

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[ER-FRL-5481-6]

**Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability**

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or (202) 564-7153. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed June 9, 1997 Through June 13, 1997 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970216, Final EIS, FHW, MT, US 93 Highway Transportation Improvements, between Hamilton (Milepost 49.0) to Lolo (Milepost 83.2), Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Ravalli and Missoula Counties, MT, Due: July 21, 1997, Contact: Dale Paulson (406) 441-1230.

EIS No. 970217, Draft EIS, FHW, CA, CA-4 "GAP" Closure Project, Improvements between I-80 and Cunnings Skyway, Funding, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, City of Hercules, Contra Costa County, CA, Due: August 4, 1997, Contact: John Schultz (916) 498-5041.

EIS No. 970218, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Chico Genetic Resource Center for Pest Management Program, Implementation, Mendocino National Forest, Willow, Butte County, CA, Due: August 4, 1997, Contact: Dennis Weber (503) 326-7171.

EIS No. 970219, Draft EIS, AFS, AZ, Grand Canyon/Tusayan Growth Area Improvements, General Management Plan (GMP), Special-Use-Permit, Approvals and Licenses Issuance, Coconino County, AZ, Due: August 18, 1997, Contact: R. Dennis Lund (520) 635-8200.

EIS No. 970220, Final EIS, FHW, TX, Grand Parkway Segment (TX-99) Improvements Project, from TX-225 to I-10, Funding, COE Section 404 Permit and Right-of-Way Grant, Harris and Chambers Counties, TX, Due: July 21, 1997, Contact: G.E. Olvera, P.E. (512) 482-5516.

EIS No. 970221, Final EIS, AFS, OR, Metolius Wild and Scenic River Management Plan, Implementation, Deschutes National Forest, Sisters Ranger District, Jefferson County, OR, Due: July 21, 1997, Contact: Rod Bonacker (541) 549-7729.

EIS No. 970222, Final EIS, BLM, WY, Cave Gulch-Bullfrog-Waltman Natural Gas Development Project, Implementation, Platte River Resource Area, Natrona County, WY, Due: July 21, 1997, Contact: Kate Padilla (307) 261-7603.

EIS No. 970223, Draft EIS, BLM, TN, Stones River National Battlefield

General Management Plan and Development Concept Plan, Implementation, Ruthford County, TN, Due: April 8, 1997, Contact: Mary Ann Peckham (615) 893-9501.

EIS No. 970224, Draft EIS, UAF, NM, Holloman Air Force Base, Proposed Expansion of German Air Force Operations, for the Beddown of 30 Aircrafts and Construction of Facilities for 640 Personnel, NM, Due: August 4, 1997, Contact: Sheryl Parker (757) 764-3328.

EIS No. 970225, Final EIS, UAF, CA, NM, Airborne Laser (ABL) Phase Program Definition and Risk Reduction Phase, Proposed Locations: Home Base Edwards Air Force Base; Diagnostic Test Range-White Sands Missile Range, NM; and Expanded Area Test Range-Western Range (Vandenberg Air Force Base and Point Mugu Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division), CA and NM, Due: July 21, 1997, Contact: Karl L. Freerks (703) 695-8942.

EIS No. 970226, Draft Supplement, EPA, TX, South Hallsville Surface Lignite No. 1 Mine Expansion, Referred to Herein as South Marshall Project Area, (Previously Known as Henry W. Pirkey Power Plant and South Hallsville No. 1 Mine Project), NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits, Sabine River, Harrison County, TX, Due: August 4, 1997, Contact: Joe Swick (214) 665-7456.

EIS No. 970227, Draft EIS, BLM, NV, Florida Canyon Mine Expansion Project and Comprehensive Reclamation Plan, Construction and Operation of New Facilities and Expansion of Existing Gold Mining Operations in Imlay Mining District, Plan-of-Operation and Approval Right-of-Way Permit Issuance, Pershing County, NV, Due: August 18, 1997, Contact: Ken Loda (702) 623-1500.

EIS No. 970228, Final EIS, FHW, CA, A-58-Mojave Freeway Project, Construction from 0.1 mile east of the Cache Creek Bridge to 5.0 miles east of the town of Mojave, Funding, COE Section 404 Permit and Right-of-Way Acquisition, Kern County, CA, Due: July 21, 1997, Contact: John R. Schultz (916) 551-1307.

EIS No. 970229, Final EIS, DOA, KY, City of Albany's Cagle Water Expansion Project, to expand its Potable Water Treatment Plant, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Clinton and Wayne Counties, KY, Due: July 21, 1997, Contact: Mark Plank (202) 720-1649.

EIS No. 970230, Final EIS, FHW, WI, WI-16 Oconomowoc West Bypass (Rock River to WI-67) Project,

Improvement, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, City of Oconomowoc, Jefferson and Waukesha Counties, WI, Due: July 21, 1997, Contact: Richard C. Madrzak (608) 829-7510.

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**Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments**

Availability of EPA comments prepared June 2, 1997 through June 6, 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 4, 1997 (62 FR 16154).

**Draft EISs**

ERP No. D-AFS-J65262-MT Rating EC2, asin Creek Drainage, Salvage Timber and Watershed Rehabilitation, Kootenai National Forest, Three Rivers Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts to water quality, fisheries (redband trout), and wildlife. The Final EIS should fully assess and mitigate all potential environmental impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65263-SD Rating EC2, Anchor Hill Mine Expansion Project in Gilt Edge Mine, Plan-of-Operations Approval, Black Hill National Forest, SD.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about existing mine acid mine drainage problems affecting surface and ground water. EPA's main concerns regard successfully reclaiming the mine, and operating and maintaining the acid mine drainage controls after the mine closes.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65266-MT Rating EC2, Tansy Ragwort Control Project, Implementation, Little Wolf Fire Area, Flathead National Forest, Tally Lake Ranger District, Flathead County, MT.