

4. Those rights for electrical line purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company by Permit No. N-54757 the under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43USC1761).

5. Those rights for telephone line purposes which have been granted to Sprint Central Telephone of Nevada by Permit No. N-56449 the under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43USC1761).

6. Those rights for telephone line purposes which have been granted to Sprint Central Telephone of Nevada by Permit No. NEV-067254 the under the Act of March 4, 1911 (43USC961).

7. Those rights for communication line purposes which have been granted to Sprint Central Telephone of Nevada by Permit No. N-7342 the under the Act of February 15, 1901 (43USC959).

8. Those rights for substation and transmission line purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company by Permit No. NEV-061618 the under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43USC1761).

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease/conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws and disposals under the mineral material disposal laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance for classification of the lands to the District Manager, Las Vegas District, P. O. Box 26569, Las Vegas, Nevada 89126.

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a public park.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: May 5, 1995.

**Marvin D. Morgan,**

*District Manager, Las Vegas, NV.*

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## Fish and Wildlife Service

### Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Establishment of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Within the Four-State Connecticut River Watershed of New England

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has prepared, for public review and comment, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on establishing the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge (refuge) in the Connecticut River watershed of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire. The DEIS describes a No Action alternative, the Service's Proposed Action, and three other alternatives for establishing the refuge and the environmental consequences of implementing each alternative. This notice is being furnished pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1503.1) to invite comment on the DEIS from other federal and state agencies and the public.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS AND HEARINGS:** During the public review period, a series of afternoon walk-in informational sessions and evening public meetings and hearings will be held in 16 different locations throughout the four-state Connecticut River watershed. Meetings will be held in four locations in Massachusetts the week of June 6, 1995; in four locations in Connecticut the week of June 12, 1995; in four locations in southern Vermont and New Hampshire the week of June 19, 1995; and in four locations in northern Vermont and New Hampshire the week of June 26, 1995. The dates, times and locations of these meetings will be announced in local and regional newspapers, through public service announcements in other media, and through direct mailings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at all walk-in informational sessions and public meetings, or hearings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Bandolin, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 38 Avenue A, Turners Falls, Massachusetts 01376.

Telephone (413) 863-0209 or Fax (413) 863-3070.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** In order to be considered in the preparation of the Final EIS, all comments should be received no later than July 31, 1995.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DEIS was prepared to fulfill the requirements of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act of 1991 (Act), Section 105. The Act's long-term purposes for establishing a new refuge in the Connecticut River watershed are to: (1) conserve, protect, and enhance the Connecticut River watershed populations of Atlantic salmon, American shad, river herring, shortnose sturgeon, bald eagles, peregrine falcons, osprey, black ducks, and other native species of plants, fish, and wildlife; (2) conserve, protect, and enhance the natural diversity and abundance of plant, fish, and wildlife species and the ecosystems upon which these species depend within the refuge; (3) protect species listed as endangered or threatened, or identified as candidates for listing, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended; (4) restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of wetlands and other waters within the refuge; (5) fulfill the international treaty obligations of the United States relating to fish and wildlife and wetlands, and (6) provide opportunities for scientific research, environmental education, and fish and wildlife-oriented recreation and access to the extent compatible with the other purposes stated in this section. The DEIS describes five alternative ways to help fulfill these purposes. It also discusses the process used to develop them and the environmental consequences of implementing each one. The first alternative (No Action) would involve no new conservation efforts in the watershed on the part of the Service. A second alternative (Private Lands Work and Education) relies on the voluntary restoration and enhancement of private lands through the Service's Partners for Wildlife Program. A third alternative (Private Lands Work, Education and Partnerships) relies on the voluntary restoration and enhancement of private lands, developing partnerships, providing technical assistance and establishing a cost-sharing grants program—through the Service's Challenge Cost Share Program—to help other conservation interests carry out their land protection programs. A fourth alternative (Private Lands Work, Education, Partnerships and Land Protection—The Service's Proposed Action) is similar to the third

alternative, except that the Service would also acquire lands to protect threatened or endangered, rare and uncommon species and communities. Under the fifth alternative (Private Lands Work, Education and Land Protection) the Service would establish a more traditional national fish and wildlife refuge. All issues and concerns identified by the public during scoping were considered and the most significant analyzed in detail. The potential effects of each alternative on agriculture and forestry, biological resources, local economies, environmental education, public use and access, and water use and quality are also described. Copies of the DEIS have been sent to all federal and state agencies, organizations and individuals who requested copies, as well as all libraries within the watershed. A summary of the DEIS has been sent to all other organizations and individuals on the project mailing list. A limited number of copies of both documents are available upon request from the project office in Turners Falls, Massachusetts. No final decision will be made until such time as the public has had the opportunity to review and comment on the DEIS. It is estimated that a Final Environmental Impact Statement will be available by September, 1995.

