on the Proposed RMP/Final EIS. All protests have been resolved and/or dismissed. For a full description of the issues raised during the protest period and how they were addressed, please refer to the Director's Protest Resolution Report for the Proposed RMP/Final EIS, which is available at the following Web site: [http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/planning/planning\\_overview/protest\\_resolution/protestreports.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/planning/planning_overview/protest_resolution/protestreports.html).

The BLM Oregon Acting State Director received a Governor's Consistency Review letter from the State of Oregon Governor on June 14, 2016. This letter included requests for minor clarifications, which the BLM accepted. The Acting State Director issued a response to the Governor on June 23, 2016.

The Proposed RMP was selected in the RODs as the Approved RMP, with some minor modifications and clarifications based on protests received on the Proposed RMP/Final EIS, review from the Oregon State Governor's Office, and Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service. No substantive changes to the Proposed RMP resulted from protests, the Governor's review, or ESA consultation.

Copies of the Northwestern and Coastal Oregon ROD/RMP are available upon request and are available for public inspection at:

- BLM Coos Bay District Office; 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459
- BLM Eugene Office; 3106 Pierce Parkway, Springfield, OR 97477
- BLM Roseburg District Office; 777 NW Garden Valley Boulevard, Roseburg, OR 97471
- BLM Salem Office; 1717 Fabry Road SE., Salem, OR 97306
- BLM Salem District—Tillamook Field Office; 4610 Third Street, Tillamook, OR 97141

- BLM Oregon/Washington State Office; 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97204
- <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/>.

Copies of the Southwestern Oregon ROD/RMP are available upon request and are available for public inspection at:

- BLM Lakeview District—Klamath Falls Field Office; 2795 Anderson Avenue, Building #25, Klamath Falls, OR 97603
- BLM Medford District Office; 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504
- BLM Medford District—Grants Pass Field Office; 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, OR 97526
- BLM Roseburg District Office; 777 NW Garden Valley Boulevard, Roseburg, OR 97471
- BLM Oregon/Washington State Office; 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97204
- <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/>

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Meetings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System, Santa Fe County, New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation has made available for public review and comment the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System. The DEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of five alternatives in planning, designing, and constructing the regional water system and alternatives for the connected actions in the Pojoaque Basin in north-central New Mexico, as authorized by the Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act (Title VI of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010; Pub. L. 111-291, Title VI; 124 Stat. 3065).

**DATES:** Written comments on the DEIS should be submitted on or before

Monday, February 27, 2017. Four public meetings to provide information and receive oral or written comments will be held on:

1. Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Santa Fe, New Mexico.
2. Thursday, February 16, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tesuque, New Mexico.
3. Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Nambé, New Mexico.
4. Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments or requests for copies of the DEIS to Mr. Larry Moore, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, Albuquerque Area Office, 555 Broadway NE., Suite 100, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102; or via email to [pojoaquebasineis@usbr.gov](mailto:pojoaquebasineis@usbr.gov).

Public meetings will be held at the following locations:

1. Santa Fe—Pojoaque Valley High School, 1574 NM-502, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506.
2. Tesuque—Tesuque Valley Elementary School, 1555 Bishops Lodge Road, Tesuque, New Mexico 87574.
3. Nambé—Nambé Community Center, 180A State Road 503, Nambé, New Mexico 87506.
4. Santa Fe—Santa Fe Community College, 6401 Richards Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508.

Electronic copies of the DEIS may be viewed at the Bureau of Reclamation's Web site at <http://www.usbr.gov/uc/envdocs/eis.html>, or the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System project Web site at [www.pojoaquebasineis.com](http://www.pojoaquebasineis.com). Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for specific locations where the DEIS is available for public review and inspection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Larry Moore, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, [lmoore@usbr.gov](mailto:lmoore@usbr.gov), (505) 462-3702.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) prepared this DEIS in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Indian Health Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pueblo de San Ildefonso, Pueblo of Nambé, Pueblo of Pojoaque, Pueblo of Tesuque, New Mexico Department of Transportation, Santa Fe County, and the City of Santa Fe.

#### Background

The Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System (RWS) is described in and authorized by the Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act (Settlement Act). The

Settlement Act authorizes and ratifies the Aamodt Litigation Settlement Agreement (Settlement Agreement), dated January 19, 2006, as conformed to the Settlement Act and amendments. The settlement parties are the United States; the State of New Mexico; Santa Fe County; City of Santa Fe; Pueblo de San Ildefonso, Pueblo of Nambé, Pueblo of Pojoaque, Pueblo of Tesuque (Settlement Pueblos); and other individuals. The Settlement Agreement resolves the water rights claims of the Settlement Pueblos.

Among other provisions, the RWS and 2,220 acre-feet per year of new water supply to the basin are included in the Settlement Agreement in exchange for the Pueblos agreeing to reduce their claims to water within the basin and to limit their priority calls against existing non-Pueblo water users. The Settlement Agreement also addresses funding for other water-related projects on the Settlement Pueblos.

#### Proposed Federal Action

The proposed federal action is to plan, design, and construct a regional water system in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, consisting of water diversion from the Rio Grande and water treatment facilities on the Pueblo de San Ildefonso, along with storage tanks, transmission and distribution pipelines, and well fields that are necessary to supply up to 4,000 acre-feet of water annually to customers in the Pojoaque Basin.

#### Purpose and Need for the Proposed Federal Action

The purpose of Reclamation's proposed action is to reliably provide a firm, safe supply of treated drinking water for distribution in the Pojoaque Basin, in compliance with the Settlement Act. The need for Reclamation's action is to reduce reliance on groundwater in the Pojoaque Basin and to allow the Settlement Pueblos to receive a portion of the water provided under the Settlement Act. Reclamation's action would also enable the Settlement Pueblos to use funding made available in the Settlement Act for certain water-related infrastructure improvements, if requested. This funding can be requested prior to substantial completion of the RWS and used for water-related improvements that would be more cost effective when implemented in conjunction with RWS construction if approved by the Secretary (Settlement Act, Section 615[d][7][A][iii]).