

Lake for exchange to Jordanelle Reservoir. It would conserve water in a Mapleton-Springville Lateral Pipeline, conserve water in the Provo River basin and deliver it along with acquired water to assist June sucker spawning and rearing, convey water to support in-stream flows in Hobble Creek to assist recovery of the June sucker, and develop hydropower. It would involve construction of three new pipelines and two new hydropower plants with associated transmission lines. Under this alternative, Interior would acquire up to 15,000 acre-feet of the District's secondary water rights in Utah Lake to provide a firm annual yield of 15,800 acre-feet of M&I water.

**No Action Alternative**—No new water conveyance features would be constructed under the No Action Alternative. The delivery of 86,100 acre-feet of Bonneville Unit M&I exchange water would be made without any shortages. Some of the Bonneville Unit M&I exchange water would be routed through the Strawberry Tunnel to meet in-stream flow needs in Sixth Water and Diamond Fork creeks. The remaining Bonneville Unit M&I exchange water would be conveyed through the Diamond Fork System and discharged into Diamond Fork Creek at the outlet near Monks Hollow or discharged from the Diamond Fork Pipeline into the Spanish Fork River at the mouth of Diamond Fork Canyon. The irrigation diversions on lower Spanish Fork River would be modified to bypass and measure the 86,100 acre-feet into Utah Lake, and to allow fish passage as previously agreed by the Interior and District in the 1999 Diamond Fork FS-FEIS and ROD. The Interior would not purchase any of the District's secondary water rights in Utah Lake and no water would be conveyed to Hobble Creek. The No Action Alternative would be the same as the Interim Proposed Action in the Diamond Fork FS-FEIS.

Dated: March 25, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Study Design for the Hudson River Natural Resource Damage Assessment

**AGENCY:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), on behalf of the Department of the Interior (DOI), as a natural resource trustee, announces the release for public review of the Draft Study Design for spring 2004 avian investigations. The Draft Study Design describes the activities that constitute the Trustees' currently proposed approach to conducting investigations of avian species, particularly belted kingfisher and spotted sandpiper, beginning in spring 2004, as part of the Hudson River Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before April 29, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the Draft Study Design may be made to: Ms. Kathryn Jahn, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, New York 13045. Written comments or materials regarding the Draft Study Design should be sent to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kathryn Jahn, Environmental Contaminants Branch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, New York 13045. Interested parties may also call 607-753-9334 for further information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Draft Study Design is being released for public review and comment in accordance with the Trustees' NRDA Plan for the Hudson River issued in September 2002. That NRDA Plan was released in accordance with the NRDA Regulations found at title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations part 11.

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Draft Study Design. Copies of the Draft Study Design are available from the Service's New York Field Office at 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, New York 13045. All comments received on the Draft Study Design will be considered and a response provided either through revision of the Study Design and incorporation into the Final Study Design or by letter to the commentator.

*Comments*, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be available for public review during regular business hours. Individual

respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us 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.

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**Authority:** The authority for this action is the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Emergency Temporary Closure of Public Lands to Motorized Vehicles and Certain Other Uses in San Diego County, CA, Under Burned Area Emergency Stabilization and Restoration

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Emergency temporary closure to motorized and mechanized vehicle use and certain other uses on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, California.

**SUMMARY:** The BLM Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office is temporarily closing portions of public lands to motorized and mechanized vehicle use, and prohibiting or restricting certain other uses, in the South Coast Resource Area in San Diego County, California. This closure is needed to protect public health and safety, cultural and natural resources, and stabilization treatments as recommended in the Department of the Interior's Burned Area Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (BAER)