

management objectives and strategies related to wildlife and habitat management; public use, education, and interpretation; safety; open and effective communication; working with others; and refuge operations.

Alternative B, the Service's Proposed Action, emphasizes wildlife and habitat conservation with a moderate amount of wildlife-dependent public use. Refuge-wide habitat conservation would include management of native plant communities, weeds, restoration tools, removal and revegetation of unused roads and stream crossings, management of deer and elk populations, prairie dogs, and protection of Preble's meadow jumping mouse habitat. Visitor use facilities would include about 16 miles of trails, a seasonally staffed visitor contact station, trailheads with parking, and developed overlooks. Most of the trails would use existing roads and public access would be by foot, bicycle, horse, or car. A limited public hunting program would be developed.

Public comments were requested, considered, and incorporated throughout the planning process in numerous ways. Some of the changes from the Draft CCP/EIS that resulted from public comments included changes to trail alignments, more flexible trail implementation, changes to the types of weaponry allowed for hunting, more discussion about issues related to cleanup and contamination, and additional discussion about potential impacts from transportation improvements. Public outreach has included public open houses, public hearings, individual outreach activities, planning update mailings, and **Federal Register** notices. Two previous notices were published in the **Federal Register** concerning this CCP/EIS (67 FR 54667, August 23, 2002; and 69 FR 7789, February 19, 2004).

During the Draft CCP/EIS comment period that occurred from February 19, 2004 to April 25, 2004, the Service received over 5,000 comments from about 1,000 individuals, agencies, and organizations. Comments were received through public hearing testimony, letters, emails, form letters, and petitions. All substantive issues raised in the comments were addressed in the Final CCP/EIS. Public comments will be available for review at the Front Range Community College Library, Rocky Flats Reading Room or at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center on weekends. Responses to comments will be included as a companion document with the Final CCP/EIS.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-070-1990-EX]

Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Golden Sunlight Mine, Jefferson County, Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) has been prepared for the Golden Sunlight Mine administered by the Bureau of Land Management's Butte Field Office (BLM) and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The SEIS addresses alternatives and potential impacts and mitigating measures associated with Golden Sunlight Mine's proposed pit backfill.

DATES: We will accept written comments on the Draft SEIS for 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. We will announce future meetings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings. The Draft SEIS will be posted on the Montana DEQ Web site (<http://www.deq.state.mt.us>).

ADDRESSES: Send your written comments concerning this notice to: Greg Hallsten, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901. Submit electronic comments to: ghallsten@state.mt.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to request a copy of the document, contact: Greg Hallsten, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901 or David Williams, Bureau of Land Management, Butte Field Office, 106 N. Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Golden Sunlight Mine pit backfill and reclamation is in response to a District Court order stipulating that

reclamation of the open pit be carried out in accordance with the Montana Metal Mine Reclamation Act. The public is invited to review and comment on the range and adequacy of the alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and proposed mitigation of impacts in the SEIS. For comments to be most helpful, they should be specific in identifying any concerns or conflicts the reviewer may have with the analysis in the SEIS.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street 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. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Las Vegas Valley Disposal Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

Cooperating Agencies: U.S. Air Force, Nellis Air Force Base; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex; Clark County Regional Flood Control District; Clark County Comprehensive Planning; City of Henderson; City of Las Vegas; City of North Las Vegas.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) with the specific purpose to enable BLM to transfer title or authorize uses of public land in the Las Vegas Valley. The project area consists of public lands identified for disposal within the boundary established by the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act