**Cathy Short,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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**Minerals Management Service**

**Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) in the Royalty Management Program**

May 16, 1995.

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and training.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is making Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) technology available to minerals royalty payors on a voluntary basis. Implementation of EDI is also intended to help achieve the objectives of the Vice President's National Performance Review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** General EDI Information—Contact Mr. Ron Hatton, Systems Management Division, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P. O. Box 25165 MS-3140, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165, telephone numbers 1-800-619-4593 or (303) 275-7050, FAX number (303) 275-7099. EDI Orientation Training Information—Contact Ms.

Barbara Matthews, Systems Management Division, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P. O. Box 25165 MS-3140, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165, telephone numbers 1-800-619-4593 or (303) 275-7036, FAX number (303) 275-7099. EDI Technical Training Information—Contact Mr. Tim Allard, Systems Management Division, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P. O. Box 25165 MS-3140, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165, telephone numbers 1-800-619-4593 or (303) 275-7007, FAX number (303) 275-7099.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MMS is publishing this Notice in response to a **Federal Register** notice, "Offshore Minerals Management and Royalty Management Electronic Data Interchange Projects" (55 FR 38166, September 17, 1990), and the Executive Order No. 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards" (September 14, 1993).

MMS defines EDI as "the intercompany electronic transmission of business transactions in a standard format." EDI allows royalty payors to use electronic technologies to submit records required under the regulations in Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). MMS will perform most EDI activity in Denver, Colorado. However, the MMS Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) offices also have a limited EDI capacity for well test data.

MMS will provide approved customers with choices in both sources of service and the means of delivery. Sources of service include Electronic Data Interchange, E-Mail, Magnetic Tape, various Diskette formats and public electronic carriers. Security procedures to protect confidential or proprietary information are provided for in the Electronic Commerce Agreement (ECA).

EDI technology benefits both royalty payors and MMS because it allows for paperless reporting, automated receipt, fewer data errors, and cost savings. Because EDI mutually benefits royalty payors and MMS, MMS' objective is to use EDI wherever feasible as a means of conducting business. All industries MMS regulates may voluntarily participate in the electronic data submission. In some instances, records required by Title 30 of the CFR may need to be retained in paper form and their associated conventional methods of signing may need to be preserved. MMS will specify in future rulemakings which records must be maintained in paper form. Information packets

regarding EDI are available by contacting Mr. Ron Hatton at MMS.

**Orientation and Training**

MMS is offering orientation and technical training at no cost to companies and interested parties that intend to implement EDI with the Minerals Management Service/Royalty Management Program (MMS/RMP). MMS will conduct orientation sessions on request and discuss MMS EDI activities, capabilities and implementation planning and schedules. MMS will conduct a technical training session in Lakewood, Colorado, on June 21, 1995. The technical training session is primarily for technical specialists responsible for EDI and will target the translation of data from the company's application system to reports required by MMS. The training will discuss EDI implementation with MMS/RMP and will be oriented to technical considerations which are essential for successful implementation. The specific transaction sets and reports to be discussed at the technical training session are:

1. Royalty Regulatory Reports, Data Transaction Set 185 for Form MMS-2014;
  2. Product Transfer and Resale Report, Data Transaction Set 867 for Forms MMS-3160 and OGOR; and
  3. Payment Order/Remittance Advice, Data Transaction Set 820 for electronic payment of royalties, rents, bonuses, penalties, interest, and assessments.
- If you are interested in this training session, please reply to Mr. Tim Allard no later than May 31, 1995, using one of the following methods:
1. Call directly at (303) 275-7007;
  2. Call the Electronic Commerce Information number 1-800-619-4593;
  3. FAX your training request to (303) 275-7099;
  4. Respond by E-Mail using Internet address: Timothy—C.—Allard@SMTP.MMS.GOV
  5. Respond by E-Mail using X.400 address: /C=US/A=ATTMAIL/P=GOV+MMS/S=Allard/G=Timothy/I=C.

Participants will receive confirmation two weeks in advance of the training and instructions as to exact location and times.

MMS/RMP is also considering conducting similar technical training sessions outside of the Denver area if there is sufficient interest. If you are interested in this training, but are unable to attend the session scheduled in Lakewood, please contact Mr. Tim Allard at MMS to request alternative dates and locations. Future training