

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Availability of the Draft Recovery Plan for the Chiricahua Leopard Frog**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of the Draft Recovery Plan for the Chiricahua Leopard Frog (Draft Recovery Plan) for public review. The species occurs in montane and river valley cienegas, springs, pools, cattle tanks, reservoirs, streams, and rivers in central and southeastern Arizona, west-central and southwestern New Mexico, and the sky islands and Sierra Madre Occidental of northeastern Sonora and western Chihuahua, Mexico, at elevations of approximately 3,000–9,000 feet. The Draft Recovery Plan recommends actions to lessen and alleviate threats to the species, and presents objective and measurable delisting criteria. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this Draft Recovery Plan.

DATES: The comment period for this Draft Recovery Plan closes June 12, 2006. Comments on the Draft Recovery Plan must be received by the closing date to assure consideration.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the Draft Recovery Plan can obtain a copy from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Field Office, 2321 W. Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, Arizona 85021. The Draft Recovery Plan may also be obtained from the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/angered> (type "Chiricahua leopard frog" in the Species search field). Comments and materials concerning this Draft Recovery Plan may be mailed to "Field Supervisor" at the address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Rorabaugh, Arizona Ecological Services Field Office, at the above address; telephone (602) 242-0210, facsimile (602) 242-2513.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Chiricahua leopard frog (*Rana chiricahuensis*) was listed as threatened on June 13, 2002, under authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (67 FR 40790). The range of the Chiricahua leopard frog (*Rana chiricahuensis*) is divided into two parts, including—(1) A southern group of populations (the majority of the

species' range) located in mountains and valleys south of the Gila River in southeastern Arizona, extreme southwestern New Mexico, and Mexico; and (2) northern montane populations in west central New Mexico and along the Mogollon Rim in central and eastern Arizona. The distribution and status of the species in Mexico is not well understood. The threats facing the survival and recovery of this species include predation by non-native fish, amphibians, and crayfish; the fungal disease chytridiomycosis; climatic extremes (e.g., drought, floods); degradation and loss of habitat as a result of water diversions, groundwater pumping, catastrophic fire, mining, and some livestock management; disruption of metapopulation dynamics; increased chance of extinction resulting from small populations; and possibly environmental contamination.

The delisting criteria proposed in the Draft Plan recommend that the Chiricahua leopard frog should be considered for delisting when: (1) At least two metapopulations located in different drainages plus at least one isolated and robust population in each of eight recovery units exhibit long-term persistence and stability; (2) aquatic breeding habitats are protected; (3) additional habitat needed for population connectivity, recolonization, and dispersal is protected and managed; and (4) threats and causes of decline have been reduced or eliminated, and commitments of long-term management are in place in each recovery unit. High-priority recovery tasks to lessen and alleviate these threats include actions to protect remaining populations and habitat; restore unoccupied habitats and create new habitat; establish new populations and augment existing populations; monitor; and develop conservation efforts on private, public, and tribal land, and in Mexico.

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species, unless

such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service considers all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and others also take these comments into account in the course of implementing recovery plans.

The Chiricahua Leopard Frog Draft Recovery Plan is being submitted for review to all interested parties, including independent peer review. After consideration of comments received during the review period, the recovery plan will be submitted for final approval.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the recovery plan.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: March 15, 2006.

Benjamin N. Tuggle,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Proposed 151.87 Acre Fee-to-Trust Transfer, Reservation Proclamation and Casino-Resort Project, Clark County, Washington**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency, with the Cowlitz Indian Tribe (Tribe), National Indian Gaming Commission, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Department of Transportation, Clark County, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Cowlitz County, City of La Center, City of Vancouver, City of Ridgefield, Port of

Ridgefield, City of Woodland, and City of Battle Ground as cooperating agencies, intends to file a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) with the EPA for the proposed 151.87 acre fee-to-trust transfer, reservation proclamation, and casino-resort complex construction. This notice also announces two public hearings to receive comments on the DEIS.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS must arrive by July 14, 2006. The public hearings will be held June 14 and 15, 2006, starting at 6 p.m. and continuing until the last public comment is received.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry written comments to Stanley Speaks, Director, Northwest Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232.

Both public hearings will be held at the Skyview High School, 1300 NW. 139th Street, Vancouver, Washington 98685. The BIA will be hosting these hearings.

