

Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement for Elwha River Ecosystem Restoration Implementation, Olympic National Park, Washington

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the implementation of the Elwha River Ecosystem Restoration in Olympic National Park, Washington. The FEIS presents the proposed action and alternatives for removing the Elwha and Glines Canyon dams and restoration of the Elwha River ecosystem and its native anadromous fisheries. The proposed action calls for removal of both dams and river erosion of trapped sediments downstream. The proposed action accomplishes the Secretary of the Interior's objectives, as directed by Public Law 102-495, the Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act of 1992, to restore the river's ecosystem and its native anadromous fisheries. This implementation FEIS is connected to the first, programmatic EIS, which was completed in June 1995. The programmatic EIS determined that dam removal was required to fully restore the Elwha River ecosystem and native anadromous fisheries.

The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for this action was released for public review on April 26, 1996, (Federal Register, Vol. 61, No. 82) and the public comment period closed on June 25, 1996. Both the DEIS and FEIS analyze the proposed action and alternatives for removing the Elwha and Glines Canyon dams and restoring the Elwha River ecosystem. The alternatives include No Action, i.e., retaining the dams in place; the River Erosion Alternative, i.e., removing both dams and allowing sediment to be eroded naturally by the river; and the Dredge and Slurry Alternative, i.e., removing both dams and using suction dredges mounted on barges to slurry fine-grained sediment (silt and clay) through a pipeline to the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Major impact topics assessed for the proposed action and the alternatives include natural and cultural resources and other factors such as socioeconomics, public health and safety, water quality and traffic concerns.

The FEIS contains letters received from agencies and organizations during the public comment period and responses to all substantive comments are contained in a question and answer format. A summary of comments received during public workshops on the DEIS is also contained in the FEIS.

The DEIS and FEIS have been completed by the National Park Service in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Army Corps of Engineers, and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The no-action period on this FEIS will expire 30 days after the Environmental Protection Agency has published a notice of availability of the FEIS in the Federal Register. A limited number of copies of the FEIS are available on request by calling Lisa Hilt at 360-452-4501, ext. 264. All who submitted substantive comments on the Draft EIS will receive a copy of the FEIS. In addition, public reading copies of the FEIS will be available for review at the following locations: Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of Interior, 18 and C streets NW., Washington, DC 20240, Telephone: 202-208-6843; Olympic National Park, National Park Service, 600 E. Park Avenue, Port Angeles, WA 98362, Telephone: 206-452-4501; North Olympic Library System, Port Angeles Branch, 207 S. Lincoln Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362, Telephone: 206-452-9253; Government Documents, Seattle Public Library, 1000 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104-1193, Telephone: 206-386-4686; Government Publications, Suzzallo Library, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, Telephone: 206-543-1937; Columbia/Cascades Systems Support Office, National Park Service, 909 First Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104-1060, Telephone: 206-220-4154. For further information contact: Dr. Brian Winter, Elwha Project Coordinator, Olympic National Park, 600 E. Park Avenue, Port Angeles, WA 98362, Telephone: 360-452-0302.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

Agency for International Development

Housing Guaranty Program; Notice of Investment Opportunity

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has authorized the guaranty of a loan to the Government of Tunisia ("Borrower") as part of USAID's development assistance

program. The proceeds of this loan will be used to finance environmental infrastructure and services for the benefit of low-income families in Tunisia. At this time, the Government of Tunisia has authorized USAID to request proposals from eligible lenders for a loan under this program of \$10 Million U.S. Dollars (US\$10,000,000). The name and address of the Borrower's representative to be contacted by interested U.S. lenders or investment bankers, the amount of the loan and project numbers are indicated below:

Government of Tunisia

Project No: 664-HG-V

Housing Guaranty Loan No.: 664-HG-013 A01.

Amount: US\$10,000,000.

Attention: Mr. Moncef CHAFFAR, Directeur Général des Finances Exterieures, Banque Centrale de Tunisie, Tunis, Tunisia, Telex Nos.: BANCENT 15375, 13311, 13308, Telefax No.: 216-1-340-615 (preferred communication), Telephone Nos.: 216-1-340-588, 254-000.

Interested lenders should contact the Borrower as soon as possible and indicate their interest in providing financing for the Housing Guaranty Program. Interested lenders should submit their bids to the Borrower's representative by *Tuesday, December 3, 1996, 12:00 noon Eastern Daylight Standard Time*. Bids should be open for a period of 48 hours from the bid closing date. Copies of all bids should be simultaneously sent to the following: Mr. Scott Dobberstein or Ms. Monia Ben Khalifa, Regional Housing and Urban Development Office, USAID/NENA, USAID/Tunisia, c/o American Embassy, Tunis, Tunisia (Street address: 144, Avenue de la Liberté, Tunis, Tunisia), Telex No.: 14182 USAID TN, Telefax No.: 216-1-782-464 (preferred communication), Telephone No.: 216-1-781-308 or 784-375

Mr. Peter Pirnie, Financial Advisor, Address: U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of Environment and Urban Programs, G/ENV/UP, Room 409, SA-18, Washington, DC 20523-1822. Telex No.: 892703 AID WSA, Telefax No.: 703/875-4639 or 875-4384 (preferred communication), Telephone No.: 703/875-4300 or 875-4510

For your information the Borrower is currently considering the following terms:

- (1) *Amount:* U.S. \$10 million.
- (2) *Term:* 30 years.

(3) *Grace Period:* Ten years grace on repayment of principal. (During grace