

the existing 185.5-megawatt (MW) Facility, North Umpqua River, Douglas County, OR.

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

ERP No. F-FRC-L05228-ID Bear River Hydroelectric Project, Application for a New License for Three Existing Hydroelectric Projects: Soda (FERC No. 20-019), Grace-Cove (FERC No. 2401-007) and, Oneida (FERC No. 472-017) Bear River Basin, Caribou and Franklin Counties, ID.

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

ERP No. F-SFW-K64021-CA Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan, Issuance of Incidental Take Permit and the Adoption of an Implementing Agreement or Agreements, Natomas Basin, Sacramento and Sutter Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed continuing environmental concerns regarding the mitigation ratio and cumulative effects analysis. EPA recommended the ROD summarize the scientific basis for the 0.5:1 mitigation ratio, include a table demonstrating that the habitat values of habitats lost and conserved are equivalent, include a commitment to and list of all other mitigation requirements, and summarize cumulative impacts. EPA also recommended that the ROD address triggers for new effects analysis or revisions to the Natomas Basin HCP and ITPs, and possible suspension of applicable ITPs.

Dated: June 10, 2003.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Public Notice of Final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges From Federal Facility Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) in Colorado

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of issuance of NPDES general permit.

SUMMARY: Region VIII of EPA is hereby giving notice of its issuance of the NPDES general permit for storm water discharges from regulated small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s). This general permit will apply to federal facilities in urbanized areas (as defined by the 2000 U.S. Census) in the State of Colorado that apply for coverage under this permit. The federal facilities that EPA currently knows to exist in urbanized areas in Colorado, all of which have applied for coverage under this permit, include: Fort Carson; the General Services Administration's Denver Federal Center; Peterson Air Force Base; the U.S. Air Force Academy; the U.S. Department of Commerce—National Institute of Standards and Technology, Boulder Campus; the U.S.

Bureau of Prisons Federal Correctional Institution, Englewood; and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Denver. Additional federal facilities may need to apply for permit coverage at a later date if justified by subsequent Census data.

NPDES permit coverage is required for small MS4s in accordance with final EPA regulations for Phase II storm water discharges (64 FR 68722, December 8, 1999). Operators of Phase II-designated small MS4s (regulated small MS4s) are required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to EPA Region VIII to be covered under the general permit. In accordance with the general permit, each regulated small MS4 operator must develop, implement, and enforce a program designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants from its MS4 to the maximum extent practicable (MEP) to protect water quality and to satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act. The small MS4 program must include the following six minimum control measures: Public education and outreach; public involvement and participation; illicit discharge detection and elimination; construction site runoff control; post-construction runoff control; and pollution prevention/good housekeeping. The permit assumes the use of narrative, rather than numeric, effluent limitations achieved through the implementation of best management practices (BMPs). Operators must establish BMPs and measurable goals for each minimum measure in the permit application. However, applicants will have up to five years to fully develop and implement their storm water management programs.

State	Permit No.	Areas covered by the general permit
Colorado	COR042000	Federal Facilities in the State of Colorado, except those located in Indian Country

DATES: The general permit becomes effective on June 13, 2003, and will expire five years from that date. For appeal purposes, the 120 day time period for appeal to the U.S. Federal Courts will begin on June 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The general permit and other related documents in the administrative record are on file in the EPA Region VIII NPDES file room and may be inspected upon request any time between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Requests to view these files in the Region VIII NPDES file room should be made to Greg Davis (8EPR-EP); U.S. EPA, Region VIII; 999 18th Street, Suite

300; Denver, CO 80202-2466, by phone at 303-312-6082, or by E-mail at davis.gregory@epa.gov. Copies of the general permit and fact sheet may also be downloaded from the EPA Region VIII Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region8/water/stormwater/downloads.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding the specific permit requirements may be directed to Greg Davis, telephone (303) 312-6082, or E-mail at davis.gregory@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA Region VIII proposed and solicited comments on the general permit at 68

FR 8902 (February 26, 2003). In addition, EPA Region VIII sent notices and copies of the draft general permit and fact sheet to the seven Federal Facilities designated for permit coverage. EPA did not receive any comments on the draft general permit. Region VIII is not issuing NPDES General Permits for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) located in Indian country. No MS4s in Indian country have been determined to require small MS4 permit coverage at this time.

Appeal of Permit: Any interested person may appeal the "NPDES General