The DEIS is available for public review at the following branches of the Ft. Vancouver Public Library: La Center Community Library, 1402 E. Lockwood Creek Road, La Center, Washington 98629; and Ridgefield Community Library, 210 North Main Avenue, Ridgefield, Washington 98642. General information for the Ft. Vancouver Public Library system can be obtained by calling (360) 695-1561. The DEIS is also available on the following Web sites: <http://analyticalcorp.com/> and <http://www.cowlitz.org/>.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the DEIS, please write to Chuck James, Acting Regional Environmental Protection Specialist, at the address provided above for the Northwest Region, or call him at the number provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chuck James, (530) 231-6229.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tribe has requested that the BIA take 151.87 acres of land into trust on behalf of the Tribe, for which the BIA would issue a reservation proclamation and on which the Tribe proposes to develop a casino-resort complex. The proposed project site encompasses eight contiguous tax lots in Clark County, Washington, near the cities of La Center and Ridgefield. The project site is located along NW. 319th Street between NW. 41st Avenue and NW. 31st Avenue, and adjacent to Interstate 5 (I-5) at the NW. 319th Street Interchange (the La Center Interchange).

The proposed casino-resort complex would include an RV park, wastewater treatment plant, Tribal offices, a cultural center and Tribal elder housing.

Regional access to the project site would continue to be via I-5. The NW. 319th Street would provide primary access to local housing to the west of the site and to the casino-resort complex. It would, however, be re-routed to a more southerly location within the proposed project site to allow development of the casino and hotel facilities north of NW. 319th Street, without encroachment into wetlands and wetland buffer areas.

A range of project alternatives is considered in the DEIS, including: (1) Proposed casino-resort complex; (2) proposed casino-resort complex without re-routing NW 319th Street; (3) reduced intensity; (4) business park; (5) casino-resort complex at the Ridgefield Interchange Site; and (6) no action. Environmental issues to be addressed in the DEIS include geology and soils, water resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural and paleontological resources, socioeconomic conditions (including environmental justice), transportation and circulation, land use, public services, noise, hazardous materials, aesthetics, cumulative effects, indirect effects and mitigation.

The BIA held a public scoping meeting on the project on December 1, 2004 in Vancouver, Washington.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of

authority delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: March 27, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-050-1020-MJ; HAG 06 0105]

John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council: Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Prineville District.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meetings—John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council (RAC).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Department of the Interior, BLM John Day Snake RAC will meet as indicated below:

The John Day/Snake RAC is scheduled to meet on May 3, 2006, at the Best Western Prineville Inn, 1475 NE 3rd Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754 and on September 13, 2006 at the Best Western John Day Inn, 315 W. Main, John Day, Oregon 97845. The meeting times will be from approximately 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A public comment period will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 1:15 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time). The meetings may include such topics as off-highway vehicle and travel management, noxious weeds, planning, Sage grouse, and other matters as may reasonably come before the council.

Meeting Procedures: The meeting is open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Depending on the number of persons wishing to provide oral comments and agenda topics to be covered, the time to do so may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM representative indicated below. For a copy of the information to be distributed to the RAC members, please submit a written request to the BLM Prineville District Office 10 days prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the John Day/Snake RAC may be obtained from Virginia Gibbons, BLM Public Affairs Specialist, Prineville District

management practices is not being pursued because we are presently unable to fund such a program. An alternative by which interested private or non-Federal property owners would prepare an individual permit application/Agreement with us also was evaluated. Under that alternative, we would process each permit application/Agreement individually. This would increase the effort, cost, and amount of time it would take to provide safe harbor assurances to participating landowners and also cause such benefits to be applied on a piecemeal, individual basis. We have determined the previously identified alternatives, which would result in delays and lack of a coordinated effort, would likely result in a continued decline of the RCWs on private lands due to habitat fragmentation, lack of beneficial habitat management, and the effects of demographic isolation.

A no-action alternative was also explored, but this alternative is not likely to increase the number of RCW groups or RCW habitat, nor would it alleviate landowner conflicts. Instead, the action proposed here, although it authorizes future incidental take, is expected to attract sufficient interest among North Carolina landowners to generate substantial net conservation benefits to the RCW on a landscape level. The proposed SHA was developed in an adaptive management framework to allow changes in the program based on new scientific information, including but not limited to biological needs and management actions proven to benefit the species or its habitat.

Public Comments

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Office at the address listed under **ADDRESSES** and must be submitted in writing to be adequately considered in the Service's decision-making process. Please reference the "Proposed Programmatic North Carolina Statewide Red-cockaded Woodpecker Safe Harbor Agreement" in your comments, or in requests for the documents discussed in this notice.

Decision

We will not make our final determination until after the end of the 30-day comment period, and we will fully consider all comments received during the comment period. If the final analysis shows the SHA to be consistent with the Service's policies and applicable regulations, the Service will sign the SHA and issue the ESP.

