

seeking authorization to issue long-term, mortgage notes in an amount equal to \$11.2 million. Florida Keys also requests a waiver from the Commission's competitive bidding and negotiated placement requirements at 18 CFR 34.2.

Comment Date: August 27, 2003.

Standard Paragraph

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Secretary.

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for

copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 4, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-E65061-SC Rating EC2, Sumter National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Oconee, Chester, Fairfield, Laurens, Newberry, Union-Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick and Saluda Counties, SC.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns related primarily to water quality improvement goals and objectives for the National Forest. EPA recommends inclusion of several forest-wide goals, objectives and standards to improve water quality and identified several individual, watershed-specific, management prescriptions for implementation.

ERP No. D-AFS-E65062-TN Rating EC2, Cherokee National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, McMinn, Monroe, Polk, Sullivan and Unicoil, TN.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns related primarily to water quality improvement goals and objectives for the National Forest. EPA recommends inclusion of several forest-wide goals, objectives and standards to improve water quality and identified several individual, watershed-specific, management prescriptions for implementation.

ERP No. D-AFS-E65063-GA Rating EC2, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, several Counties, GA.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns related primarily to water quality improvement goals and objectives for the National Forest. EPA recommends inclusion of several forest-wide goals, objectives and standards to improve water quality and identified several individual, watershed-specific, management prescriptions for implementation.

ERP No. D-AFS-E65064-AL Rating EC2, Alabama National Forests Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Bankhead National Forest, Lawrence, Winston and Franklin Counties, AL.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns related primarily to water quality improvement goals and objectives for the National Forest. EPA recommends inclusion of several forest-wide goals, objectives and standards to improve water quality and identified

several, watershed-specific, management prescriptions for implementation.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65382-SD Rating EC2, Elk Bugs and Fuels Project, Vegetation Management to Reduce the Spread of Mountain Pine Beetles and the Threat and Severity of Potential Wildfires, Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Northern Hills Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, Lawrence and Meade Counties, SD.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about adverse impacts of erosion on water quality and riparian habitat, sedimentation of streams and water-storage reservoirs, fish and wildlife impacts to sensitive species; and noxious weeds. EPA recommended focusing fire reducing treatments to wildland-private land interface, allowing large, fire-resistant trees to remain for wildlife habitat in the back country, and maximizing use of existing roads and reducing new roads near private lands.

ERP No. D-BLM-J01080-WY Rating EC2, West Hay Creek Coal Lease Application, Federal Coal Leasing, Buckskin Mine, Powder River Basin, Campbell County, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential impacts to air quality in the Powder River Basin, nitrogen oxides from blasting and wetlands loss.

ERP No. D-DOD-A09832-00 Rating LO, Mercury Management Project, Site Selection and Implementation of a Long-Term (i.e., 40 Years) Management Plan for the Defense Stockpile of Elemental Mercury, Hawthorne, NV; New Haven, IN; Oak Ridge, TN; Romulus, NY; Somerville, NJ; Tooele, UT and Warren, OH.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the proposed action.

ERP No. D-DOD-A10075-00 Rating LO, Programmatic EIS—Chemical and Biological Defense Program, Protection of our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen on the Battlefield, United States and other Countries.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the proposed action.

ERP No. D-DOE-C22003-NY Rating LO, West Valley Demonstration Project, Waste Management, Onsite Management and Offsite Transportation of Radioactive Waste, West Valley, Cattaraugus County, NY.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the implementation of the proposed project.

ERP No. D-DOE-L91018-OR Rating LO, Northeast Oregon Hatchery Program, Grande Ronde—Imnaha Spring Chinook Hatchery Modification