

Section of BPA's Libby to Bonner Ferry 115-kilovolt Transmission Line Project, Rebuilding Transmission Line between Libby and Troy, Lincoln County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to water quality, wetlands and the avian community. EPA requested additional information to fully assess and mitigate all potential impacts of the proposed actions. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20070308, ERP No. D-AFS-J65489-MT, Marten Creek Project, Proposed Timber Harvest, Prescribed Fire Burning, Watershed Restoration, and Associated Activities, Cabinet Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, Sanders County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to water quality and habitat quality, and recommended additional information to assess and mitigate impacts of the proposed management actions. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20070267, ERP No. DA-COE-E39051-FL, Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule Study, New Updated Information, Evaluation of Three New Alternatives on Operational Changes to the Current Water Control Plan, Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades Agricultural Area, Lake Okeechobee, Glades, Okeechobee Hendry, Palm Beach and Martin Counties, FL.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about water flow impacts on the lower river and estuaries from lake flow releases. Rating EC1.

EIS No. 20070276, ERP No. DS-COE-E32061-MS, Pascagoula Harbor Navigation Channel Project, To Construct Congressionally Authorized Widening and Deepening Improvements, to update the FEIS-1985, Jackson County, MS.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the potential impacts and requested additional information. EPA's comments included a request that every effort be made to minimize impacts to submerged aquatic vegetation and that the Corps explore opportunities for beneficial uses of the dredged material. EPA also requested that a detailed sediment evaluation and testing report be submitted to ensure that the disposal material meets the Ocean Dumping Criteria under the Marine Research and Sanctuaries Protection Act's ocean dumping criteria. Rating EC2.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20070263, ERP No. F-AFS-J65376-SD, Mitchell Project Area, To Implement Multiple Resource Management Actions, Mystic Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, Pennington County, SD.

Summary: EPA's previous concerns have been resolved; therefore, EPA does not object to the proposed action.

EIS No. 20070309, ERP No. F-FRC-L05239-00, Spokane River and Post Falls Hydroelectric Project, Applications for two New Licenses for Existing 14.75 (mw) Post Falls No. 12606 and 122.9 (mw) Spokane River No. 2545, Kootenai and Benewah Counties, ID and Spokane, Lincoln and Stevens Counties, WA.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the project's potential impacts to water quality. EPA recommended that the Record Of Decision for the project include updated information about Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification process, as well as assurances that the project plans would be adjusted to meet water quality standards in Idaho and Washington during project implementation.

EIS No. 20070319, ERP No. F-USN-E11061-FL, Boca Chica Field, Restoration of Clear Zones and Stormwater Drainage Systems, Implementation, Naval Air Station (NAS) Key West, Monroe County, FL.

Summary: EPA's previous concerns have been resolved; therefore, EPA does not object to the proposed action.

EIS No. 20070320, ERP No. F-WPA-K05063-AZ, San Luis Rio Colorado Project, Proposes to Construct a 26-Mile Long 230 Kilovolt Double-Circuit Transmission Line from the International Border with Mexico to Western and Arizona Public Service Substations near Yuma County, AZ.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

EIS No. 20070321, ERP No. F-NOA-E91018-00, Amendment 27 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan and Amendment 14 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan, To Address Stock Rebuilding and Overfishing of Red Snapper, Gulf of Mexico.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the proposed action.

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Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

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

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed 09/03/2007 Through 09/07/2007 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20070379, Final EIS, AFS, AK, Baht Timber Sale Project, Proposes to Harvest Timber and Temporary Road Construction on Zarembo Island, Wrangell Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, AK. Wait Period Ends: 10/15/2007. Contact: Frank Roberts 907-874-7556.

EIS No. 20070380, Final EIS, AFS, NV, White Pine & Grant-Quinn Oil and Gas Leasing Project, Exploration and Development, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Ely Ranger District, White Pine, Nye and Lincoln Counties, NV. Wait Period Ends: 10/15/2007. Contact: Pat Irwin 775-289-3031.

EIS No. 20070381, Final EIS, AFS, AK, Kenai Winter Access Project, Develop a Winter Access Management Plan for 2006/2007 Winter Season, Implementation, Seward Ranger District, Chugach National Forest, Located on the Kenai Peninsula in Southcentral, AK. Wait Period Ends: 10/15/2007. Contact: Sharon Randell 907-743-9497.

EIS No. 20070382, Final EIS, AFS, SD, Citadel Project Area, Proposes to Implement Multiple Resource Management Actions, Northern Hills Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, Lawrence County, SD. Wait Period Ends: 10/15/2007. Contact: Chris Stores 605-642-4622.

EIS No. 20070383, Second Draft Supplement, BLM, UT, Price Field Resource Management Plan, Supplemental Information for Non-Wilderness Study Area (WSA) Lands with Wilderness Characteristics. Implementation, Carbon and Emery Counties, UT. Comment Period Ends: 12/12/2007. Contact: Floyd Johnson 435-636-3600.

EIS No. 20070384, Final Supplement, FHW, GA, US 411 Connector, From US411/GA-20 Interchange with US41 to US 411 Interchange with I-75, Updated Information, Funding and US Army COE Section 404 Permit, Bartow County, GA. Wait Period Ends: 10/15/2007. Contact: Jennifer Giersch 404-373-1680. EIS No.

