

Flaming Gorge Dam (2000 Flow and Temperature Recommendations) published in September 2000 by the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program (Recovery Program).

Background

Flaming Gorge Dam, located on the Green River in northeastern Utah about 200 miles east of Salt Lake City, is an authorized storage unit of the Colorado River Storage Project. Flaming Gorge Dam was completed in 1962 and full operation of the dam and reservoir began in 1967. The powerplant, located at the base of the dam, began commercial operation in 1963 and was completed in 1964. Reclamation operates the dam and powerplant and the Western Area Power Administration markets the power.

Reclamation proposes to take action to protect and assist in recovery of the populations and designated critical habitat of the four endangered fishes found in the Green and Colorado River Basins, while maintaining all authorized purposes of the Flaming Gorge Unit of the CRSP. The four endangered fish species are the Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), humpback chub (*Gila cypha*), razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*), and bonytail (*Gila elegans*). Reclamation would implement the proposed action by modifying the operation of Flaming Gorge Dam, to the extent possible, to achieve the flows and temperatures recommended by participants of the Recovery Program. Reclamation's goal is to implement the proposed action and, at the same time, maintain and continue all authorized purposes of the CRSP.

The recommended flows and temperatures are intended to provide water releases of sufficient magnitude and, with the proper timing and duration, to assist in the recovery of the endangered fishes and their designated critical habitat.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to operate Flaming Gorge Dam to protect and assist in recovery of the populations and designated critical habitat of the four endangered fishes, while maintaining all authorized purposes of the Flaming Gorge Unit of the CRSP, particularly those related to the development of water resources in accordance with the Colorado River Compact. The proposed action is needed for the following reasons:

- The operation of Flaming Gorge Dam, under its original operating criteria, jeopardized the continued existence of the endangered fishes in the Green River.

- Reclamation is required to comply with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the operation of CRSP facilities, including Flaming Gorge Dam. Within the exercise of its discretionary authority, Reclamation must avoid jeopardizing the continued existence of listed species and destroying or adversely modifying designated critical habitat.

- The Reasonable and Prudent Alternative (RPA) to the 1992 Biological Opinion on the Operation of Flaming Gorge Dam required modification of Flaming Gorge releases to benefit the endangered fish, a five-year study period to evaluate winter and spring flows, and reinitiation of discussions with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service following the study period to further refine the flow recommendations. With the results of these studies, as well as other relevant information, the Recovery Program developed and approved the 2000 Flow and Temperature Recommendations report for the Green River. These recommendations are an extension of the 1992 jeopardy Biological Opinion RPA. Reclamation committed to assist in meeting flow requirements through the refined operation of Flaming Gorge Dam and other federal reservoirs in the 1987 agreement that formed the Recovery Program.

- Flaming Gorge Dam and Reservoir is the primary water storage and delivery facility on the Green River upstream from its confluence with the Colorado River. The storage capacity and ability to control water releases of Flaming Gorge Dam allow Reclamation flexibility in providing flow and temperature management to protect and assist in the recovery of endangered fish populations and their critical habitat within specific reaches of the river. Thus, the refined operation of Flaming Gorge Dam is a key element of the Recovery Program.

- The refined operation will offset the adverse effects of flow depletions from the Green River for certain Reclamation water projects in Utah, as defined by existing jeopardy Biological Opinions. Modifying the operation of Flaming Gorge Dam will also serve as the RPA, as defined by the ESA, to offset jeopardy to endangered fishes and their critical habitat that could result from the operation of numerous other existing or proposed water development projects in the Upper Colorado River Basin.

Proposed Federal Action

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found in the Green and Colorado River Basins. Reclamation would implement the proposed action by modifying the operations of Flaming Gorge Dam, to the extent possible, to achieve the flows and temperatures recommended by participants of the Recovery Program. Reclamation's goal is to implement the proposed action and, at the same time, maintain and continue all authorized purposes of the CRSP.

