B. Need for the EIS

It has been determined that this request for release of funds may constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the areas of traffic, air quality, and historic resources. Therefore, an EIS will be prepared by the Commission in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91–190). Responses to this notice will be used to:

1. Determine significant environmental issues;
2. Identify issues which the EIS should address; and
3. Identify agencies and other parties which will participate in the EIS process and the basis for their involvement.

The draft EIS will be published and distributed on or about June 1, 2001, and a copy will be available for public inspection at the Community Development Commission, 2 Coral Circle, Monterey Park, California 91755; at the West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California 90069; and at the West Hollywood County Library, 715 North San Vincente Boulevard, West Hollywood, California 90069. Copies of the draft EIS may be purchased upon request to DeAnn Johnson at (323) 890–7186, for a price sufficient to cover reproduction costs.

C. Scoping:

This notice is part of the process used for scoping the EIS. Responses will help determine the significant environmental issues, identify issues which the EIS should address, and help identify Cooperating Agencies.

This notice shall be in effect for one year. If one year after the publication of the notice in the **Federal Register** a draft EIS has not been published for the project, then the Notice for the project shall be canceled. If the draft EIS is expected to be published more than one year after the publication of this Notice, a new and updated Notice shall be published.

Dated: April 19, 2001.

Donna M. Abbenante,

Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Central Utah Project Completion Act

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment (EA) and Public Scoping Meetings on the Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Plan of the Bonneville Unit, Central Utah Project.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to: Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended; Council on Environmental Quality Regulations at 40 CFR 1501.7 and section 315 of Public Law 102–575, Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA), the joint lead agencies are initiating an environmental impact analysis, with public involvement, for the Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Plan of the Bonneville Unit, Central Utah Project. The Mitigation Plan includes land and water acquisition, wetland construction, and land and water management alterations, for the creation and enhancement of wetland resources along the lower Duchesne River in eastern Utah. The project is intended to offset the environmental impacts to wetland resources resulting from construction and operation of the Strawberry Aqueduct and Collection System of the Bonneville Unit, Central Utah Project. Many plan features are proposed to occur on lands held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of the Ute Indian Tribe. The Tribe has served as the lead planning entity and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, as Trustee for the Ute Indian Tribe, will serve as a Cooperating Agency, along with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Reclamation, in the preparation of the EA. The EA will evaluate the significant environmental impacts associated with each alternative including the No Action Alternative.

The joint lead agencies will conduct scoping meetings on the Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Plan to give the public an opportunity to review project plans and identify the significant environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action and each alternative. Information obtained through the scoping process will be used to identify the scope and significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the environmental document.

DATES: Three public scoping meetings will be held in the local geographic area of the project to receive input from Federal, State and local governments and agencies and the general public. The meetings will be held in:

Salt Lake City, Utah: Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Conference Room, 4th Floor, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138.

Fort Duchesne, Utah: Ute Indian Tribal Headquarters Auditorium, Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026.

Roosevelt, Utah: Conference Room, Mood Lake Electric Association, 188 West 200 North, Roosevelt, Utah 84066.

The dates and times for each meeting will be announced in local media. The deadline for submitting scoping comments will also be announced.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information on matters related to this **Federal Register** notice can be obtained at the address and telephone number set forth below: Mr. Ralph G. Swanson, Department of the Interior, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606–6154, Telephone (801) 379–1254, E-mail: rswanson@uc.usbr.gov.

Dated: April 19, 2001.

Ronald Johnston,

Program Director, Department of the Interior.

Dated: April 19, 2001.

Michael Weland,

Executive Director, Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge in Williamson, Jackson, and Union Counties, Illinois

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its implementing regulations, for the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge located in Williamson, Jackson, and Union Counties, Illinois.

The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd *et seq.*), to achieve the following:

(1) Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and

(2) Obtain additional suggestions and information on the scope of alternative and impacts to be considered.

The Service solicited written comments and held three public open house scoping meetings and three focus group meetings during the scoping phase of the CCP development process. Comments received October 2000 to the present from this previous phase will be incorporated into the scoping for the EIS. The Service is inviting additional written comments on the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered. In addition, the Service is inviting comments on archeological, historic, and traditional cultural sites in support of the National Historic Preservation Act.

DATES: Special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media announcements will inform people of the opportunities for written input. The public scoring process will continue until May 29, 2001. Written comments submitted by mail or email should be postmarked by that date to ensure consideration. Comments mailed after that date will be considered to the extent practical.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to: Refuge Manager, Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, 8588 Route 148, Marion, IL 62959; or E-mail: conwr-ccp@fws.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas Palmer, Planning Coordinator, Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 8588 Route 148, Marion, IL 62959–9970, telephone 618–997–3344, extension 319, *or* Mr. John Schomaker, Refuge Planning Specialist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, RO/AP, BHW Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling, MN 55111, telephone 612–713–5476; *or* E-mail: conwr-ccp@fws.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Federal law, all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System are to be managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes.

The CCP planning process will consider many elements, including wildlife and habitat management, habitat protection and acquisition, wilderness preservation, public recreational activities, industrial use, and cultural resource preservation. Public input into this planning process is essential. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Service solicited written comments and held three public open house scoping meetings and three focus group meetings during the scoping phase of the CCP development process. The Service previously notified the public (**FEDERAL REGISTER**/Vol. 65, No. 194/October 5, 2000) that following public scoping of issues, we would determine whether to prepare an EIS or an environmental assessment (EA). The Service has decided to prepare an EIS in accordance with procedures for implementing NEPA found in the Departmental manual 516 DM 6, Appendix 1.

The Service contracted for a cultural resources overview study in support of the comprehensive conservation plan. The professional study has identified known sites on the refuge. We are also asking the public to identify any cultural sites that are important to them.

Review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as Amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

We estimate that the draft environmental documents will be available in summer 2002.

Dated: April 11, 2001.

Marvin E. Moriarty,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment on the Proposal To Establish Operational/Experimental General Swan Hunting Seasons in the Pacific Flyway

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that a Draft Environmental Assessment on the Continuation of General Swan Hunting Seasons in Portions of the Pacific Flyway is available for public review. Comments and suggestions are requested.

DATES: You must submit comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment by May 25, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment can be obtained by writing to Robert Trost, Pacific Flyway Representative, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Migratory Bird Management, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232–4181. The Draft Environmental Assessment may also be viewed via the Fish and Wildlife Service Home Page at *http://migratorybirds.fws.gov.* Written comments can be sent to the address above. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record. You may inspect comments during normal business hours at the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Trost at: Pacific Flyway Representative, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Migratory Bird Management, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232–4181, (503) 231–6162.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft Environmental Assessment includes a review of the 5-year experimental general swan hunting seasons which took place from 1995 to 2000 as well as a summary of the results of the 2000 hunting season. Information from the most recent breeding season and wintering populations surveys is also included in the new Environmental Assessment. Three alternatives are proposed to address the future of operational and experimental swan hunting seasons in Utah, Nevada and Montana. The issuance of a new Environmental Assessment was prompted by controversy over current management and the need to incorporate experience from the 2000 hunting season and the results of recent population surveys. There were also many requests from individuals, States, and various conservation organizations for a thorough examination of alternatives for swan hunting in the Pacific Flyway in light of continuing concerns for the Rocky Mountain Population of trumpeter swans. The Environmental Assessment focuses on the issue of whether or not to establish an operational approach for swan hunting. Related efforts to address population status and distributional concerns regarding the Rocky Mountain Population of trumpeter swans are also discussed. Three alternatives, including the proposed action, are considered.

Dated: April 18, 2001.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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