

whether destruction or modification of wolverine habitat and range is occurring to the extent that it affects the status of the wolverine. We also found insufficient evidence to indicate that the wolverine trapping season in Montana or incidental trapping or poisoning poses a threat to the wolverine population in the contiguous United States. The paucity of data on wolverine life history and habitat requirements leads us to conclude that there is insufficient evidence to determine if land and wildlife managers are failing to conserve wolverines. There also is insufficient data to determine whether human disturbance is negatively impacting wolverine populations on a scale that impacts the status of the species.

We anticipate that ongoing studies of wolverines and, in particular, a scientific assessment of wolverines in the contiguous United States being led by the USFS that should be available in 2004, will improve our understanding of this species in the contiguous United States.

We have reviewed the petition, information submitted by the petitioners, other pertinent literature, and information available in Service files. We find the petition does not present substantial information to indicate that petitioned action may be warranted. This finding is based on insufficient information to—(1) Determine whether the wolverine in the contiguous United States constitutes a DPS under the Act, (2) understand possible threats to the wolverine, or (3) determine whether or not the species is declining in the contiguous United States.

References Cited: A complete list of all references cited herein is available upon request from the Montana Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Author: The primary authors of this document are Katrina Dixon and Lori Nordstrom, Montana Field Office, Helena, Montana.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: October 15, 2003.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Water Transfer Program for the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, 2005 to 2014

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement/ environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) and notice of scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (Exchange Contractors) propose to prepare a joint EIS/EIR for a 10-year water transfer program. The program would consist of the transfer of up to 130,000 acre-feet of substitute water (maximum of 80,000 acre-feet of developed water and a maximum of 50,000 acre-feet from land fallowing) from the Exchange Contractors to other Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors, to Reclamation for delivery to the San Joaquin Valley wetland habitat areas (wildlife refuges), and/or to Reclamation and/or the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for use by the CALFED Environmental Water Account (EWA) as replacement water for CVP contractors. Reclamation would approve and/or execute short-term and/or long-term temporary water transfers or agreements

DATES: A public scoping meeting will be held on November 18, 2003 at 6 p.m. in Los Banos, California.

Written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR should be mailed to Mr. Bob Eckart at the address below by November 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The public scoping meeting will be held at the San Joaquin Exchange Contractors Board Room, 541 H Street, Los Banos, CA 93635.

Written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR should be sent to Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, Division of Environmental Affairs, Attention: Mr. Bob Eckart, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bob Eckart at the above address or by calling (916) 978-5051.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objective of the proposed 10-year transfer program is the transfer of CVP water from the Exchange Contractors to:

- Other CVP contractors to meet demands of agriculture, municipal, and industrial uses,

- the Department of the Interior's Water Acquisition Program for delivery to the San Joaquin Valley Federal, state, and private wildlife refuges, and/or
- Reclamation or DWR for use by the CALFED EWA Program to benefit CVP operations by providing replacement water to CVP contractors.

The Exchange Contractor's proposed water transfer program would assist Reclamation in optimizing the use of limited existing water resources for agriculture, fish and wildlife resources, and municipal and industrial purposes. CVP water would be transferred to other CVP contractors to support the production of agricultural crops and livestock. Also, the Santa Clara Valley Water District is in need of short-term water supplies to support agriculture, municipal, and industrial uses in Santa Clara County. Reclamation's Water Acquisition Program needs additional water to provide the refuges with the increment between Level 2 and Level 4 water quantities for fish and wildlife habitat development. Reclamation or DWR may also need to acquire additional CVP water south of the Delta to replace water used for fish protection actions pursuant to CALFED's EWA Program (for the benefit of the CVP).

The water transfers would occur largely within the San Joaquin Valley of central California. The Exchange Contractors service area covers parts of Fresno, Madera, Merced, and Stanislaus counties. The agricultural water users that would benefit from the potential transfers are located in the counties of Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Merced, Madera, Fresno, San Benito, Santa Clara, Tulare, Kings, and Kern. The wetland habitat areas that may receive the water are located in Merced, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern counties. Water purchased for use by Reclamation or DWR for the EWA may be provided to CVP contractors in the West San Joaquin and San Felipe divisions to replace water bypassed at Tracy Pumping Plant pursuant to EWA fish protection actions.

Some of the resources potentially affected by transfers under the proposed 10-year transfer program include: surface water, groundwater, biological resources (vegetation, wildlife, and fisheries), land use (including agriculture), socioeconomic, Indian Trust Assets, and environmental justice.

It is Reclamation's practice to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may also be

circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Dated: September 19, 2003 .

Frank Michny,

Regional Environmental Officer, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-Day notice of information collection under review: Statement of process-marking of plastic explosives for the purpose of detection.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until December 22, 2003. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Gary Patterson, Public Safety Branch, 800 K Street NW., Suite 710, Washington, DC 20001.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(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 agencies 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.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Statement of Process-Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: None. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit. Other: None. The information contained in the statement of process is required to ensure compliance with the provisions of Pub. L. 104-132. This information will be used to ensure that plastic explosives contain a detection agent as required by law.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* It is estimated that 8 respondents will complete the required information in approximately 30 minutes.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* There are 16 estimated annual total burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Ms. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: October 16, 2003.

Brenda E. Dyer,

Deputy Clearance Officer, Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 23, 2003.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation, contact Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: king.darin@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Employment Standards Administration (ESA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202-395-7316/this is not a toll-free number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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;
- 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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.

Type of Review: New collection.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: The Secretary of Labor, Exemplary Voluntary Effort (EVE), and Exemplary Public Interest Contribution (EPIC) Awards.

OMB Number: 1215-0NEW.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit and non-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Annually.