

resulting from construction of the warehouse.

2. Approval of the Plan would not have adverse effects on unique geographic, historic or cultural sites, or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

3. Approval of the Plan would not result in any cumulative or growth inducing impacts and, therefore, would not result in significant adverse effects on public health or safety.

4. The project does not require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Flood plain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, nor does it threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

5. Approval of the Plan would not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

The Service therefore has preliminarily determined that approval of the Plan qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act, as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1). Based upon this preliminary determination, we do not intend to prepare further National Environmental Policy Act documentation. The Service will consider public comments in making its final determination on whether to prepare such additional documentation.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act. We will evaluate the permit application, the Plan, and comments submitted therein to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If it is determined that those requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the valley elderberry longhorn in conjunction with implementation of the Ox Yoke Road Development project. We will make the final permit decision no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: November 22, 1999.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Extension of the Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Acquisition Boundary

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and availability of the Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that we have adopted the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) adopting the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River Final Environmental Impact Statement for Comprehensive River Conservation Study, prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) based on the FEIS, and are making it available to the public. We have expanded an approved refuge acquisition boundary around the portions of the Hanford Site (the Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge and the land known as the Wahluke State Wildlife Recreation Area) approximately 90,000 acres that are north and east of the Columbia River, to enable us to manage the land as part of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS). Region 1 will be implementing the new approved acquisition boundary by adding most of the area within the boundary to Saddle Mountain Refuge in the near future. To ensure that the decision is in concert with Department of Energy (DOE) land-use policy, we also adopted the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) EIS. The HCP EIS and ROD provide DOE policies and procedures to guide development at the Hanford Site for 50 years or more.

DATES: We issued the Record of Decision on November 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Public reading copies of the ROD and the FEIS are available at the following libraries: Hanford Technical Library, Richland, Washington; Kennewick City Library, Kennewick, Washington; Mid-Columbia Regional Library, Kennewick, Washington; Othello City Library, Othello, Washington; Pasco Public Library, Pasco, Washington; Portland City Library, Portland, Oregon; Prosser City Library, Prosser, Washington; Richland City Library, Richland, Washington; Seattle City Library, Seattle, Washington; Vancouver City Library, Vancouver, Washington.

Copies of the ROD are available from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Division of Refuge Planning, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland Oregon, 97232-4181, phone number (503) 231-2231.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Anne Badgley, Regional Director, US

Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland Oregon, 97232-4181, phone number (503) 231-6118.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 100-605 required the Secretary of the Interior to prepare, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, a report for Congress evaluating the outstanding features of the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River and its immediate environment (including fish, wildlife, geologic, scenic, recreational, historical, cultural and other natural values) and to examine alternatives for preserving those values. The alternatives considered were to include, but not be limited to, inclusion of the Hanford Reach in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

The Secretary selected the National Park Service (NPS) to lead the study. The NPS prepared the Environmental Impact Statement in compliance with section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (40 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*) and pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Section 1505.2) and the implementing procedures of the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior.

We were a cooperating agency in the NEPA process under Interagency Agreement Number IA9000-0-0007 with the NPS, and pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.6. As a cooperating agency, FWS actively participated in the preparation of the Draft and Final EIS's and independently reviewed each document.

In July of 1994, the NPS released the Final Hanford Reach of the Columbia River Comprehensive River Conservation Study and Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), followed by the Secretary's Record of Decision recommending that Congress establish a National Wildlife Refuge on the North Slope, and a Wild and Scenic River on the Hanford Reach. The Wild and Scenic River designation was recommended from river mile 346.5 to river mile 396, including a one-quarter mile wide corridor on both river banks. The Secretary selected the proposed action from the FEIS.

We adopted the FEIS to administratively establish an approved refuge acquisition boundary over the area known as the North Slope. The North Slope is comprised of the Saddle Mountain Refuge and the Wahluke Wildlife Recreation Area. This boundary provides our Region 1 with authority to acquire land and manage it as part of the NWRS. We may acquire lands through

direct land transfer from another Federal agency, fee acquisition, conservation easement, withdrawal, or cooperative agreement. The FEIS complies with NEPA and meets our regulatory requirements for making a decision (341 FW 2).

Since the 1994 FEIS, no significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns bearing on this decision or its impacts have occurred. In the interim, we have added four species that may occur in the study area to the Federal list of threatened and endangered species. The FWS Record of Decision will benefit these species in a manner substantially similar to the 1994 FEIS proposed action.

We incorporate by reference and adopt a second EIS, the 1999 HCP EIS, prepared by the DOE with the Service participating as a cooperating agency. The DOE's Preferred Alternative includes increasing recreational access to the Columbia River and expanding the Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge to include all of the Wahluke Slope, the McGee Ranch and Riverlands, and the Fitzner-Eberhardt Arid Lands Ecology Reserve. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) is the template that the DOE will use to define the range of management options on Refuge lands at the Hanford Site, including the potential for future Refuge additions. The DOE's decision anticipates multiple uses of the Hanford Site, including future DOE missions, non-DOE Federal missions, and other public and private-sector land uses.

Our jurisdiction with regard to DOE-administered Hanford land will be secondary to the DOE jurisdiction because of DOE's contaminants cleanup responsibilities, and because the known inventory of contaminated areas may not be complete. A vast majority of the North Slope is unaffected by past activities, and we will manage these lands as part of the NWRS. Management, as part of the NWRS, will occur under a permit with DOE and be secondary to DOE's jurisdiction. We will provide DOE with technical assistance on areas where DOE is conducting cleanup activities. We provide technical assistance under agreements with other agencies that need our wildlife, fish, or plant habitat management advice expertise. Areas for which we provide technical assistance are not part of the NWRS.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

Jamie Rappaport,

Clark, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On October 2, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 191, Page 53088, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Dallas World Aquarium for a permit (PRT-001425) to import 2 manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Notice is hereby given that on November 10, 1999, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Kristen Nelson,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Forest Management Plan for the Flathead Indian Reservation, Pablo, MT

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the comment period for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Forest Management Plan for the Flathead Indian Reservation, Pablo, Montana, which was published in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 1999 (64 FR 60828). This change is being made in order to make the comment period consistent with that in the anticipated November 26, 1999, publication of the Notice of Availability for this FEIS by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

DATES: The comment period is extended from December 6, 1999 to December 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail or hand carry written comments to Mr. Ernest "Bud" Moran, Superintendent, Flathead Field Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 40, Pablo, Montana 59855. You may also comment via the Internet to BudMoran@bia.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Include your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at (406) 675-0242.

Comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Flathead Field Office during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ken Trickey, (406) 676-3755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508), implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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