

water control features to address run-off from the GCLL at Panel G; and 113 acres for the Panel G east seleniferous ODA expansion.

The EIS will tier to the 2007 Final EIS previously prepared for mining at Panels F and G and approved in 2008 by BLM and USFS RODs. Preliminary issues related to the proposed project that have already been identified and will be addressed in the EIS include: (1) An increase in the amount of disturbance of approximately 160 acres, or approximately 12 percent over what was analyzed in the 2007 Final EIS; (2) potential impacts to groundwater quantity because of a decrease in recharge area to the Wells Formation due to the GCLL; (3) potential impacts to surface water quality after reclamation due to the reduced infiltration of the GCLL, potentially increasing peak streamflows which have the potential to increase channel instability and cause stream bank and stream bed erosion; and (4) an increase in the amount of disturbance of approximately 70 acres within the Sage Creek Inventoried Roadless Area (General Forest Theme), which is 6 percent over what was analyzed in the 2007 Final EIS.

The BLM and USFS will use the NEPA public participation requirements to assist the agency in satisfying public involvement under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470(f)) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the Proposed Action will assist in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA.

The BLM and USFS will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts to treaty rights and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed project that is being evaluated, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM or USFS to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

**Alternatives and Schedule:** At a minimum, the EIS will analyze the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the proposed modifications to the leases, operating plan, and special

use authorizations will not be approved, and mining will continue under the currently authorized mine plan as approved by the 2008 RODs. Under the No Action Alternative, Simplot estimates that approximately 50 percent of the phosphate ore in Panel G, previously considered economically recoverable, would not be mined but the overall disturbance would remain the same. In addition, the proposed conveyor system would not be approved, thus no new disturbance associated with the conveyor would occur. The previously approved geologic cover would be used to limit or prevent the potential release of contaminants to the environment. Other alternatives may be considered that could provide mitigation of potential impacts.

The tentative EIS project schedule is as follows:

- *Begin public scoping period and meetings:* Spring/Summer 2013.
- *Release draft EIS and associated comment period:* Fall/Winter 2013.
- *Final EIS publication:* Summer 2014.
- *Record of Decision:* Summer/Fall 2014.

**Scoping Procedure:** The scoping procedure to be used for this EIS will involve notification in the **Federal Register**; a mailing to interested and potentially affected individuals, groups, Federal, State, and local government entities requesting input by way of comments, issues and concerns; news releases or legal notices; and public scoping meetings.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Comments will be available for public review at the BLM address listed above during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The BLM and the USFS are seeking information and written comments concerning the Proposed Action from Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies, individuals, and organizations interested in, or affected by the Proposed Action or the No Action Alternative. To assist the BLM and the USFS in identifying issues and concerns related to the Proposed Action, scoping comments should be as specific as possible. This proposed project is

subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR part 218 subparts A and B. Only those who provide comment or otherwise express interest in the Proposed Action either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment will be eligible as objectors (36 CFR 218.5).

At least three “open-house” style public scoping meetings will be held which will include displays explaining the project and a forum for asking questions and commenting on the project. Meetings are planned to be held in Pocatello and Fort Hall, Idaho, and Afton, Wyoming. The dates, times, and locations of the public scoping meetings will be announced in mailings and public notices issued by the BLM.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.; 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508; 43 CFR Part 46; 43 U.S.C. 1701; and 43 CFR Part 3590.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Meeting of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) Subgroup of the California Desert District Advisory Council

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92–463 and 94–579, that the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area Subgroup of the California Desert District Advisory Council (DAC) to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Department of the Interior, will meet on Thursday, June 27, 2013, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) El Centro Field Office, 1661 S. 4th St., El Centro, CA 92243.

The meeting will provide the public an opportunity to discuss the final ISDRA business plan. The subgroup will also formulate recommendations for presentation to the DAC in July. Public safety will also be discussed. The ISDRA Subgroup discussions and public involvement assists the BLM in managing the ISDRA.

The ISDRA Subgroup operates under the authority of the DAC and provides input to the BLM regarding issues pertinent to the ISDRA.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All meetings of the DAC and subgroups of the DAC are open to the public. Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council ISDRA Subgroup, c/o Bureau of Land Management, External Affairs, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553 or [dbriery@blm.gov](mailto:dbriery@blm.gov). Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes. In addition, a toll-free call-in number will be posted on [www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro/recreation/ohvs/isdra/dunesinfo/funding/isdradacsg.htm](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro/recreation/ohvs/isdra/dunesinfo/funding/isdradacsg.htm).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Briery, BLM California Desert District External Affairs, (951) 697-5220.

