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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) will be renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee which is in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App 9(c). The purpose of NACEPT is to provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on issues associated with environmental management, technology and policy. It is determined that NACEPT is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

Inquiries may be directed to Mark Joyce, U.S. EPA, (mail code 1601-A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-9802, or joyce.mark@epa.gov.

Dated: July 9, 2002.

Tim Sherer,

Acting Director, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6631-2]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

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

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed July 08, 2002 Through July 12, 2002

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 020294, Final EIS, AFS, NM, Agua/Caballos Timber Sale,

Harvesting Timber and Managing Existing Vegetation, Implementation, Carson National Forest, El Rito Ranger District, Taos County, NM, Wait Period Ends: August 19, 2002, Contact: Kurt Winchester (505) 581-4554.

EIS No. 020295, Final EIS, FRC, WA, Warm Creek (No. 10865) and Clearwater Creek (No. 11485) Hydroelectric Project, Issuance of License for the Construction and Operation, Located in the Middle Fork Nooksack River (MFNR) Basin, WA, Wait Period Ends: August 19, 2002, Contact: Timothy Looney (202) 219-2852.

EIS No. 020296, Final EIS, AFS, ID, Hidden Cedar Project, Road Construction and Watershed Restoration, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, St. Joe Ranger District, Benewah, Shoshone, Clearwater and Latah Counties, ID, Wait Period Ends: August 19, 2002, Contact: George Bain (208) 245-2531.

EIS No. 020297, Draft EIS, FHW, NC, US 321 Highway Improvement Project (TIP), From NC-1500 (Blackberry Road) North to US 221 in Blowing Rock, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Town of Blowing Rock, Caldwell and Watauga Counties, NC, Comment Period Ends: September 03, 2002, Contact: Nicholas L. Graf (919) 856-4346.

EIS No. 020298, Draft EIS, NPS, AZ, Navajo National Monument, General Management Plan, Development Concept Plan, Implementation, Navajo Counties, AZ, Comment Period Ends: September 30, 2002, Contact: Rosemary Knoki (928) 672-2700.

This document is available on the Internet at: <http://planning.den.nps.gov/plans.cfm>.

EIS No. 020299, Final EIS, AFS, ID, Whiskey Campo Resource Management Project, Implementation, Elmore County, ID, Wait Period Ends: August 19, 2002, Contact: David Rittenhouse (208) 373-4100.

EIS No. 020300, Draft EIS, SFW, NM, Rio Grande Silvery Minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*), To be Designation for Critical Habitat, Implementation, Bernalillo, Sandoval, Socorro, Valencia Counties, NM, Comment Period Ends: September 04, 2002, Contact: Joy Nicholopoulos (505) 346-2525.

This document is available on the Internet at: <http://ifw2es.fws.gov>.

EIS No. 020301, Draft EIS, AFS, AK, Kosciusko Island Timber Sale(s), Harvesting Timber, Tongass National Forest, Thorne Bay Ranger District,

Kosciusko Island, AK, Comment Period Ends: September 03, 2002, Contact: Glenn Pierce (907) 826-1629. EIS No. 020302, Draft Supplement, COE, CA, Bel Marin Key Unit V Expansion of the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project, New and Updated Information, Application for Approval of Permits, Novato Creek, Marin County, CA, Comment Period Ends: September 03, 2002, Contact: Eric Jolliffe (415) 977-8543.

This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/belmarin>.

EIS No. 020303, Final Supplement, COE, MO, St. Johns Bayou and New Madrid Floodway Project, Channel Enlargement and Improvement, Revised Information to Formulate and Analyze Additional Alternatives, Flood Control and National Economic Development (NED), New Madrid, Mississippi and Scott Counties, MO, Wait Period Ends: August 19, 2002, Contact: Shawn Phillips (901) 544-3321.

EIS No. 020304, Final EIS, NOA, CA, San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Proposes to Designate Three Sites: China Camp State Park, Brown's Island Regional Parks District, and Rush Ranch Open Space Preserve, Contra Costa, Marin and Solano Counties, CA, Wait Period Ends: August 19, 2002, Contact: Laurie McGilvray—ext 15 (301) 713-3132.

EIS No. 020305, Draft EIS, FHW, CA, Riverside County Integrated Project, Winchester to Temecula Corridor a New Multi-Modal Transportation Facility, Route Location and Right-of-Way Preservation, County of Riverside, CA, Comment Period Ends: September 20, 2002, Contact: Mary Ann Rondinella (916) 498-5040.

This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.rcip.org>.

EIS No. 020306, Draft EIS, FHW, CA, Riverside County Integrated Project, Hemet to Corona/Lake Elsinore Corridor a New Multi-Modal Transportation Facility, Route Location and Right-of-Way Preservation, County of Riverside, CA, Comment Period Ends: September 20, 2002, Contact: Mary Ann Rondinella (916) 498-5040.

This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.rcip.org>.