The draft environmental impact statement was issued to the public in early September 2004 and a Notice of Availability of the draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on September 10, 2004. The 60-day review and comment period for the draft EIS ended on November 15, 2004. During the public comment period, five public hearings were held and over 600 public comments were received. All written and oral comments received were carefully reviewed and considered in preparing the final environmental impact statement. Where appropriate, revisions were made to the document in response to specific comments. The comments and responses, together with the final environmental impact statement, will be considered in determining whether or not to implement the proposed action.

No decision will be made on the proposed federal action until at least 30 days after release of the EIS. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision. The Record of Decision will state which alternative analyzed in the EIS will be implemented and discuss all factors leading to that decision.

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Rick L. Gold,

Regional Director—UC Region, Bureau of Reclamation.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Form Submitted for OMB Review

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: In accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Commission has submitted an emergency request for approval of questionnaires to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The Commission has requested OMB approval by November 14, 2005.

DATES: To be assured of consideration, written comments must be submitted to OMB and to the Commission by November 14, 2005.

Purpose of Information Collection: The forms are for use by the Commission in connection with investigation No. 332-471, *Advice Concerning Possible Modifications to the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences, 2005 Special Review on Watches*, instituted under the authority of section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)). This investigation was requested by the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The Commission expects to deliver the results of its investigation to USTR by February 17, 2006.

Summary of Proposal:

- (1) *Number of forms submitted:* Eight.
- (2) *Title of form:* Advice Concerning Possible Modifications to the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences, 2005 Special Review on Watches—Questionnaires for U.S. Producers/Assemblers; U.S. Virgin Islands Producers/Assemblers; Watch Band, Strap, and/or Bracelet Producers; Importers, and Foreign Producers.
- (3) *Type of request:* New.
- (4) *Frequency of use:* Single data gathering, scheduled for November 15–December 14, 2005.

(5) *Description of respondents:* U.S. firms which produce/assemble or import watches or watch components.

(6) *Estimated number of respondents:* 56 (Producer/Assembler questionnaire). 11 (Importer questionnaire).

2 (Foreign Producer questionnaire).

(7) *Estimated total number of hours to complete the forms:* 2,590.

(8) Information obtained from the form that qualifies as confidential business information will be so treated by the Commission and not disclosed in a manner that would reveal the individual operations of a firm.

Additional Information or Comment:

Copies of the forms and supporting documents may be obtained from Gail Burns (USITC, telephone no. (202) 205-2501 or gail.burns@usitc.gov).

Comments about the questionnaires should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Room 10102 (Docket Library), Washington, DC 20503, *Attention:* Desk Officer for International Trade Commission. All comments should be specific, indicating which part of the questionnaire is objectionable, describing the concern in detail, and including specific suggested revisions or language changes. Copies of any comments should be provided to Robert Rogowsky, Director, Office of

Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, who is the Commission's designated Senior Official under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TTD terminal (telephone no. 202-205-1810). General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

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By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Agency proposal for the collection of information submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Commission has submitted a proposal for the collection of information to OMB for approval. The proposed information collection is an user survey that solicits feedback on the investigative procedures used by the Commission in its import injury investigations. Comments concerning the proposed user survey are requested in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or

other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

DATES: Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed information collection proposal can be obtained from Debra Baker, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission (telephone no.—202-205-3180; e-mail—Debra.Baker@usitc.gov). General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: 3117-0192 (reinstatement without change).

Title: United States International Trade Commission Import Injury Investigation User Survey.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Respondents: Law firms and economic consulting groups.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50 hours.

Needs and Uses: The proposed information collection seeks to gather feedback to allow the Commission to ensure that its procedures for its import injury investigations are fair and are equitably implemented. The user survey asks if the Commission's rules and other written guidance make clear to participants what the Commission expects of them procedurally in an investigation; if there are area(s) where additional guidance would be of benefit to their participation in investigations; if the Commission personnel responded to procedural inquiries in a helpful way; if their access to information collected by/ submitted to the Commission was satisfactory; and if they have any other comments or recommended improvements.

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