20070385, Draft EIS, FHW, 00, Peace Bridge Expansion Project, Capacity Improvement to the Peace Bridge, Plazas and Connecting Roadways, U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permit, U.S. Army COE section 10 and 404 Permits. City of Buffalo, Erie County, NY and Town of Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, Comment Period Ends: 10/29/2007. Contact: Amy Jackson-Grove 518-431-4131.

EIS No. 20070386, Draft EIS, NRC, GA, Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Site, Issuance of an Early Site Permit (ESP) for Construction and Operation of a New Nuclear Power Generating Facility, NUREG-1872, Burke County, GA, Comment Period Ends: 11/28/2007. Contact: Mark D. Notich 301-415-3053.

EIS No. 20070387, Final EIS, AFS, CA, Little Doe and Low Gulch Timber Sale Project, Proposes to Harvest Commercial Timber, Six Rivers National Forest, Mad River Ranger District, Trinity County, CA. Wait Period Ends: 10/15/2007. Contact: Ruben Escatell 707-574-6233.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20070278, Draft EIS, FHW, CA, Tier 1—Placer Parkway Corridor Preservation Project, Select and Preserve a Corridor for the Future Construction from CA-70/99 to CA 65, Placer and Sutter Counties, CA, Comment Period Ends: 09/25/2007. Contact: Cesar Perez 916-498-5065. Revision of FR Notice Published 07/06/2007. Extending Comment Period from 09/10/2007 to 09/25/2007.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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State Innovation Grant Program, Preliminary Notice and Request for Input on the Development of a Solicitation for Proposals for 2008 Awards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency), National Center for Environmental Innovation (NCEI) is giving preliminary notice of its intention to solicit pre-

proposals for a 2008 grant program to support innovation by state environmental agencies—the “State Innovation Grant Program.” The Agency is also seeking input from state environmental regulatory agencies on the topic areas for the solicitation. In addition, EPA is asking each state environmental regulatory agency to designate a point of contact (in addition to the Commissioner or Cabinet Secretary level) who will be the point of contact for further communication about the upcoming solicitation. If your point of contact from previous State Innovation Grant solicitations is to be your contact for this year’s competition, there is no need to send that information again, as all previously designated points of contact will remain on our notification list for this year’s competition. EPA anticipates publication of a Solicitation Announcement of Federal Funding Opportunity on the Federal government’s grants opportunities Web site (<http://www.grants.gov>) to announce the availability of the next solicitation within 45 days.

DATES: State environmental regulatory agencies will have 30 days from the date of this pre-announcement notice in the **Federal Register** publication until October 15, 2007 to respond with: (1) Suggestions for specific topics that should be included under the general subject area of “Innovation in Environmental Permitting Programs” (e.g., topics with 1–2 paragraphs description) for the next solicitation; and (2) point of contact information for the person within the state environmental regulatory agency (in addition to Commissioner or Cabinet Secretaries) who will be designated to receive future notices about the State Innovation Grant competition. We will automatically transmit notice of availability of the solicitation to people in state agencies identified for previous solicitations.

ADDRESSES: We encourage e-mail responses. Information should be submitted in writing via: e-mail to: innovation_state_grants@epa.gov; regular mail (see below); or fax to “State Innovation Grant Program” at (202) 566-2220. If you have questions about responding to this notice, please contact EPA at this e-mail address or fax number, or you may call Sherri Walker at (202) 566-2186. For regular mail send to Sherri Walker, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1807T), State Innovation Grant Program; National Center for Environmental Innovation; Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation; 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue,

NW., Washington, DC 20460. Comments sent by regular or overnight mail must be received prior to close of business on October 15, 2007. Please be advised that mail sent via regular postal service may be delayed due to additional security screening requirements. For overnight delivery, send to Sherri Walker, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1807T), State Innovation Grant Program; 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., EPA West, Room 4214 D, Washington, DC 20004.

EPA will acknowledge all responses it receives to this notice. If you have not received an acknowledgment from EPA within three (3) days of the end of the notice period, please send an e-mail to: innovation_state_grants@epa.gov or call Sherri Walker at (202) 566-2186. Failure to do so may result in your information or comments not being received by the deadline. EPA will respond to all questions in writing, and all questions and responses will be posted on the EPA State Innovation Grant Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategrants>. State agencies are advised to monitor this Web site for information posted in response to questions received prior to and during the competition period.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In April 2002, EPA issued its plan for future innovation efforts, published as *Innovating for Better Environmental Results: A Strategy to Guide the Next Generation of Innovation at EPA* (EPA 100-R-02-002); (<http://www.epa.gov/innovation/pdf/strategy.pdf>). EPA’s Innovation Strategy presents a framework for environmental innovation consisting of four major elements:

1. Strengthening EPA’s innovation partnership with states and tribes;
2. Focusing on priority environmental issues;
3. Diversifying environmental protection tools and approaches; and
4. Fostering more “innovation-friendly” systems and organizational cultures.

The State Innovation Grant Program strengthens EPA’s partnership with the states by supporting state innovation compatible with EPA’s *Innovation Strategy*. EPA wants to encourage states to build on previous experience (theirs and others) to undertake strategic innovation projects that promote larger-scale models for “next generation” environmental protection that promise better environmental outcomes and other beneficial results. EPA is interested in funding projects that: (i)