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Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) – Red Fleet Reservoir Rotenone Treatment in Uintah County, Utah

Dear Interested Persons:

In compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Reclamation Provo Area Office has completed the Draft EA. The Draft EA fulfills the requirements of NEPA, as well as the Council on Environmental Quality, and Department of the Interior regulations implementing NEPA. The Draft EA states the action that will be implemented and describes the effects of treating Red Fleet Reservoir with rotenone.

The Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR), is proposing to treat Red Fleet Reservoir with rotenone to eradicate illegally introduced fish species, specifically walleye and smallmouth bass. The treatment would be reservoir wide and would include a drip station immediately above the inflow on Big Brush Creek, and a detoxification (detox) station immediately below the outlet of the dam. There would be no change in reservoir operations and no ground disturbance associated with the Proposed Action.

The Draft EA analyzes the Proposed Action as required by regulations within NEPA. If potentially significant impacts to the human environment are identified, an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared. If no significant impacts are identified, Reclamation will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Reclamation invites interested parties to review and provide comments on the Draft EA. This letter begins the 30-day comment period. This letter is being sent to municipalities, organizations, agencies, and the public that have an interest in the Proposed Action.

Comments may be provided until July 22, 2015. Written comments should be addressed to: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Vernal Field Office, Attention: Ms. Trina Hedrick, 318 North, Vernal, Utah 84078. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to fishnero@utah.gov or by phone at 435-781-9453.

The Draft EA is available on the internet at www.usbr.gov/uc/envdocs/index.html. If you prefer a CD or hard copy, they are available upon request by contacting Ms. Trina Hedrick at 435-781-9453.

At the conclusion of the comment period, comments received on the Draft EA will be considered and incorporated, and if no further analysis is necessary, the EA will be finalized and a FONSI will be prepared.

Should you need additional information, please contact Mr. Peter Crookston at 801- 379-1152.

Sincerely,

for



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Enclosure