

claim or site, the person receiving the claim or site must file the following information with BLM: the BLM serial number of the claim, the name and address of the person receiving an interest in the claim, and a copy of the document transferring the interest under applicable State law. The same information must be submitted to BLM if someone inherits an interest in a claim or site.

Notice of intent to locate

In 1993, Congress amended section 9 of the Stock Raising Homestead Act (39 Stat. 864, 43 U.S.C. 291 *et seq.*) to require anyone desiring to explore for or locate a mining claim on a stock raising homestead to file with BLM a notice of intent if the mineral activities related to the exploration cause no more than a minimal disturbance of surface resources and do not involve the use of heavy equipment, explosives, road construction, drill pads or hazardous materials (Pub. L. 103-23, 107 Stat. 60). Under BLM's implementing regulations at 43 CFR 3833.0-3(g) and .1-2(c) and (d), the notice of intent must contain the name and mailing address of the person filing the notice and a legal description of the lands to which the notice applies. Those desiring to explore for or locate a mining claim must also provide the surface owner with a brief description of the proposed mineral activities; a map and legal description of the lands to be subject to mineral exploration; the name, address, and phone number of the person managing the activities; and the date(s) on which the activities will take place.

BLM will use all of the information collections described above to determine the number and location of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites located on Federal lands to assist in the surface management of these lands and any minerals found there; to remove any cloud on the title to those lands due to abandoned mining claims; to provide information as to the location of active claims; and to keep informed about transfers of interest and ownership. If BLM did not collect this information, the rights of surface and mineral owners would not be protected, the Government's ability to locate and control surface disturbance would be compromised, and opportunities for mineral exploration and development would be unnecessarily circumscribed.

Based on BLM's experience administering FLPMA and the general mining laws, BLM estimates the public reporting burden for this information collection to average eight minutes per response. The respondents are owners

of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites located on the public domain and individuals or organizations who seek to explore for or locate a mining claim on lands subject to the Stock Raising Homestead Act, as amended. The frequency of response is once, upon recording, and annually thereafter, and in the case of lands subject to the Stock Raising Homestead Act, one per entry. The number of responses per year is estimated to be about 336,200. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents collectively is about 44,827 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 6, 1996.

Annetta L. Cheek,

Chief, Regulatory Management Team.

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Arizona: Availability of the Final Yuma District (Lands) Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment, Yuma District

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the final Yuma District (Lands) Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment, Yuma District.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared an amendment and environmental assessment to its Yuma District Resource Management Plan (RMP).

The management action prescribed in the preferred alternative would permit disposal or acquisition of lands that have not been previously identified in the RMP.

The document contains procedures for protesting the Amendment or any part of it. These procedures can also be found in the Code of Federal Regulations 43 CFR 1610.5-2.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The document contains the criteria to be considered for each land disposal or acquisition proposal. These criteria are consistent with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. Site-specific impacts of each proposal would continue to be analyzed in accordance

with the National Environmental Policy Act. In addition, this process must be in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and other applicable legislation prior to the approval of any lands action.

A limited number of copies of the Amendment and Environmental Assessment are available upon request to the Yuma District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 3150 Winsor Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85365. There are also copies available for review at the above location.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The protest period will begin upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register and run for 30 days, after which the decision will become final. Except for any portions under protest, the BLM's Arizona State Director may approve the Amendment 30 days from the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Renewable Resource Advisor Brenda Smith, Bureau of Land Management, 3150 Winsor Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85365, telephone (520) 726-6300.

This notice is published under authority found in 43 CFR 1610.2(f)(4).

Dated: March 4, 1996.

Maureen A. Merrell,

Assistant District Manager, Administration/Acting District Manager.

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Bureau of Reclamation

Proposed Long-Term Water Service Contract Renewal; Frenchman-Cambridge and Bostwick Divisions; Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program: Nebraska and Kansas

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of public information/scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) published a notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) in the Federal Register (61 FR 7803, Feb. 29, 1996). In association with this notice, Reclamation announced the schedule for a series of public information/scoping meetings. These meetings were scheduled to inform the public of the status of contract renewal, to allow for public comment on the preliminary management scenarios being evaluated in the draft Resource Management Assessment, to inform the public of significant issues identified to date, to identify additional significant issues that should be evaluated in the draft

EIS, and to identify issues related to Indian trust assets.