EIS No. 020307, Draft Supplement, AFS, OR, Deep Vegetation Management Project, Implementation, Additional Information on Four Alternatives, Ochoco National Forest, Paulina

Ranger District, Crook and Wheeler Counties, OR, Comment Period Ends: September 03, 2002, Contact: William E. Fish (541) 477-6900.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 020248, Draft EIS, COE, CA, Bolinas Lagoon Ecosystem Restoration, Proposal to Removal up to 1.5 Million Cubic Yard of Sediment from the bottom of Lagoon to Allow Restoration of Tidal Movement and Eventual Restoration of Tidal Habitat, Marin County, CA, Comment Period Ends: August 15, 2002, Contact: Roger Golden (415) 977-8703. Revision of FR Notice Published on 06/21/2002: CEQ Comment Period Ending 08/05/2002 has been Reestablished to 08/15/2002. Due to Incomplete Distribution of the DEIS at the time of Filing with USEPA under Section 1506.9 of the CEQ Regulations.

EIS No. 020282, Final EIS, COE, NJ, Meadowlands Mills Project, Construction of a Mixed-Use Commercial Development, Permit Application Number 95-07-440-RS, US Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permit Issuance, Boroughs of Carlstadt and Monnachie, Township of South Hackensack, Bergen County, NJ, Comment Period Ends: October 03, 2002, Contact: Steven Schumach (212) 264-0183. Revision of FR Notice published on 07/05/2002: CEQ Wait Period Ending 08/19/2002 has been Extended to 10/03/2002.

EIS No. 990029, Draft EIS, FAA, OH, Cancelled—Toledo Express Airport (TOL), Proposed Noise Compatibility Plan Air Traffic Actions and Proposed Aviation Related Industrial Development, Airport Layout Plan and Funding, Lucas County, OH, Due: March 17, 1999, Contact: Wally Welter (847) 294-8091. Revision of FR Notice Published on 02-05-1991: Officially Cancelled by the preparing agency by letter Dated 06/05/2002.

EIS No. 020236, Draft EIS, IBR, NM City of Albuquerque Drinking Water Project, To Provide a Sustainable Water Supply for Albuquerque through Direct and Full Consumptive Use of the City's San Juan-Chama (SJC) Water for Potable Purposes, Funding, Right-of-Way and COE Section 404 Permits, City of Albuquerque, NM, Comment Period Ends: August 13, 2002, Contact: Lori Robertson (505) 248-5326. Correction to Internet Site it should be: <http://www.uc.usbr.gov>.

Dated: July 16, 2002.

Joseph C. Montgomery,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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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 12, 2002 (67 FR 17992).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65361-MT Rating EC2, Black Ant Salvage Project, Salvage of 739 Acres of Dead Merchantable Trees from the Lost Fork Fire of 2001, Lewis and Clark National Forest, Meagher Basin County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns due to impacts on soils stated to have high to very high erosion hazards in watersheds of 303(d) listed streams, when a winter logging alternative is available that reduces the impacts. EPA requested additional cumulative effects information and mitigation measures to reduce impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65362-MT Rating EC2, Pipestone Timber Sale and Restoration Project, Timber Harvest, Prescribed Fire Burning, Watershed Restoration and Associated Activities, Kootenai National Forest, Libby Ranger District, Lincoln Lincoln County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about adverse impacts to water quality and recommends consideration of logging methods that reduce ground disturbance in areas with sensitive soils and greater erosion and sediment production potential. EPA will evaluate potential water quality issues and consistency with TMDL development on private industrial timber land in the 303(d) listed Bobtail Creek drainage.

ERP No. D-FRC-E03009-00 Rating EC2, Patriot Project, Construction and Operation of Mainline Expansion and

Patriot Extension in order to Transport 510.00 dekatherms per day (dth/day) of Natural Gas, TN, VA and NC.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns regarding potential impacts to wetlands, noise and air quality, as well as concerns over environmental justice and the need for an improved alternatives analysis. Specific concerns include sidecasting of spoil in wetlands, compressor station noise, crossing of numerous waterbodies including potential contaminated sediments, and proximity/safety of numerous homes within 25-50 ft of the proposed pipeline route.

ERP No. D-FRC-L05225-OR Rating EC2, North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project 1927), New License Issuance for the existing 185.5-megawatt (MW) Facility, North Umpqua River, Douglas County, OR.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the proposed project in that a number of plans, analyses and surveys needed to define project baseline conditions, expected environmental effects and needed mitigation measures have not been completed. EPA recommends that this work be completed and incorporated in the EIS. EPA also recommends that a monitoring and evaluation plan be developed and included in the EIS along with evidence that required government-to-government consultations with affected Tribal governments have been undertaken and completed.

ERP No. D-FRC-L05226-ID Rating EO2, C.J. Strike Hydroelectric Project (FERC NO. 2055), New License Issuance, Snake and Bruneau Rivers, Owyhee and Elmore Counties, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections to three of the alternatives evaluated in the EIS as they would not result in any appreciable improvement to instream or riparian environmental conditions. EPA expressed concerns with the Run-of-River alternative due to the lack of a strategy for complying with applicable water quality standards. EPA recommended that the EIS include project impacts and mitigation, the white sturgeon conservation strategy, government-to-government consultation with tribes, and issues identified during scoping.

ERP No. D-TVA-E65059-00 Rating EC1, Pickwick Reservoir Land Management Plan (Plan), Proposal to use the Plan to Guide Land-Use Approvals, Private Water Use Facility Permitting and Resource Management Decisions, Colbert and Lauderdale Counties, AL and Tishomingo County, MS and Hardin County, TN,.