

Revested Oregon and California Railroad
Grant Lands

Pickett Bridge Recreation Site

T. 30 S., R. 2 W.,
sec. 23, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Olalla-Thompson Creek Day Use Area

T. 30 S., R. 7 W.,
sec. 5, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and
N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Island Creek Recreation Site

T. 31 S., R. 7 W.,
sec. 1, lot 5, excluding that portion granted
to the railroad under the Act of July 25,
1866 (14 Stat. 239).

The areas described aggregate 143.32 acres
in Douglas County.

Non-Federal Lands

Island Creek

T. 30 S., R. 7 W.,
sec. 36, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 31 S., R. 7 W.,
sec. 1, that portion of lot 5 granted to the
railroad under the Act of July 25, 1866
(14 Stat. 239), and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Iron Mountain

T. 31 S., R. 7 W.,
sec. 4, that portion of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
granted as right-of-way to the railroad
under the Act of July 25, 1866 (14 Stat.
239).

The areas described aggregate 63.90 acres
in Douglas County.

The purpose of the proposed
withdrawal is to expand opportunities
for general recreation and recreational
gold panning, to protect the public
health and safety, and to protect current
road improvements and future site
development investments as to the
public and non-Federal lands located in
the four recreational sites.

For a period of 91 days from the date
of publication of this notice, all persons
who wish to submit comments,
suggestions, or objections in connection
with the proposed withdrawal may
present their views in writing to the
State Director at the address indicated
above.

Notice is hereby given that an
opportunity for a public meeting is
afforded in connection with the
proposed withdrawal. All interested
parties who desire a public meeting for
the purpose of being heard on the
proposed withdrawal must submit a
written request to the State Director at
the address indicated above within 91
days from the publication of this notice.
Upon determination by the authorized
officer that a public meeting will be
held, a notice of the time and place will
be published in the **Federal Register** at
least 30 days before the scheduled date
of the meeting.

The application will be processed in
accordance with the regulations set
forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date
of publication of this notice in the
Federal Register, the lands will be
segregated as specified above unless the
application is denied or canceled or the
withdrawal is approved prior to that
date. The temporary land uses which
may be permitted during this
segregative period include licenses,
permits, rights-of-way, and disposal of
vegetative resources.

Dated: October 31, 1997.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,

Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Petroglyph National Monument Advisory Commission

Notice is hereby given in accordance
with the Federal Advisory Committee
Act, Public Law 92-463, that a meeting
of the Petroglyph National Monument
Advisory Commission will be held at
9:00 a.m., Friday December 12, 1997, at
the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401
12th Street, N.W., Albuquerque, New
Mexico.

The Petroglyph National Monument
Advisory Commission was established
pursuant to Public Law 101-313,
establishing Petroglyph National
Monument, to advise the Secretary of
the Interior on the management and
development of the monument and on
the preparation of the monument's
general management plan.

Matters to be discussed at the
December 12, 1997 meeting include:
Introduction of Commission members
and guests
Superintendent's Report
Old Business
New Business
Public Comment

The meeting will be open to the
public. Any member of the public may
file a written statement concerning the
matters to be discussed at the
Commission meeting with the
Superintendent.

Persons who wish further information
concerning the meeting, or who wish to
submit written comments may contact
Judith Cordova, Superintendent,
Petroglyph National Monument, 6001
Unser Boulevard N.W., Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87120, telephone (505)
899-0205.

Minutes of the Commission meeting
will be available for public inspection
six weeks after the meeting at
Petroglyph National Monument
headquarters.

Dated: November 5, 1997.

Elizabeth Montano,

*Acting Superintendent, Petroglyph National
Monument*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Klamath Project Interim Operations Plan, Klamath Project, Oregon and California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a
draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C)
of the National Environmental Policy
Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the
Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)
proposes to prepare a draft
environmental impact statement (DEIS)
on a plan for operations of the Klamath
Project (Project) to cover an interim
period, pending completion of a water
rights adjudication, currently underway
by the State of Oregon. The plan will be
developed to define project operations
in relation to Reclamation's
responsibilities and obligations
concerning the Endangered Species Act,
senior water rights, tribal trust
resources, Project water users'
contractual rights, wildlife refuges, and
other requirements mandated by law
and within the authority of the
Secretary of Interior.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Laura Allen, NEPA
Team Leader, Klamath Basin Area
Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 6600
Washburn Way, Klamath Falls, OR
97603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms.
Laura Allen at (541) 883-6935.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Drought
conditions in the early 1990s
demonstrated the need for Reclamation
to develop an operations plan for the
Project to assist those affected by Project
operations to understand how
Reclamation will manage the project,
consistent with its responsibilities and
obligations. Since 1995, Reclamation
has operated the Project according to
annual operations plans/advisories.
During this time, Reclamation has
received considerable information
which will aid in the development of an
interim operations plan for the Project.