Authority

We are providing this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act and implementing regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR part 1506).

Dated: May 16, 2006.

Jackie Parrish,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Proposed 151.87 Acre Fee-To Trust Transfer, Reservation Proclamation and Casino-Resort Project, Clark County, WA; Correction

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of three corrections to the Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Proposed Fee-to Trust Transfer, Reservation Proclamation and Casino-Resort Project, Clark County, Washington, published in the **Federal Register** on April 12, 2006, 71 FR 18767 (FR Doc. E6-5383). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was erroneously included among the cooperating agencies. EPA is not a cooperating agency for this DEIS. This notice also corrects the name, address and telephone number of the contact person for the DEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerald Henrickson, (503) 231-6927.

Correction

On page 18767, in the third column under the **SUMMARY** heading, in the first sentence, remove the words "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)."

On page 18768, in the first column under the **ADDRESSES** heading, correct the last paragraph to read: To obtain a copy of the DEIS, please write to Gerald Henrickson, Northwest Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232, or call him at the number provided below.

On page 18768, in the first column under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** heading, correct the name and telephone number to read: Gerald Henrickson, (503) 231-6927.

Dated: May 16, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Boundary Revision, Big Thicket National Preserve

SUMMARY: This notice announces the revision to the boundary of Big Thicket National Preserve to include the parcel of land known as Tract 223-09. The United States will acquire this tract from The Conservation Fund upon the revision of the boundary. The National Park Service has determined that this boundary revision is necessary and that the acquisition of this tract would make a significant contribution to the purposes for which the preserve was created.

DATES: The effective date of this boundary revision is the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve, 6044 Farm Road 420, Kountze, Texas 77625 or by telephone 409-951-6700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act establishing Big Thicket National Preserve, as amended in 1993, 16 U.S.C. 698(b), provides that, after notifying the House Committee on Resources and the Senate Committee on Energy and Resources, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make this boundary revision. This action will add one parcel composed of 200 acres of land to Big Thicket National Preserve. The National Park Service proposes to purchase this parcel from The Conservation Fund. This parcel is bounded on the north, south, and east by the preserve. The acquisition of this parcel is required to maintain the ecology and the present rural character for which the preserve was created.

The above parcel is depicted as tract number 223-09 on land acquisition segment map 223, having drawing number 175-80,010 dated November, 2004. This map is on file at the National Park Service Land Resources Program Center, Intermountain Region, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and at the Office of the

- Raymond Ban, Executive Vice President, Meteorology Science and Strategy, The Weather Channel, Inc.
- Richard Bartlett, (NEETF Chairman) Vice Chairman, Mary Kay Holding Corporation
- Holly Cannon, Principal of the Law Firm Beveridge&Diamond
- Arthur Gibson, Vice President, Environment, Health&Safety, The Home Depot, Inc.
- Dorothy Jacobson, Consultant
- Karen Bates Kress, President, KBK Consulting, Inc.
- Dorothy McSweeney, (NEETF Vice Chair), Chair, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities
- Honorable William Sessions, former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Additional Considerations: Great care has been taken to assure that these new appointees not only have the highest degree of expertise and commitment, but also brings to the Board diverse points of view relating to environmental education and training. These appointments shall be for four year terms.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: C. Michael Baker, Acting Director, Environmental Education Division, Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education (1704A) U.S. EPA 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

Dated: July 27, 2006, BIOS of New Member.

Stephen L. Johnson,
Administrator.

Kenneth A. Strassner, Vice President, Global Environment, Safety, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs, Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

Mr. Strassner is an honors graduate (*magna cum laude*) of Yale College (1968 and of Yale Law School (1974). Prior to joining Kimberly-Clark in 1976, Mr. Strassner served as an officer in the U.S. Navy, practiced with a Washington, DC law firm and served as Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health. Mr. Strassner's legal specialties include U.S. and international environmental and energy law, product safety matters and occupational safety and health requirements. In 1988, Mr. Strassner was appointed Vice President-Environment and Energy, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, responsible for formulation of corporate policies and management of the Corporation's technical support staffs in both areas. His areas of responsibility were expanded in November 2004, and he now serves as Vice President-Global

Environment, Safety, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs for Kimberly-Clark. In addition, Mr. Strassner is a member of various professional associations and is the current Chairman of the Corporate Environmental, Health and Safety Management Roundtable.

Bradley F. Smith, Vice President Dean of Huxley College of The Environment, Western Washington University.

