

biological resources are expected to be positive.

Hydrology and Water Quality—Certain conservation measures and flow regimes may alter onsite water resources, including waters of the United States [as defined in 40 CFR 230.3(s)], which are under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jurisdiction. Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the Corps is responsible for issuing a permit if a project may result in the placement of material into water of the United States. Until specific alternatives are developed, the effects on hydrology and water quality are unknown.

Floodplains and Wetlands—Implementation of the MSCP will have overall beneficial impacts on floodplains and wetlands, especially in maintaining or creating backwaters (wetlands) and reestablishing native riparian habitat which is essential to the recovery of species.

Municipal and Industrial Uses—Municipal and industrial water uses may be affected by various conservation measures that require additional water. However, it is the intent of the MSCP to accommodate these uses and optimize future opportunities while protecting threatened and endangered species and their habitat within the project area.

Cultural Resources—The program could disturb or affect archaeological resources, traditional cultural properties, Indian sacred sites, and Indian Trust Assets. However, it is the intent of the MSCP to avoid such effects.

Socioeconomics—The program may have overall beneficial socioeconomic effects on the Lower Colorado River. However, the extent of such effects will not be known until specific conservation alternatives are identified.

Recreation—In addressing species needs, there may be adverse impacts to localized recreational uses such as motorized boating, off-highway vehicle use, and angling.

Water and Hydroelectric Power Uses—Water and hydroelectric power uses may be affected by various conservation measures that involve discretionary release patterns. However, it is the intent of the MSCP to accommodate these uses while protecting threatened and endangered species and their habitat within the project area.

Agricultural and Other Land Uses—Current agricultural resources or operations and land uses may be impacted. Land use and cropping patterns would change with the voluntary conversion of agricultural lands to native riparian habitat or the

transfer of water rights for habitat maintenance and restoration.

International Impacts—Potential trans-boundary impacts to Mexico will be identified and analyzed. The project will not affect the delivery of water pursuant to the Mexico Water Treaty.

Environmental Justice—It is anticipated that the MSCP will not result in disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minorities and/or low income populations.

Related Project Documentation—It is anticipated that the EIS/EIR process will make full use (including incorporation by reference, as appropriate, pursuant to NEPA and CEQA) of the following project documents, copies of which are available for inspection at the Metropolitan Water District, Reclamation, and Service offices:

Bureau of Reclamation, Description and Assessment of Operations, Maintenance, and Sensitive Species of the Lower Colorado River—Final Biological Assessment, August 1996
Fish and Wildlife Service, Biological and Conference Opinion on Lower Colorado River Operations and Maintenance—Lake Mead to Southerly International Boundary, April 1997.

Starting in June 1999, these documents may also be accessed through Reclamation's web site at www.lc.usbr.gov.

The draft EIS/EIR is expected to be completed by June 2000.

Dated: May 5, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Service announces a meeting designed to foster partnerships to enhance public awareness of the importance of aquatic resources and the social and economic benefits of recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting, sponsored

by the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council), is open to the public, and interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: June 9, 1999, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 625 First Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, Telephone (703) 548-6300, FAX (703) 548-8032.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator at 1033 North Fairfax Street, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22314, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laury Parramore, Council Coordinator, at 703/836-1392.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) will convene to discuss: (1) the ongoing effort to monitor and evaluate Federal agency activities pursuant to Executive Order 12962 for Recreational Fisheries; (2) the Council's role as a facilitator of discussions concerning national fisheries management issues; and (3) the Interior Secretary's approval of the Strategic Plan for the National Outreach and Communications Program and the Council's continued involvement in the administration of the plan. Under Executive Order 12962, the Council is required to monitor and annually report its findings on various Federal agencies' actions and policies for protecting, restoring, and enhancing recreational fishery resources. The Council will hear a report and recommendations from its Technical Working Group on this and other topics.

Dated: May 12, 1999.

John G. Rogers,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Systems of Records

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of deletion of three systems of records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), notice is hereby given that

the Department of the Interior is deleting three systems of records managed by the U.S. Geological Survey. The three systems of records are deleted because the information is no longer used by the U.S. Geological Survey.

