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OPEN HOUSE TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 22 ON THE LAKE BERRYESSA
VSP DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

An informational open house on the Lake Berryessa Visitor Services Plan (VSP) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2003, from 1-4 p.m. at the Solano County Fairgrounds, Exposition Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo, CA. The public is invited to drop by anytime during the open house. A formal meeting will not be held.

The purpose of the open house is to discuss the contents of the DEIS. The DEIS outlines the proposed VSP alternatives that address issues related to future recreation at Lake Berryessa, including the type and level of facilities and services that are appropriate on Federal land. Current concession contracts at Lake Berryessa expire in 2008 and 2009, and the VSP will be used as a basis for future concession contracts.

The DEIS is available for a 90-day public review and comment period. It may be viewed on-line at www.usbr.gov/mp/berryessa. Written comments must be received by close of business on February 4, 2004, and should be sent to: Ms. Janet Sierzputowski, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Comments may also be faxed to 916-978-5114 or e-mailed to jsierzputowski@mp.usbr.gov.

For questions or to request a CD or hard copy of the DEIS, please contact Janet Sierzputowski at 916-978-5112 or e-mail jsierzputowski@mp.usbr.gov.

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