Reclamation has determined that the scoping meetings will be postponed until more substantial information can be developed and disseminated to the public for review. This level of information will provide for better and more open discussion of project proposals and related impacts. Reclamation is proceeding with preparation of the draft EIS within projected schedules. Reclamation will continue to disseminate project information to the public through the Republican River Roundup newsletter and will schedule scoping meetings in the near future to provide additional opportunities for public participation and input.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jill Manning, Natural Resource Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, Post Office Box 1607, Grand Island, Nebraska 68802-1607; Telephone (308) 389-4557.

Dated: March 6, 1996.

Neil Stessman,

Regional Director.

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Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

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

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended, CALFED, a consortium of federal and state agencies, proposes to participate in a joint programmatic environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The State of California Resources Agency will be the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is intended to provide long-term solutions to the problems affecting the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Bay-Delta system). CALFED has requested that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) participate in the programmatic EIS/EIR as a cooperating agency for purposes of its regulatory program. The Corps has indicated that it will participate in such a role.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered should be sent to CALFED by April 29, 1996. CALFED estimates that the draft EIS/EIR will be available for public review in the summer of 1997.

Through a series of scoping meetings, CALFED will seek public input on alternatives, concerns, and issues to be addressed in the EIS/EIR. The schedule and locations of the scoping meetings are as follows:

- April 9, 1996, MetroCentro Building, Eighth and Madison Streets, Oakland, California, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- April 10 1996, Jean Harvie Senior and Community Center, 14273 River Road, Walnut Grove, California, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- April 11, 1996, Tehama County Community Center, Gardenside Room, 1500 South Jackson Road, Red Bluff, California, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- April 15, 1996, Red Lion Inn, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- April 16, 1996, Red Lion Hotel/San Diego, 7450 Hazard Center Drive, San Diego, California, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- April 17, 1996, Long Beach Renaissance Hotel, 111 E. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- April 17, 1996, Holiday Inn, 303 E. Cordova, Pasadena, California, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- April 18, 1996, Red Lion Inn, 3100 Camino Del Rio Court, Bakersfield, California, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the project scope should be sent to Mr. Rick Breitenbach, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155, Sacramento, CA 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rick Breitenbach at the above address; telephone: (916) 657-2666.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The State of California and the Federal government are working together to stabilize, restore, and enhance the Bay-Delta system. State-Federal cooperation was formalized in June 1994 with the signing of a Framework Agreement by the Bureau of Reclamation; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service; and the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Water Resources, California Environmental Protection Agency, and State Water Resources Control Board. These agencies, with

management and regulatory responsibility in the Bay-Delta system, are working together as CALFED and will provide policy direction and oversight for the process. The Framework Agreement pledged that State and Federal agencies would work together in three areas of Bay-Delta management:

- water quality standards formulation,
- coordination of State Water Project and Central Valley Project operations with regulatory requirements, and
- long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta estuary.

The mission of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is to develop a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system. Four main problem areas have been identified for the Bay-Delta system. These are water quality, ecosystem health, water supply reliability, and system vulnerability. Six principles guide the development of the solutions to the problems identified for the four problem areas. The principles dictate that the solutions must be affordable, equitable, durable, and implementable; must reduce conflict among competing interests; and must not redirect significant impacts.

Scoping is an early and open process designed to determine the significant issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS/EIR. The following are significant issues that have been identified by CALFED agencies to date:

- declining fish populations;
- Delta water quality;
- agricultural and municipal water supplies and water quality;
- health of the Delta ecosystem;
- levee stability in the Delta;
- flow and direction of water in the Delta and tributary streams;
- land uses in the Delta;
- wetland, upland, and aquatic habitats in the Delta and tributary streams;
- upstream storage reservoirs;
- recreation opportunities; and
- power generation at upstream facilities.

In addition to a no-action alternative, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program has drafted alternative solutions for problems in the Bay-Delta system. Each draft alternative is a combination of many actions, such as operational and policy changes, habitat restoration, and water flow adjustments, that together form a comprehensive solution to problems in the Bay-Delta system's four problem areas: water quality, ecosystem health, water supply reliability, and system vulnerability. The CALFED Bay-