Bradley F. Smith was named Dean of Huxley College of the Environment at Western Washington University in September of 1994. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Smith had served for three years as the first Director of the Office of Environmental Education for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He also served as a Special Assistant to the administrator of the EPA and as Acting Associate Administrator for the EPA. Dr. Smith was appointed to the U.S. Senior Executive Service in 1992. Dr. Smith received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and the Environment. His BA and MA are in economics and political science.

From 1975 to 1990, Dr. Smith was a professor of political science and biology, and concurrently was executive director of Michigan's Tobico Marsh National Refuge from 1982 to 1990. During this time, he also served as adjunct faculty at the Air Force Institute of Technology and the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and the Environment. Dr. Smith has been a Fulbright Scholar to England and a NATO Fellow. He holds adjunct faculty positions, in Russia, China, Holland and Japan. Concurrently, he serves as a senior advisor to General Motors Corporation VP Environment, Energy and Public Policy and the GM Foundation. He also is an external evaluator for the U.S. Department of Energy and is the President of the U.S. Council of Environmental Deans and Directors and President of the World Conservation Learning Network (an organization of some 400 universities based in Geneva, Switzerland). Formerly Dr. Smith served as an appointed member of President Clinton's Council for Sustainable Development (Education Task Force). His most recent publications include co-author of *Environmental Science: A Study of Interrelationships*, 10th edition 2004, and *Environmental Science Field Guide and Laboratory Manual*, 10th edition 2004, McGraw-Hill.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket No. ER-FRL-6677-8]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 07/24/2006 through 07/28/2006 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20060314, Final EIS, SFW, CA, Bair Island Restoration and Management Plan, Tidal Action Restoration, Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Bair Island State Ecological Reserve, South San Francisco Bay, San Mateo County, CA, Wait Period Ends: 09/04/2006, Contact: Clyde Morris 510-792-0222.

EIS No. 20060315, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Antelope-Pardee 500kV Transmission Project, Construct, Operate and Maintain a New 25.6 mile 500kV Transmission Line, Right-of-Way Permit and Special Use Authorization, Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 09/18/2006, Contact: Marian Kadota 805-961-5732.

EIS No. 20060316, Draft EIS, GSA, ME, Madawaska Border Station Project, Replacement of Existing Border Station in Madawaska, International Border between United States and Canada, Aroostook County, ME, Comment Period Ends: 09/22/2006, Contact: David M. Drevinsky 617-565-6596.

EIS No. 20060317, Draft EIS, FHW, NY, NY Route 347 Safety and Mobility Improvement Project, from Northern State Parkway to NY Route 25A, Funding, Towns of Smithtown, Islip and Brookhaven, Suffolk County, NY, Comment Period Ends: 09/18/2006, Contact Robert Arnold 518-431-4127.

EIS No. 20060318, Draft EIS, FHW, NY, Greenville Southwest Bypass Study, Transportation Improvements to NC 11 and U.S. 264 Business, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Pitt County, NY, Comment Period Ends: 09/18/2006, Contact: John F. Sullivan, III 919-856-4346.

EIS No. 20060319, Final EIS, NPS, AR, Pea Ridge National Military Park General Management Plan, Implementation, AR, Wait Period Ends: 09/04/2006, Contact: John Scott 479-451-8122 Ext 224.

EIS No. 20060320, Final EIS, NRC, IL, Early Site Permit (ESP) at the Exelon

ESP Site, Application for ESP on One Additional Nuclear Unit, within the Clinton Power Station (CPS), NUREG-1815, DeWitt County, IL, Wait Period Ends: 09/04/2006, Contact: Thomas Kenyon 301-415-1120.

EIS No. 20060321, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Diamond Vegetation Management Project, To Shift Existing Conditions Towards Desired Future Conditions, MT. Hough Ranger District, Plumas National Forest, Plumas County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 09/18/2006, Contact: Merri Carol Martens 530-283-7689.

EIS No. 20060322, Final EIS, BLM/AFS, CO, Northern San Juan Basin Coal Bed Methane Project, Proposal to Drill 300 Wells to Produce National Gas from Coal Beds on Federal, State and Private Owned Lands, Special-Use-Permit, Application for Permit to Drill and US Army COE Section 404 Permit, LaPlata and Archuleta Counties, CO, Wait Period Ends: 09/04/2006, Contact: Walt Brown 970-385-1372.

The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service are Joint Lead Agencies for the above project.

EIS No. 20060323, Draft EIS, AFS, AK, Scratchings Timber Sale Project, Timber Harvest up to Approximately 42 Million Board Feet, Suemez Island, Craig Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, AK, Comment Period Ends: 09/18/2006, Contact: Dennis Sylvia 907-828-3226.

