Inquiries may be made by calling the Committee for the Preservation of the White House between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays at (202) 619–6344. Written comments may be sent to the Executive Secretary, Committee for the Preservation of the White House, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20242.

Dated: September 22, 2003.

Ann Bowman Smith,

Executive Secretary, Committee for the Preservation of the White House.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for an Interim 602(a) Storage Guideline for Management of the Colorado River

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for an interim 602(a) storage guideline for management of the Colorado River.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of the Interior (Secretary), acting through the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), is proposing the adoption of a 602(a) storage guideline that will assist the Secretary in making a determination of the quantity of water considered necessary as of September 30 of each year, as required by article II (1) of the 1970 Criteria for Coordinated Long-Range Operation of Colorado River Reservoirs (Long-Range Operating Criteria) pursuant to the Colorado River Basin Project Act of September 30, 1968. Section 602(a) of the 1968 Act requires that, under certain circumstances, storage equalization releases be made from Lake Powell to Lake Mead. The proposed 602(a) storage guideline would remain in effect through calendar year 2016.

The proposed 602(a) storage guideline is based upon information received from the Governors' representatives of the seven Colorado River Basin States (Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming) during the public comment period on the Colorado River Interim Surplus Criteria Draft Environmental Impact Statement. This information was published in the **Federal Register** on August 8, 2000 (65 FR 48531–38).

DATES: A 30-day public review period commences with the publication of this notice. Written comments on the draft EA are due by October 30, 2003 and should be submitted to the address given below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the draft EA and requests for copies should be addressed to Tom Ryan, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138; telephone (801) 524–3732; faxogram (801) 524–5499; e-mail: *tryan@uc.usbr.gov.* The draft EA is also available on Reclamation's web site at *http://www.usbr.gov/uc/library/* (click on Environmental Assessment Documents).

Copies of the draft EA are also available for public review and inspection at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Room 7239, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138–1147.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Denver Federal Center, Building 67, Room 167, Denver, Colorado 80225–0007.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Main Interior Building, Room 7060–MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240–0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: One component of the proposal by the Governors' representatives is Section V, ''Determination of 602(a) Storage in Lake Powell during the Interim Period,'' and reads as follows:

During the interim period, 602(a) storage requirements determined in accordance with Article II (1) of the Criteria [Long-Range Operating Criteria] shall utilize a value of not less than 14.85 million acre-feet (elevation 3,630 feet) for Lake Powell (65 FR 48537).

Reclamation published a **Federal Register** notice on January 28, 2003 (68 FR 4230–31) announcing its intention to consider the adoption of a specific interim 602(a) storage guideline. Public comments were received from January 28, 2003, to March 14, 2003. Reclamation received 13 comment letters.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), Reclamation has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that analyzes the environmental impacts of adopting the interim 602(a) storage guideline. The two alternatives considered in the draft EA are the No Action Alternative and the Action Alternative. The proposed federal action (Action Alternative) is based on the proposal submitted by the Governors' representatives.

The Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968 required the Secretary of the Interior to adopt operating criteria for the coordinated long-range operation of Colorado River reservoirs by January 1, 1970. This requirement led to adoption of the Long-Range Operating Criteria which control operation of the Colorado River reservoirs in compliance with requirements set forth in the Colorado River Compact, Colorado River Storage Project Act, Boulder Canyon Project Act, Colorado River Basin Project Act, the United States and Mexico Water Treaty, and other applicable federal laws. The purpose of the Long-Range Operating Criteria is to control the coordinated long-range operation of the storage reservoirs of the Colorado River Basin. The Long-Range Operating Criteria established the minimum objective annual release of 8.23 million acre-feet from Lake Powell. This minimum objective release ensures that the downstream delivery requirements of the Upper Division States (Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming) are met on an annual basis.

The Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968 also requires the development of an annual plan of operation. Accordingly, each year, the Secretary establishes an Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for the Colorado River reservoir system. The AOP describes how Reclamation will manage the reservoirs over a 12-month period, consistent with the Long-Range Operating Criteria. In compliance with applicable federal law, Reclamation consults annually with the Colorado River Basin States, Indian tribes, and other interested parties in the development of the AOP. As part of the AOP, the Secretary makes an annual determination under the Long-Range Operating Criteria regarding the quantity of water considered necessary as of September 30 of each year to be in storage as required by Section 602(a) of the Colorado River Basin Project Act. This determination is important because when projected storage in the Upper Basin reservoirs is greater than the 602(a) storage requirement, and when storage in Lake Powell is greater than Lake Mead, releases greater than the 8.23 million acre-foot are made to maintain, as nearly as practicable, active storage in Lake Mead equal to the active storage in Lake Powell. These releases are commonly referred to as ''storage equalization'' releases. When projected storage is less than the 602(a) storage requirement, or Lake Powell storage is less than Lake Mead storage, annual releases from Lake Powell are limited to 8.23 million acre-feet. The proposed federal action analyzed in the draft EA could modify the volume of storage equalization releases from Glen Canyon

Dam and have an affect on water storage in Lakes Powell and Mead.

