

Development, Implementation, Cherokee National Forest, Ocoee Ranger District, Polk County, TN, *Due:* March 24, 1997, *Contact:* Dave Carroll (423) 339-8620.

EIS No. 970058, Draft EIS, FAA, NH, Manchester (New Hampshire) Airport Master Plan Update, Improvements to Airside and Landside Facilities, Airport Layout Plan, Permits and Approvals, Manchester, NH, *Due:* April 07, 1997, *Contact:* John Sila (617) 647-8211.

EIS No. 970059, Draft Supplement, AFS, AK, Kensington Venture Underground Gold Mine Project, Additional Information, Development, Construction and Operation, Operating Plan Approval, NPDES, Section 10 and 404 Permits, Tongass National Forest, Sherman Creek, City of Juneau, AK, *Due:* April 07, 1997, *Contact:* Roger Birk (907) 586-8800.

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared February 3, 1997 Through February 7, 1997 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 5, 1996 (61 FR 15251).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65060-UT Rating EC2, Alta Ski Area Master Development Plan Update Approval, Special-Use-Permit and COE Permits Issuance, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Salt Lake Ranger District, Salt Lake County, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to wetlands and air quality impacts.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65258-MT Rating EC2, Lewis and Clark National Forest Plan, Implementation, Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis, Upper Missouri River Basin, several counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential

cumulative impacts from directional drilling and associated oil and gas exploration and development activities. The final EIS should address wetland protection, specific air and water quality monitoring and validation plans.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65259-CO Rating EC2, Aspen Highlands Ski Area Expansion, Master Development Plan Amendment, COE 404 Permit and Special-Use-Permit, White River National Forest, Aspen Ranger District, Pitkin County, CO.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about inadequate modeling and analysis to determine air quality impacts.

ERP No. D-AFS-K65192-CA Rating EC2, Jaybird Multi-Resource Project, Implementation, Downieville Ranger District, Yuba County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the proposed management activities are not directly integrated into the overall watershed management plan. The final EIS should clearly define roles and responsibilities for monitoring activities.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65265-WA Rating LO, North Sherman and Fritz Timber Sales, Implementation, Colville National Forest, Kettle Falls Ranger District, Ferry County, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65280-ID Rating EC2, Mosquito-Fly Project Area, Implementation, Harvest Timber, Road Construction and Grant Access to Private Land, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, St. Joe Ranger District, Shoshone County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the retention of roadless area characteristics, water quality, and cumulative/indirect impacts.

ERP No. D-AFS-L67035-OR Rating EO2, Stewart Mining Operation, Plan of Operation Approval, Implementation, City Creek, North Umpqua Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest, Douglas and Lane Counties, OR.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections about compliance with Aquatic Conservation Strategy Objectives provided in the Northwest Forest Plan Record of Decision, and about impacts to the Outstandingly Remarkable Values recognized in the North Umpqua River and Streamboat Creek, from sedimentation and acid rock drainage.

ERP No. D-BLM-J65191-00 Rating EC2, Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management on Bureau of Land

Management Administered Lands, Implementation, MT, ND and SD.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the Standards and Guidelines may not adequately protect the chemical, physical and biological integrity of water quality to meet the Clean Water Act. There was confusion concerning what CWA Section 303 water quality standards (WQS) mean and how the States implement WQS. Consistency, additional information and environmental commitments were requested in the final EIS. The final EIS should include specifics of the mitigation plans.

ERP No. D-BLM-K67039-NV Rating LO, Denton-Rawhide Mine Expansion Project, Plan of Operation Approval, Implementation, Mineral County, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed a lack of objection.

ERP No. D-BLM-L65272-ID Rating EC2, Challis Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Upper Columbus—Salmon Clearwater Districts, Salmon River, Lemhi and Custer Counties, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns on water quality impacts from grazing activities. EPA suggests that the final EIS include specifics on mitigation plans, including implementation to improve degraded riparian areas.

ERP No. D-COE-L36104-WA Rating LO, Howard A. Hanson Dam Continued Operation and Maintenance Plan, Implementation, Green River, King County, WA.

Summary: Our abbreviated review has revealed no EPA concerns on this project.

ERP No. D-IBR-K31018-AZ Rating EO2, Programmatic EIS—Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project, Construction and Operation, Maricopa and Pinal Counties, AZ.

Summary: EPA had environmental objection with the large scope of the proposed action and its long-term sustainability. The PDEIS did not persuasively demonstrate that potential adverse environmental impacts can be avoided, minimized, or mitigated. EPA recommended prioritization of project components for implementation with primary emphasis on rehabilitation of existing irrigation systems and agricultural areas. EPA also strongly advocated monitoring and adaptive management and urged full integration of the local comprehensive water management plan. EPA expressed concern with potential adverse impacts to surface and groundwater quality, riparian areas, air quality, fish and

wildlife habitat, and public health and safety.