When completed, the interim operations plan will supersede the annual operations plans/advisories and will guide Project operations until completion of the adjudication. At that time, the interim plan will be revised as necessary and additional NEPA documentation may be required.

Dated: November 5, 1997.

John F. Davis,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Westland Irrigation District Boundary Adjustment, Hermiston, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed boundary adjustment to include additional lands into the Westland Irrigation District. Westland Irrigation District (WID) proposes the addition of 21,100 acres, of which 9,912 acres are currently irrigated, into their boundaries.

The NEPA process was initiated in late 1993 and, as a result of comments received then, has been on hold until additional information was obtained. This notice is to inform the public of the resumption of the NEPA process and the preparation of an EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Tiedeman, UCA-1607, Upper Columbia Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 1749, Yakima WA 98907-1749; Telephone (509) 575-5848 extension 238.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: WID is one of several districts in the Umatilla basin either served by federally owned facilities or receiving federally controlled water. A Federal repayment contract with WID requires that changes to district boundaries must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior. During studies undertaken to implement the Umatilla Basin Project Act, it became apparent that WID was providing federally supplied water to lands outside of the district boundaries. In 1993, to address this problem, WID requested that Reclamation allow a change in their boundaries so that they may provide irrigation water to lands

outside the current boundaries. In the interim Reclamation entered into a series of annual water service contracts with WID so irrigation of lands outside of the district boundaries with federally supplied water could continue while issues surrounding the boundary expansion were resolved.

Reclamation and the Natural Resources Department of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) held public meetings on November 4 and December 17, 1993, to gather comments from the public concerning the "Proposed Boundary Changes for Irrigation Districts in the Umatilla Project, Oregon." Key issues identified in the scoping effort included Umatilla River hydrology and passage conditions for anadromous fish, Native American trust resources, and continued viability of irrigated agriculture. Based on the complex and often controversial nature of the issues involved, the high level of public and agency interest, and Reclamation's Native American trust responsibilities, Reclamation concluded that an EIS should be prepared. Since then, a hydrologic model of the Umatilla basin, necessary to complete the assessment of the proposed boundary adjustment, has been developed. Completion of the hydrologic model is anticipated for February 1998.

Four alternatives are proposed, including the no action alternative. Under the no action alternative all deliveries of federally supplied water by WID to lands outside of the current district boundaries would cease. Under the action alternatives some, or all, of these deliveries could continue. The draft EIS is expected to be completed in March of 1999.

At this time, no additional scoping meetings are planned. A summary of scoping issues identified through previous meetings is available upon request. Anyone interested in more information concerning the proposed action or who has information concerning significant environmental issues, should contact Mr. Tiedeman as provided under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Dated: October 17, 1997.

John W. Keys, III,

Regional Director, Pacific Northwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[AG Order No. 2129-97]

Interim Guidance on Verification of Citizenship, Qualified Alien Status and Eligibility Under Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of interim guidance with request for comments.

SUMMARY: Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 ("PRWORA") requires the Attorney General, by February 1998, to promulgate regulations requiring verification that an applicant for federal public benefits is a qualified alien eligible to receive federal public benefits under the Act. Amendments to the PRWORA by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 also require the Attorney General, within the same time period, to establish fair and nondiscriminatory procedures for applicants to provide proof of citizenship. Amendments to the PRWORA by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 require the Attorney General, by November 3, 1997, to issue interim verification guidance that sets forth procedures that benefit providers can use to verify citizenship, qualified alien status, and eligibility under Title IV of the PRWORA prior to issuance of the final regulations. In accordance with this last statutory requirement, the Attorney General, in consultation with federal benefit-granting agencies, has developed this interim guidance.

DATES: This Interim Guidance is effective October 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: John E. Nahan, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I St., N.W., ULLICO Building, 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20536, (202) 514-2317.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John E. Nahan, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I St., N.W., ULLICO Building, 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20536, (202) 514-2317.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By the authority vested in me as Attorney General by law, including section 432(a) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (as amended), I hereby issue the following Interim Guidance on Verification of Citizenship, Qualified Alien Status and Eligibility Under Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and