The Record of Decision for the Colorado River Interim Surplus Guidelines adopted specific objective elevation levels at Lake Mead at which surplus water (*i.e.*, amounts to satisfy consumptive use in excess of 7.5 million acre-feet) could be delivered to the Lower Division States (Arizona, California, and Nevada) from Lake Mead through the year 2016. The purpose of the proposed 602(a) storage guideline is to adopt a similar objective elevation level in Lake Powell during the time period that the Colorado River Interim Surplus Guidelines are in place. The Colorado River Interim Surplus Guidelines are applicable through 2016, and the proposed 602(a) storage guideline is proposed to remain in effect through that same period.

The need for the proposed 602(a) storage guideline arises because of the potential for additional surplus deliveries to the Lower Division States, during the period through 2016, to further draw down Lake Powell (through storage equalization releases), thus affecting Upper Basin resources such as water supply, recreation, and power generation. Just as the Interim Surplus Guidelines provide a lower limit at Lake Mead for declaration of surplus through the year 2016, the proposed 602(a) storage guideline would provide a lower limit for annual releases of water in excess of 8.23 million acre-feet from Lake Powell through the year 2016. The action is therefore needed to provide for coordinated operation of these two reservoirs on the Colorado River.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent 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.

NEPA Process

Public comments on the draft EA will be considered as part of the Secretary's decision in determining whether to adopt an interim 602(a) storage guideline for management of the Colorado River. Written and/or oral comments already received in response to the January 28, 2003, **Federal Register** notice (68 FR 4230–31) soliciting public comments and initiating a NEPA process need not be resubmitted as they have been retained and will be considered during this open comment period. Although we have used information already received in formulating the draft EA, we will address that information as well as any new comments received in our final EA, as appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Ryan, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138, telephone (801) 524–3732.

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Darryl Beckmann,

Acting Regional Director—Upper Colorado Region, Bureau of Reclamation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians

New Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Submission of Information Collection to the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians announces the submission of an information collection concerning Individual Indian Money (IIM) Accounts. This is a new collection for the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians. Previously, this information collection, Individual Indian Money (IIM), OMB Control No. 1076–0154, had been submitted and cleared as a Bureau of Indian Affairs responsibility. The Bureau of Indian Affairs collection will expire prior to or concurrent with the time the new collection is approved by the Office of Management and Budget and assigned a new control number. The request to the Office of Management and Budget is to approve the new collection for a period of three years.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may telefax your comments to: Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Management and Budget, at (202) 395–6566. You may also e-mail comments to: *OIRA DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*. Send a copy of your comments to: Sarah Yepa, Office of Trust Regulations, Policies and Procedures, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, 505 Marquette NW., Suite 1000, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Yepa, Telephone (505) 816–1003, Fax (505) 816–1377.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (the Reform Act) makes provision for the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians to administer trust fund accounts for individuals and tribes. The collection of information is required to facilitate the processing of deposits, investments, and distribution of monies held in trust by the U.S. Government and administered by the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians. The collection of information provides the information needed to establish procedures to: deposit and retrieve funds from accounts, perform transactions such as cashing checks, reporting lost or stolen checks, stopping payment of checks, and general verification of account activities.

The collection showed 1,577,125 total burden hours when it was maintained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs with the OMB Control Number 1076–0154. Upon review of the collection, a total of 990,211 burden hours have been removed from the public burden; 114,700 burden hours are part of the federal burden; the remaining burden is the result of re-evaluating the number of responses for each collection. The review by the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians resulted in a reduction of responses from 1,997,500 to 677,675; this is a reduction of 1,329,825 responses. The reduction in the overall burden results from activity generated by the collection. We reviewed the number of respondents. To arrive at the number of total respondents, we added 500 tribes to the 285,000 IIM accounts, for a total of 285,500 respondents. As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on the proposed renewal of this collection of information was published on June 19, 2003 (68 FR 36837); no comments were received.

Request for Comments: The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians requests your comments on this collection concerning:

(a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;