

Products Pipeline System Construction and Operation, Right-of-Way Grants, Odessa, TX to Bloomfield, NM.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the lack of information on mitigation and reducing environmental impacts from pipeline construction, disclosure of information comparing the alternatives, discussion on increased risks of a new pipeline and relative risks of safety and explosion and spills, and details for permitting requirements.

ERP No. D-BLM-J65374-WY Rating EC2, Snake River Resource Management Plan, BLM-Administrated Public Land and Resources Allocation and Management, Snake River, Jackson Hole, Teton County, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the preferred alternative will not adequately manage land use on a watershed basis, implement restoration and improve the riparian function and habitat diversity of the Snake River. EPA recommends considering ways to reduce mixed ownership and develop partnership strategies such as a corridor-wide management plan to restore the river to its properly functioning condition.

ERP No. DB-AFS-J65287-UT Rating EC2, Long Deer Vegetation Management Project, South Spruce Ecosystem Rehabilitation Project, Implementation, Dixie National Forest, Cedar City Ranger District, Iron and Kane Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential adverse impacts to aquatic resources and contiguous terrestrial habitat from harvest activities and road closures in the project area. The DSEIS should include additional detailed information regarding adaptive management, alternatives, ecosystem characterization and fuel loading, roads and habitat fragmentation.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-K65246-AZ, Flagstaff/Lake Mary Ecosystem Analyses Area, Amendment to the Coconino National Forest Plan, Implementation, Coconino National Forest, Peaks and Mormon Lake Ranger Districts, Coconino County, AZ.

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

ERP No. F-FHW-F40346-MI, US 31 Petoskey Area Improvement Study, Congestion Reduction on U.S. 31 in the City of Petoskey and Townships of Resort and Bear Creek, Funding and US Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Emmet County, MI.

Summary: EPA's previous environmental concerns regarding the ability of build alternatives to meet

study goals, their impacts to wetlands, and the potential for land use changes have been addressed by the selection of the No Build Alternative. EPA has no remaining concerns.

ERP No. F-NPS-K65080-AZ, Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument General Management Plan, Implementation, Flagstaff Area, Coconino County, AZ.

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

ERP No. F-NPS-K65081-AZ, Wupatki National Monument General Management Plan, Implementation, Flagstaff Area, Coconino County, AZ.

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

ERP No. FS-NPS-K61121-NV, Great Basin National Park General Management Plan Amendment, Visitor Learning Center Construction on an 80-acre Parcel of Land north of the Town of Baker, White Pine County, NV.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCIES: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, DOD; Environmental Protection Agency; Office of Surface Mining and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior; and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

ACTION: Announcement of Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) availability and notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The above agencies announce the availability of the DEIS on Mountaintop Mining/Valley Fills in Appalachia for public comment. The DEIS considers new or revised program guidance, policies, or regulations to

minimize, to the maximum extent practicable, the adverse environmental effects of mountaintop mining/valley fill operations within the Appalachian study area in West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee.

The DEIS is being mailed to known interested parties and can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/region3/mntop/index.htm>. The DEIS can also be viewed at local offices of the above agencies and at local libraries. Copies of the DEIS can be requested by calling the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3, toll free at 1-800-228-8711.

The public is invited to provide written comments on the DEIS during the extended 90-day comment period and oral comments during either of the 2 public hearings. The first hearing will be held at the Forum at the Hal Rogers Center, 101 Bulldog Lane, Hazard, KY 41701. The second hearing will be held at the Charleston Civic Center-Little Theater, 200 Civic Center Drive, Charleston, WV 25301. Each hearing will have two sessions: the first will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and the second will be held the same day from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

DATES: The public hearing in Hazard, KY will be held on July 22, 2003, and the public hearing in Charleston, WV will be held on July 24, 2003. Written comments on the DEIS must be received by August 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on the DEIS to John Forren, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (3EA30), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the DEIS, contact Katherine Trott, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (202) 761-4617; John Forren, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, at (215) 814-2705; Michael Robinson, Office of Surface Mining, at (412) 937-2882; Cindy Tibbott, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at (814) 234-4090; or Russell Hunter, West Virginia