DATES: These actions will be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** (May 18, 1999).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maureen Ackerman, U.S. Geological Survey Privacy Act Officer, at (703) 648-7311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Three systems of records being deleted and the reasons for deletion are listed below:

1. Interior/USGS-09, "National Research Council Grants Program," previously published in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 1991 (56 FR 36822). The USGS no longer maintains any information covered by the Privacy Act and relating to this program. Status of the records: Disposition instructions for Privacy Act records relating to rejected grant proposals are "Destroy 3 years after investigation is completed." All these records have been destroyed. For Grant and Cooperative Agreement Case Files it is "Destroy 6 years after case is closed." Following these disposition instructions some of the records have already been destroyed and the last of the records will be destroyed in December 1999.

2. Interior/USGS-25, "Water Data Sources Directory," previously published in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 1991 (56 FR 36823). This system is no longer operational since the National Water Data Exchange Program Office and its network of Assistance Centers were closed in 1997. Status of the records: The disposition instructions for these records states "Destroy after 3 or more update cycles or when data elements are superseded." The system was phased out, the Directory is no longer in use, and records subject to the Privacy Act were destroyed in July 1998 according to the system manager.

3. Interior/USGS-26, "National Water Data Exchange (NAWDEX) User Accounting System," previously published in the **Federal Register** on January 7, 1982 (47 FR 869). NAWDEX and its network of Assistance Centers are closed. As a result, there is no longer any need to maintain information on individuals. Status of the records: The Privacy Act records associated with this

System were destroyed in July 1998 according to the system manager.

Maureen K. Ackerman,
Geological Survey Privacy Act Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Operation and Maintenance Rate Adjustment: Crow Irrigation Project, Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Rate Adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is adjusting the assessment rates for operating and maintaining the Crow Irrigation Project (Project), Montana for the years 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001.

DATES: The adjusted irrigation rates are effective for each irrigation season as indicated in the table.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith Beartusk, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Billings Area Office, 316 North 26th Street, Billings, Montana 59101-1362, telephone (406) 247-7998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority to issue this document is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 14, 1914 (38 Stat. 583, 25 U.S.C. 385). The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs pursuant to part 209 Departmental Manual, Chapter 8.1A and Memorandum dated January 25, 1994, from Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries, and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

This notice is given in accordance with § 171.1(e) of part 171, subchapter H, chapter I, of title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which provides for the fixing and announcing the rates for annual operation and maintenance assessments and related information of the Crow Irrigation Project for Calendar Year 1998 and subsequent years.

The assessment rates are based on a prepared estimate of the cost of normal operation and maintenance of the irrigation project. Normal operation and maintenance means the expenses we incur to provide direct support or benefit to the project's activities for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. We must include at least:

(a) Personnel salary and benefits for the project engineer/manager and our

employees under his management/control;

(b) Materials and supplies;
(c) Major and minor vehicle and equipment repairs;
(d) Equipment, including transportation, fuel, oil, grease, lease and replacement;
(d) Capitalization expenses;
(e) Acquisition expenses; and
(f) Other expenses we determine necessary to properly perform the activities and functions characteristic of an irrigation project.

Payments

The irrigation operation and maintenance assessments become due based on locally established payment requirements. No water shall be delivered to any of these lands until all irrigation charges have been paid.

Interest and Penalty Fees

Interest, penalty, and administrative fees will be assessed, where required by law, on all delinquent operation and maintenance assessment charges as prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 4, part 102, Federal Claims Collection Standards, and 42 BIAM Supplement 3, part 3.8 Debt Collection Procedures. Beginning 30 days after the due date, interest will be assessed at the rate of the current value of funds to the U.S. Treasury. An administrative fee of \$12.50 will be assessed each time an effort is made to collect a delinquent debt; a penalty charge of 6 percent per year will be charged on delinquent debts over 90 days old and will accrue from the date the debt became delinquent. No water shall be delivered to any farm unit until all irrigation charges have been paid. After 180 days, a delinquent debt will be forwarded to the United States Treasury for further action in accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-134).

Comments

On August 25, 1997, the BIA provided a notice in the **Federal Register**, 62 FR 44991, proposing to adjust the assessment rates for operating and maintaining the Project for 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and subsequent years. The notice of proposed rate adjustment provided a 30-day public comment period. Comments were received, the record was reviewed, and the following is in response to those comments.

Response to Comments: On August 25, 1997, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 44991) a Notice of Proposed Irrigation Operation and