

farm planning and implementation using anticipated funds. The rapid assessment of the basin will be completed in June 2003.

The Work Plan will be changed based on a final analysis of the rapid assessment information and after funding allowances have been issued to the NRCS state offices from the FY 2003 appropriations. A more detailed description of NRCS activities over the next five years will be prepared early in Phase 2 of the Work Plan. During Phase 2, a Basin Team will be assembled, information will be analyzed from the sub-basin Rapid Assessments, more precise estimates will be made of land-owner willingness to participate, and a basin-wide planning effort will be established with state and other federal agencies, conservation and irrigation districts, and interested stake holders.

Department of Agriculture Forest Service

The FS Work Plan for the Upper Klamath River Basin, Oregon, and Middle and Lower Klamath River Basin, California, display past, present, and future projects which will enhance and restore the functioning of the basin ecosystem. The plan includes watershed level projects and plans as well local projects designed to achieve the objectives. Web links are included where available that will give the reader additional information for each project.

The Work Plan displays current activities as well as future projects that are in the planning stage. As planning proceeds, changes will be made based on the availability of funds, scientific assessments, and environmental assessments. Similar projects are expected to be implemented in the future.

The Work Plan describes recent accomplishments as well as planned activities. The plan will be changed annually as wider area assessments and plans are developed with specific proposed actions. The planning will involve state and other federal agencies, the affected Tribes, and interested stakeholders.

Department of the Interior

The Department of the Interior has summarized its work on Klamath water, habitat and species issues in two documents. The first of these is titled, "Summary of Ongoing and Planned Work of the Department of the Interior Related to the Klamath River Basin." That document summarizes ongoing and planned work of the five Interior bureaus—FWS, BOR, BIA, BLM, and USGS—primarily involved in such work. The document highlights two key

planning efforts underway—the development of a Klamath Basin Conservation Implementation Plan led by the BOR and an aquatic habitat restoration scenario being prepared by the FWS. The summary also discusses Habitat Conservation Plan initiatives, Environmental Impact Statement work underway, the Trinity River restoration initiative, the development of a water bank for the Klamath Irrigation Project, habitat restoration, water leasing, and water storage initiatives in the Wood River valley, work on water-right claims, groundwater studies in the upper Klamath River basin, and participation in the Federal licensing process for PacifiCorp's Klamath River basin hydropower facilities.

The second document is titled, "Klamath Basin—Summary of Recent Federal Government Activities." This document summarizes work that has been conducted over the past several years—much of which is continuing today—dealing with the basin's difficult and interrelated water, habitat and species issues. The summary paper highlights initiatives dealing with water resources, land management practices, salmon enhancement, fish and wildlife habitat restoration, research, monitoring and assessment, Endangered Species Act responsibilities, and community outreach.

Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries

The report on Past, Present and Future Activities Being Conducted in the Klamath River Basin Related to the Protection and Recovery of Fish and Their Habitat describes NOAA Fisheries involvement in a broad range of activities in the Klamath Basin under the authorities of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act), and other federal statutes. Through these statutes, NOAA Fisheries endeavors to protect and recover fish populations under their jurisdiction. NOAA Fisheries also administers grants to state, tribal and local entities in the Klamath River basin for salmon restoration and watershed improvement activities. NOAA Fisheries activities in the basin principally occur in the lower Klamath Basin, where anadromous species occur. However, NOAA Fisheries does administer grants to the State of Oregon for watershed improvements in the upper Klamath River basin, which in turn benefit anadromous species in the lower basin. The report summarizes NOAA Fisheries' primary activities in the

Klamath Basin that have occurred over the past five years as well as those activities that will occur into the future. It is intended to inform the user of the involvement of NOAA Fisheries in a variety of activities as they relate to anadromous fish in the basin. The report will be updated as projects and funding levels evolve over the next five years.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 25, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Alamosa and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Alamosa, CO

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment (CCP/EA) for the Alamosa and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge Complex is available for review and comment. This CCP/EA, prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, describes how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to manage the Complex for the next 15 years. Also available is a Spanish version Summary of the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment.

DATES: Please submit comments on the Draft CCP/EA on or before April 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Draft CCP/EA should be addressed to: Adam Misztal, Planning Team Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225-0486. Comments may also be submitted via electronic mail to: adam_misztal@fws.gov.

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