

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Central Utah Project Completion Act; Uintah Unit, Central Utah Project; Irrigation Water Contract Negotiation**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to negotiate a contract among the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD), Dry Gulch Irrigation Company, and the Department of the Interior (DOI) for transferring storage rights of irrigation water held in high mountain lakes in a Wilderness Area in the Uinta Mountains to storage facilities being planned for the Uintah Unit of the Central Utah Project.

SUMMARY: Public Law 102-575 Section 201(c) extended the authorization of the Uintah Unit of the Central Utah Project for 5 years from time of enactment. This contract is intended to provide replacement storage for irrigation water presently held in the upper drainage areas of the Uinta Mountains in the proposed Lower Uintah Reservoir that is being planned as part of the Uintah Unit of the Central Utah Project. The reservoirs being vacated in the Wilderness Areas will be stabilized at near natural sizes and will be managed by the U.S. Forest Service for environmental utilization. A negotiated contract among CUWCD, Dry Gulch Irrigation Company, and DOI will establish the operating criteria and assure that the water rights of Dry Gulch Irrigation Company are maintained in quantity and priority.

DATES: Dates for public negotiation sessions will be announced in local newspapers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Additional information on matters related to this Federal Register notice can be obtained at the address and telephone number set forth below: Mr. Michael Hansen, Program Coordinator, CUP Completion Act Office, Department of the Interior, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, UT 84606-6154, Telephone: (801) 379-1194

Dated: March 25, 1996.

Ralph Swanson,

Acting CUP Program Director, Department of the Interior.

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AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to negotiate a contract among the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD), Moon Lake Water Users Association, and Department of the Interior (DOI) for transferring storage of irrigation water from high mountain lakes in the Wilderness Area in the Uinta Mountains to storage facilities being planned for the Upalco Unit of the Central Utah Project.

SUMMARY: Public Law 102-575, Section 201(c) extended the authorization of the Upalco Unit of the Central Utah Project for 5 years from time of enactment. This contract is intended to provide replacement storage for irrigation water presently held in the upper drainage areas of the Uinta Mountains in the proposed Crystal Ranch Reservoir that is being planned as part of the Upalco Unit of the Central Utah Project. The reservoirs being vacated in the Wilderness Areas will be stabilized at near natural sizes and will be managed by the U. S. Forest Service for environmental utilization. A negotiated contract among CUWCD, Moon Lake Water Users Association, and DOI will establish the operating criteria and assure that the water rights of the Moon Lake Water Users Association are maintained in quantity and priority.

DATES: Dates for public negotiation sessions will be announced in local newspapers.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Closure of Public Lands; (Prineville District) Oregon.

March 22, 1996.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given that all roads and trails as legally described below are closed to all motorized vehicle use.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: This closure order applies to all roads and trails located in township 15 South, Range 11 East, Section 16, SE of the SW and SW of the SE; and Section 21 NE of the NW and NW of the NE, with the exception of Jordan Road. Jordan Road originates where it intersects Fryrear Road at Township 15 South, Range 11 East, Section 16 NW of the SW.

All roads and trails as described above, except for Jordan Road, are closed to all motorized vehicle use. The purpose of this closure is to protect wildlife resources. More specifically, this closure is ordered to reduce negative impacts to a nesting pair of golden eagles. Golden eagles are extremely sensitive to motorized disturbance within the sensitive habitat area surrounding the nest site during the nest season. Current uses at the site jeopardize the persistence and nesting success of golden eagles at this location. Exemptions to this closure order apply to administrative personnel of the Central Oregon Co-op for access along and maintenance of the existing powerline right-of-way (Serial #OR-012676). Other exemptions to this closure order may be made on a case-by-case basis by the authorized officer. This emergency order will be evaluated in the Urban Interface Plan Amendment to the 1989 Brothers/La Pine Resource Management Plan. The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8364.1: Closure and restriction orders.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Nichols, Wildlife Biologist, BLM Prineville District, P.O. Box 550, Prineville Oregon 97754, telephone (541) 416-6725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Violation of this closure order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

Dated: March 22, 1996.

James G. Kenna,

Deschutes Resource Area Manager, Prineville District Office.

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