EIS No. 20060324, Draft EIS, AFS, MT, Cabin Gulch Vegetation Treatment Project, Restore Fire-Adapted Ecosystems, Reduce Hazardous Fuels, and Water Quality Tributaries to Deep Creek, Helena National Forest, Townsend Ranger District, Broadwater County, MT, Comment Period Ends: 09/18/2006, Contact: Sharon Scott 406-449-5490.

EIS No. 20060325, Draft EIS, FRC, ID, Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Project, Application for Relicensing to Authorize the Continued Operation of Hydroelectric Project, Snake River, Washington and Adams Counties, ID and Wallowa and Baker Counties, OR, Comment Period Ends: 10/02/2006, Contact: Todd Sedmak 1-866-208-FERC.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 200600122, Draft EIS, BIA, WA, Cowlitz Indian Tribe Trust Acquisition and Casino Project, Take 151.87 Acres into Federal Trust and Issuing of Reservation Proclamation, and Approving the Gaming Development and Management

Contact, Clack County, WA, Comment Period Ends: 08/25/2006, Contact: Gerald Henrickson 503-231-6927.

Revision of FR Notice Published on 04/14/2006: Comment Period Officially Reopened by Preparing Agency—Comment Period ends 8/25/2006.

EIS No. 20060195, Draft EIS, CGD, MA, -VOID-Northeast Gateway Deepwater Port License Application, Construct, Own and Operate a Deepwater Port to Import Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) in Massachusetts Bay, City of Gloucester, MA, Comment Period Ends: 07/03/2006, Contact: Mark Prescott 202-267-0225.

Revision of FR Notice Published 05/19/2006: The above DEIS was inadvertently published in 05/19/2006. The Official Filing was Published in FR on 05/26/2006 CEQ#20060213.

EIS No. 20060221, Draft EIS, CGD, MA, -VOID-Neptune Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port License Application, Proposes to Construct, Own and Operate a Deepwater Port, northeast of Boston and south-southeast of Gloucester, MA, Comment Period Ends: 07/17/2006, Contact: M.A. Prescott 202-372-1451.

Revision of FR Notice Published 06/02/2006: The above DEIS was inadvertently published in 06/02/2006. The Official Filing was Published in FR on 06/09/2006 CEQ#20060235.

EIS No. 20060253, Draft EIS, AFS, NV, Jarbidge Ranger District Rangeland Management Project, Authorize Continued Livestock Grazing, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Columbia River, NV, Comment Period Ends: 08/21/2006, Contact: James Winfrey 775-778-6129.

Revision of FR Notice Published on 06/23/2006: Extending Comment Period from 08/07/2006 to 08/21/2006.

EIS No. 20060266, Draft EIS, FTA, TX, North Corridor Fixed Guideway Project, Propose Transit Improvements from University of Houston (UH)-Downtown Station to Northline Mall, Harris County, TX, Comment Period Ends: 08/17/2006, Contact: John Sweek 817-978-0550.

Revision to FR Notice Published 07/03/2006: Correction to Agency Code from DOT to FTA.

EIS No. 20060313, Draft EIS, BIA, MT, Kerr Hydroelectric Project, Proposed Drought Management Plan, Implementation, Flathead Lake, MT, Comment Period Ends: 09/29/2006, Contact: Jeffery Loman 202-208-7373.

Revision of FR Notice Published on 07/28/2006: Correction to Comment Period from 09/11/2006 to 09/29/2006.

Dated: August 1, 2006.

Robert W. Hargrove,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6677-9]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 7, 2006 (71 FR 17845).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20060177, ERP No. D-I-K28021-CA, Contra Costa Water District Alternative Intake Project, To Protect and Improve the Quality of Water Delivery to Untreated and Treated-Water Customers, Contra Costa County, CA.

Summary: While EPA has no objection to the proposed action, EPA did request clarification of fisheries benefits and feasibility of implementing Alternative 3. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20060212, ERP No. D-AFS-K65310-CA, Freeman Project, Reduce Hazardous Fuel and Improving Forest Health, Implementation, Lake Recreation Area, Beckworth Ranger District, Plumas National Forest, Plumas County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to water quality, soil, and habitat for the California spotted owl, great gray owl, and northern goshawk. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060248, ERP No. D-NRS-E36186-KY, Rockhouse Creek Watershed Plan, To Protect Residential and Non-residential Structures from Recurrent Flood Problem, Leslie County, KY.

Summary: EPA does not object the proposed action. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20060249, ERP No. DA-FRC-C05146-00, Northeast (NE)-07 Project, Construction and Operation a Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities, Millennium Pipeline Project—Phase I, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404