Dated: June 12, 2013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Resource Management Plan/General Plan and Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area, Merced County, California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) have prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area Resource Management Plan/General Plan (RMP/GP). The Final EIS/EIR describes and presents the environmental effects of the No Action/No Project Alternative and three Action Alternatives for implementing the RMP/GP.

A Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS/EIR was published in the **Federal Register** on August 3, 2012 (77 FR 46518). The comment period on the Draft EIS/EIR ended on October 2, 2012. The Final EIS/EIR contains responses to all comments received and reflects comments and any additional information received during the review period.

**DATES:** Reclamation will not make a decision on the proposed action until at least 30 days after release of the Final EIS/EIR. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will state the action that will be implemented and will discuss all factors leading to the decision.

The California State Parks and Recreation Commission Hearing on the Final EIS/EIR will be held in August 2013. A Notice of Determination will be filed after the Commission Hearing. This action will trigger a 30-day appeal period under CEQA.

**ADDRESSES:** Send requests for a compact disc copy of the Final EIS/EIR to Mr. Dave Woolley, Bureau of Reclamation, 1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721, or by email to [dwoolley@usbr.gov](mailto:dwoolley@usbr.gov).

The Final EIS/EIR is also accessible from the following Web site: [http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa\\_projdetails.cfm?Project\\_ID=548](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=548). See the Supplementary Information section below for locations where copies of the Final RMP/GP EIS/EIR are available for public review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dave Woolley, Bureau of Reclamation, at 559-487-5049 (TTY 1-800-735-2929) or [dwoolley@usbr.gov](mailto:dwoolley@usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Final EIS/EIR analyzes the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the physical, biological, and socioeconomic environment that may result from various resource management alternatives contained in the subject document.

The Final EIS/EIR: (1) Identifies the current and most appropriate future uses of land and water resources within the RMP/GP area; (2) identifies the long-term resource programs and implementation guidelines to manage and develop recreation, natural, and cultural resources; and (3) develops strategies and approaches to protect and preserve the natural, recreational, aesthetic, and cultural resources.

The RMP/GP was initially released with a Draft EIR in 2005 for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The RMP/GP was reissued with a joint Draft EIS/Revised Draft EIR for the purposes of both National Environmental Policy Act and CEQA compliance.

The RMP/GP area consists of over 27,000 acres owned by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and includes the water surfaces of San Luis Reservoir, O'Neill Forebay, Los Banos Creek Reservoir, and adjacent recreation lands within the vicinity of Los Banos, California. The general project location

is south of State Route 152 between U.S. 101 and Interstate 5, approximately two hours southeast from San Francisco.

San Luis Reservoir and the other facilities mentioned above were constructed between 1963 and 1967 as part of the water storage and delivery system of reservoirs, aqueducts, power plants, and pumping stations operated within the California State Water Project and Central Valley Project. The California Department of Parks and Recreation was given the responsibility to plan, design, construct, maintain, and operate the recreation areas surrounding the reservoirs.

The purpose of the RMP/GP is to: (1) Enhance natural resources and recreational opportunities consistent with reservoir operations; (2) provide recreational opportunities to meet the demands of a growing population with diverse interests; (3) ensure diversity of recreational opportunities and quality of the recreational experience; (4) protect natural, cultural, and recreational sources while providing resource education opportunities and stewardship; and (5) provide updated management direction for establishing a new management agreement with the State of California.

The Final EIS/EIR contains a program-level analysis of the potential impacts associated with adoption of the RMP/GP. The Final EIS/EIR outlines the formulation and evaluation of alternatives designed to address these issues through a representation of the varied interests at the Plan Area and identifies Alternative 3 (Moderate New Access and Development) as the preferred alternative. The Final EIS/EIR includes goals, guidelines, and management actions to avoid and minimize potential impacts, as well as mitigation measures to reduce potential adverse effects. The RMP/GP has been developed within the authorities provided by Congress through the Reclamation Recreation Management Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-575, Title 28, 16 U.S.C. 460L) and other applicable agency and Department of the Interior policies.

Copies of the Final EIS/EIR are available for public review at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, Regional Library, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.
- Bureau of Reclamation, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721.
- California Department of Parks and Recreation, Four Rivers Sector Office, 31426 Gonzaga Road, Gustine, CA 95322.