

the ETI area by eliminating R-3202B and R-3202C, elevating the ceiling of R-3202A to 29,000 MSL and establishing new restricted airspace around the 12,000-acre tactical range.

In addition to the proposed action, two alternatives will be considered: the no action alternative, and a 12,000-acre tactical range similar to the proposed range, but located further west, near Grasmere.

The Air Force will conduct public scoping meetings to assist it in determining the issues and concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. Notice of time and place of the scoping meetings will be made to public officials and announced in the news media in areas where the scoping meetings will be held.

To assure there will be sufficient time to consider public inputs on issues to be included in developing the EIS when attendance at the scoping meetings is not possible, comments should be forwarded to the addressee below by April 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lt Col R. Oholendt, Air Combat Command Airspace and Range Management Division, HQ ACC/DOR, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia 23665; Telephone (804) 764-6026.

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Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Jacksonville District, Jacksonville FL; Intent To Prepare a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) for the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Project Comprehensive Review Study.

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), along with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), intends to prepare a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) for the feasibility phase of the C&SF Project Comprehensive Review Study. The DPEIS will be done commensurate with the development of a comprehensive plan that addresses the water resource needs of south Florida through a re-examination of the design of the original C&SF Project, authorized in 1948 to provide flood control, water

supply and other purposes to central and southern Florida.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and DPEIS can be answered by: Mark Ziminske, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019; Telephone 904-232-1786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. Authorization

The C&SF Project Comprehensive Review Study is authorized by Section 309(1) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 and two resolutions of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, United States House of Representatives, dated September 1992. These authorizations direct the Corps to re-examine the design of the C&SF Project to determine if modifications should be made to the project in the interest of improving environmental quality, water supply, and Everglades and Florida Bay ecosystems, while meeting the overall water resource needs in the study area.

b. Study Area

The Study area includes the entire C&SF Project with the exception of the Upper St. Johns River Basin, which is a separate hydrologic basin, not part of the Everglades ecosystem. Contained within the study area are: All or part of Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Dade, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Martin, Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Polk, and St. Lucie Counties, Florida.

c. Project Features and Scope

The Comprehensive Review Study will develop an overall C&SF Project initial comprehensive plan and develop the tools necessary to evaluate the effects of this plan, with particular attention to features specific to Lake Okeechobee, the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA), the Water Conservation Areas (WCAs), Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, the Lake Okeechobee Service Area, the Lower East Coast Service Area, and Native American tribal lands. The major components to be studied include: Alternatives for conveying water through the EAA, and modifying ground water levels to control soil subsidence; water storage in the Everglades headwaters to include Lake Okeechobee, the EAA, the WCAs, and Water Preserve Areas (WPAs); alternatives to reduce wildlife habitat fragmentation within natural areas; and alternative water regulation schedules

for Lake Okeechobee and the WCAs. Further, concepts to capture and store excess surface water in WPAs located along the eastern boundary levees of the WCAs by backpumping surface water that is normally released to tide via the C&SF Project canal system will be investigated.

There is an extensive effort by Federal, State and local governments in central and southern Florida to restore the natural Kissimmee—Lake Okeechobee—Everglades system. Much of this effort depends a great deal on the findings, recommendations and ultimate direction resulting from the Comprehensive Review Study. Therefore, it is envisioned that a conceptual plan will be identified early in the study process to provide a framework as the Corps, SFWMD, and other agencies and the public articulate the ultimate comprehensive plan.

d. Scoping

The scoping process as outlined by the Council on Environmental Quality will be utilized to involve Federal, State, and local agencies, affected Indian Tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties. A scoping letter will be sent to interested Federal, State and local agencies, interested organizations and the public, requesting their comments and concerns regarding issues they feel should be addressed in the DPEIS. Interested persons and organizations wishing to participate in the scoping process should contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the address above. Significant issues anticipated include concern for: maintenance of flood protection and water supply, water quality, wetlands, fish and wildlife, recreation and aesthetics, historical and cultural resources, groundwater recharge, and threatened and endangered plant and animal species. Public meetings will be held over the course of the study, the exact location, dates, and times will be announced in public notices and local newspapers.

e. It is estimated that the DPEIS will be available to the public in November 1999.

George M. Strain,

Assistant Chief, Planning Division.

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Corps of Engineers**Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for Harbor Improvements at St. Paul, AK**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The proposed action includes deepening and widening the Federal entrance channel and maneuvering channels in St. Paul Harbor, St. Paul Island, Alaska and reducing damage caused by storm waves overtopping the existing breakwater. Dredging and dredged material disposal alternatives will be addressed with respect to fish and wildlife resources and social and cultural aspects. Breakwater overtopping prevention alternatives include submerged reef breakwater, construction of a breakwater toe, and placement of additional larger stones. Potential impacts associated with the proposed action include impacts to Salt Lagoon, impacts on least auklet nesting habitat, and water quality degradation to Salt Lagoon and Village Cove. The rock quarry for the breakwater overtopping alternatives will not be specified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and DSEIS can be answered by: Mr. Guy McConnell, Chief, Environmental Resources Section, Alaska District Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 898, Anchorage, Alaska 99506-0898, or phone (907) 753-2641.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A previous draft and final Environmental Impact Statement was written for this project in 1982. The Record of Decision was signed in 1983. The project was not built until 1989. Several environmental assessments were prepared and distributed for public review assessing changes in the original project design.

The harbor was designed to support a fishing fleet one-third the size of the current operating fleet, and it also lacks moorage for smaller boats. The harbor was not intended to have any floating or shore-based processing plants. The project design was 100 feet with a 12-foot unladen draft. The harbor currently serves a fleet of 230 transient vessels during the crabbing season, with three onshore processors and up to 27 floating processors in the immediate area of the harbor (within 3 miles). The design vessel for the proposed project is 350 feet long with a 23-foot draft. The present entrance channel and maneuvering channels are not adequate to safely accommodate these vessels.

The DSEIS will analyze the new harbor and breakwater alternatives, and other alternatives that may surface during the scoping process. Much of the information contained in the previous EIS and EAs will be incorporated by reference. The final EIS will be made available. Scoping of the EIS will include coordination with the interested local, State, and Federal agencies, the local public, native concerns, and other interested parties. Scoping meetings are planned for Anchorage and St. Paul Island.

Anticipated subjects to be addressed include, but are not limited to: water quality, Salt Lagoon, alcid nesting habitat, tideland fills, wetlands, rock quarry issues, and measures to minimize adverse impacts.

The expected completion date of the DSEIS is spring 1996.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Department of Education (ED)

provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director of the Information Resources Group, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: January 24, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate in Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, and Federal Work-Study Programs.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-Profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 4,800.

Burden Hours: 80,131.