ERP No. D-STA-G50009-00 Rating LO, Programmatic EIS—International Bridge Crossing Project, Construction and Operation, Along the United States-Mexico Border from EL Paso to Brownsville, TX, Presidential Permit, NM and TX.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the proposed action.

ERP No. D-UMC-K24018-CA Rating EC2, Sewage Effluent Compliance Project, Implementation, Lower Santa Margarita Basin, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, San Diego County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the alternative analysis and requested clarification of wetland issues.

ERP No. DA-DOE-A22076-NM Rating LO, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Disposal Phase, Updated Information, Disposal of Transuranic Waste, Carlsbad, NM.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections to the preferred alternative.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J60017-CO Fraser Valley Loop Transmission Line Project, Construction, Operation, Associated Operations and Maintenance Activities, Approval of Permits, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, Grand County, CO.

Summary: EPA continued to express environmental concerns that many of the potential impacts to wetlands, old growth, and raptor nests will not be known until a biological survey of the area is done. EPA also expressed environmental concern over possible conflicts that may still exist between this EIS and draft land management plans.

ERP No. F-AFS-J65242-MT Checkerboard Land Exchange, Plan of Approval and Implementation, Kootenai, Lolo and Flathead National Forests, Lincoln, Flathead and Sanders Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse water quality and fisheries impacts that could occur on lands exchanged to the Plum Creek Timber Company (PCTC) due to high intensity timber harvesting and road building activities by PCTC on these lands.

ERP No. F-AFS-K65189-CA, Cavanah Multi-Resource Management Project, Implementation, Enhancing Forest Health and Productivity, Tahoe National Forest, Foresthill Ranger District, Placer County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the number of proposed road obliterations

will not be adequate to improve water quality.

ERP No. F-BLM-K67037-NV, Twin Creeks Mine Consolidation and Expansion, which Encompasses the former Rabbit Creek Mine and the former Chimmey Creek Mine, Plan of Operation Approval and Permit Issuance, Winnemucca District, Humboldt County, NV.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-COE-G39029-LA, Programmatic EIS—Marsh Management Project, Hydrologic Manipulation, COE Section 10 and 404 Permit Issuance, Coastal Wetland of Louisiana a part of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) River Basins, LA.

Summary: EPA recommended that the Record of Decision identify the future directions or activities that can be implemented by the COE to address hydrologic manipulation issues in coastal Louisiana.

ERP No. F-COE-G85180-LA, Estelle Plantation Partnership Municipal Golf Course and Housing Development, Implementation, Jefferson Parish, LA.

Summary: EPA continued to have environmental concerns regarding the preferred actions but defers further comment pending completion of the Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit processing.

ERP No. F-FHW-K40214-CA, Alternatives to Replacement of the Embarcadero Freeway and the Terminal Separator Structure, (Formerly CA-480) Implementation, Permit Approvals and Funding, San Francisco County, CA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-GSA-C81017-NY, US Brooklyn Court Project, Demolition of the Emanuel Celler Federal Building, Construction of a New Courthouse and Renovation/Adaptive Reuse of the General Post Office at Cadman Plaza East, Kings County, NY.

Summary: EPA continued to have environmental concerns about the meteorological data used in the air model. EPA has requested that updated information be used in a revised modeling analysis.

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Notice of Public Meeting on the National Performance Measures Strategy for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of second public meeting to solicit suggestions for innovative, supplemental measures of enforcement and compliance assurance program performance; develop a common understanding with partners and stakeholders about a set of national measures and the steps necessary to implement them (based on the state of national compliance); and discuss how to carry out an implementation plan to put the new set of measures into practice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) held its first public meeting on Monday, February 3, 1997, in Alexandria, VA to hear presentations and statements from a cross-section of stakeholders about innovative approaches to measuring enforcement and compliance assurance program performance. This notice is hereby given that the EPA is soliciting comments for the second public meeting to continue to hear from stakeholders regarding the way EPA measures its enforcement programs.

DATES: The meeting date will take place on Monday, March 17, 1997, from 8:30 a.m to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place on Monday, March 17, 1997 at the Holiday Inn Civic Center, 50 8th Street, San Francisco, California 94103 (415-626-6103 or 1-800-243-1135).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

For many years, EPA has counted annual enforcement outputs (e.g., inspections conducted, number of civil and criminal cases, penalties assessed) as the predominant measure of performance for the enforcement and compliance assurance program. While these outputs will continue to be used as an important measure of environmental enforcement, EPA seeks additional measures to assess the status