

8:35 p.m. Review of Action Items  
 8:50 p.m. Task Force and Subcommittee Reports  
 • Community Concerns  
 • Public Involvement/Membership  
 • Executive Committee

9:15 p.m. Final Comments

9:30 p.m. Adjourn

Copies of the final agenda will be available at the meeting.

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## Environmental Protection Agency

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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.

#### Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65392-MT Rating EC2, Helena National Forest Noxious Weed Treatment Project, Implementation, Lewis and Clark, Powell, Jefferson, Broadwater and Meagher Counties, MT.

**Summary:** EPA supports integrated weed management to control noxious weeds. However, EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding adequate protection measures to reduce herbicide transport to surface and ground water and to protect public health. The final EIS should address those issues and include monitoring in selected watersheds.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65394-MT Rating EC2, Basin Creek and Blacktail Hazardous Watershed Fuels Reduction Project, Implementation, Highland Mountains, Butte Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Butte-Silver Bow County, MT.

**Summary:** EPA supports the need to reduce hazardous fuels and fire risk and protect the Basin Creek Municipal watershed for the City of Butte. However, EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential adverse impacts to threatened lynx.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65433-OR Rating EC2, North Fork Burnt River Mining Project, Proposal for Mineral Plans of Operation, Implementation, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Unity Ranger District, Whitman Unit, Blue Mountains, Town of Unity, Baker County, OR.

**Summary:** EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding impacts from the proposed action on water quality. Mining activities may contribute to increased temperature and sediment on 303(d) listed streams and may result in additional impaired water bodies. EPA recommends that the EIS explain how water quality will be protected and improved. Also, the Plan of Operation should be amended to include any future Total Maximum Daily Load requirements if applicable.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65439-OR Rating EC2, Monument Fire Recovery Project, Whitman Unit—Wallowa—Whitman National Forest (WWNF) Timber Harvest of Fire Killed/Dying Trees, Reforestation, Recovery of Herbaceous, Native Vegetation and Maintenance or Improvement of Water Quality, Implementation, Baker County, OR.

**Summary:** EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential

adverse impacts to water quality and suggests the Final EIS include mitigation measures and identify water quality limited waterbodies in the project area. EPA also expressed concerns with adverse impacts to habitat for primary cavity excavator bird species from harvest activities.

ERP No. D-BLM-L65422-00 Rating EO2, Upper Klamath River Management Plan, Resource Management Plan Amendments, Implementation, Upper Klamath River stretch between Lake Ewauna, OR, south to Irongate Dam in CA.

**Summary:** EPA expressed environmental objections with alternatives that will not meet water quality standards, and may adversely impact threatened and endangered species. The final EIS should fully disclose impacts to wetlands, provide additional information on consultation with Native American tribes and fully assess potential environmental justice impacts. EPA requested that the final evaluate an alternative that meets water quality standards.

ERP No. D-FHW-F40417-WI Rating EC2, WI-83 Highway Improvements, County NN in Mukwonago to WI-16 in Hartland, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Waukesha County, WI.

**Summary:** EPA has identified environmental concerns with the proposed project relating to impacts on trout habitat, Scuppernong Creek, Blanding's Turtle and air quality. EPA is also concerned about the adequacy of the information in the DEIS regarding wetlands.

ERP No. D-NOA-E91014-00 Rating EC2, Generic Essential Fish Habitat Amendment to the Fishery Management Plans of the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) for Shrimp, Red Drum, Reef Fish, Stone Crab, Coral and Coral Reef, Spiny Lobster Fisheries of the GOM and South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic.

**Summary:** EPA expressed environmental concern that the preferred alternative did not protect regions which comprise the bulk of the EFH habitats within the 100 fathom isobath. EPA believes that the proposed action would be substantially improved if marine protected areas, habitat/reef creation and rotational strategies were considered as EFH management measures.

ERP No. D-USN-K11112-CA Rating EC2, Tertiary Treatment Plant and Associated Facilities Construction and Operation, Implementation, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, San Diego County, CA.