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## **Work Group to Meet on Issues Related to Colorado River**

The Technical Work Group (TWG) of the Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) is meeting November 8-9, 2006 in Phoenix, Ariz., addressing issues related to the Glen Canyon Adaptive Management Program and the Colorado River.

As a result of the heavy storms during the month of October, which deposited more than 1.3 million metric tons of sediment at the confluence of the Paria and Colorado Rivers, a proposal to conduct a Beach Habitat Building Flow (BHBF) will be discussed by the TWG. If BHBF experiments are implemented, they are intended to assist in the redistribution of sediment from tributary rivers downstream from Glen Canyon Dam to enlarge existing beaches and sandbars, create new ones, and create or restore back channel habitat for endangered fish.

Other agenda items include updates and discussions on the fish community below Glen Canyon Dam and in Grand Canyon, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process for the Long-Term Experimental Plan, science plans and budget development for the upcoming AMWG meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

The TWG meets to discuss technical issues and to develop recommendations for use by the AMWG, a Federal Advisory Committee to the Secretary of the Interior on the operation of Glen Canyon Dam and management of downstream resources in Glen and Grand Canyons.

The TWG is a sub-committee of the AMWG and is comprised of technical representatives who represent members of the Adaptive Management Program. Responsibilities of the TWG include the development of criteria and standards for monitoring and research programs; provide periodic reviews and updates; and provide information, as necessary, to the AMWG.

The meetings will be held at Arizona State University Downtown Campus, on the first day from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and conclude at 3 p.m. on the second day.

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Publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** temporarily segregates the above described land from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws. The segregation effect of this notice will terminate in the future as specified in 43 CFR 2711.1-3(c). The above described land was previously segregated from mineral entry under BLM case file number N-66364, with record notation as of October 19, 1998. This previous segregation will terminate upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Detailed information concerning the proposed sale, including an environmental studies and documents, approved appraisal report and supporting documents, is available for review at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office at the address above. Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the sale, including the EA, to the address above. No facsimiles, e-mails, or telephone calls will be considered as validly submitted comments. The Field Manager, BLM, Las Vegas Field Office, will review the comments of all interested parties concerning the sale. To be considered, comments must be received at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office on or before the date stated above in this notice for that purpose. Comments received during this process, including respondent's name, address, and other contact information will be available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to request that BLM consider withholding your name, address, and other contact information from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. The BLM will honor requests

for confidentiality on a case-by-case basis to the extent allowed by law. The BLM will make available for public review, in their entirety, all comments submitted by businesses or organizations, including comments by individuals in their capacity as an official or representative of a business or organization. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM, Nevada State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action.

In the absence of any adverse comments, the decision will become effective on February 12, 2007. The lands will not be offered for sale until after the decision becomes effective.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2711.1-2(a)).

Dated: November 24, 2006.

**Sharon DiPinto,**

*Assistant Field Manager, Division of Lands, Las Vegas, NV.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Long-Term Experimental Plan for the Operation of Glen Canyon Dam and Other Associated Management Activities

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and notice to solicit comments and hold additional public scoping meetings on the adoption of a Long-Term Experimental Plan for the operation of Glen Canyon Dam and other associated management activities under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary).

**SUMMARY:** In a **Federal Register** notice published on November 6, 2006 (71 FR 64982-64983), and pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and 40 CFR 1508.22, the Department of the Interior (Department), acting through the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), provided notice that the Department intends to prepare an EIS and conduct public scoping meetings for the adoption of a Long-Term Experimental Plan for the operation of Glen Canyon Dam and other associated management activities. This **Federal Register** notice, prepared pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.22, provides information on additional public scoping meetings, the purpose and need for the proposed action, and additional

background on the Long-Term Experimental Plan.

The purpose of the Long-Term Experimental Plan is to increase understanding of the ecosystem downstream from Glen Canyon Dam and to improve and protect important downstream resources. The NEPA process would evaluate the implications and impacts of each of the alternatives on all of the purposes and benefits of Glen Canyon Dam as well as on downstream resources. The proposed plan would implement a structured, long-term program of experimentation (including dam operations, modifications to Glen Canyon Dam intake structures, and other non-flow management actions, such as removal of non-native fish species) and monitoring in the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam.

The proposed Long-Term Experimental Plan is intended to ensure a continued, structured application of adaptive management in such a manner as to protect, mitigate adverse impacts to, and improve the values for which Grand Canyon National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area were established, including, but not limited to natural and cultural resources and visitor use, consistent with applicable Federal law.

The Long-Term Experimental Plan will build on a decade of scientific experimentation and monitoring that has taken place as part of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program, and will build on the knowledge gained by experiments, operations, and management actions taken under the program. Accordingly, Reclamation intends to tier from earlier NEPA compliance documents prepared as part of the Department's Glen Canyon Adaptive Management Program efforts, see 40 CFR 1500.4(i), 1502.20, and 1508.20(b), such as the 2002 Environmental Assessment prepared on adaptive management experimental actions at Glen Canyon Dam (Proposed Experimental Releases from Glen Canyon Dam and Removal of Non-Native Fish).

**Dates and Addresses:** Two additional public scoping meetings will be held to solicit comments on the scope of the Long-Term Experimental Plan and the issues and alternatives that should be analyzed. The meetings will serve to expand upon the input received from the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program meetings and the recommendations of the Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG), a federal advisory committee. Oral and written comments will be accepted at

the meetings to be held at the following locations:

- Thursday, January 4, 2007—6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Embassy Suites Phoenix Airport at 44th Street, 1515 North 44th Street, Cholla Room, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Friday, January 5, 2007—6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Hilton Salt Lake City Center, 255 South West Temple, Salon 1, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Written comments on the proposed development of the Long-Term Experimental Plan may be sent by close of business on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, to: Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, Attention: UC-402, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84318-1147, faxogram at (801) 524-3858, or e-mail at [GCDExpPlan@uc.usbr.gov](mailto:GCDExpPlan@uc.usbr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis Kubly, Bureau of Reclamation, telephone (801) 524-3715; faxogram (801) 524-3858; e-mail at [GCDExpPlan@uc.usbr.gov](mailto:GCDExpPlan@uc.usbr.gov). If special assistance is required regarding accommodations for attendance at either of the public meetings, please contact Jayne Kelleher at (801) 524-3680, faxogram at (801) 524-3858, or e-mail at [jkelleher@uc.usbr.gov](mailto:jkelleher@uc.usbr.gov) no less than 5 working days prior to the applicable meeting(s).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Glen Canyon Dam was authorized by the Colorado River Storage Project Act (CRSPA) of 1956 and completed by Reclamation in 1963. Below Glen Canyon Dam, the Colorado River flows for 15 miles through the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area which is managed by the National Park Service. Fifteen miles below Glen Canyon Dam, Lees Ferry, Arizona, marks the beginning of Marble Canyon and the northern boundary of Grand Canyon National Park.

The primary purpose and major function of Glen Canyon Dam is water conservation and storage. The dam is specifically managed to regulate releases of water from the Upper Colorado River Basin to the Lower Colorado River Basin to satisfy provisions of the 1922 Colorado River Compact and subsequent water delivery commitments, and thereby allow states within the Upper Basin to deplete water from the watershed upstream of Glen Canyon Dam and utilize their apportionments of Colorado River water.

In addition to the primary purpose of water delivery, another function of Glen Canyon Dam is to generate hydroelectric power. Between the dam's completion in 1963 and 1990, the dam's daily operations were primarily undertaken to maximize generation of hydroelectric

power in accordance with Section 7 of the CRSPA, which requires production of the greatest practicable amount of power.

Over time, concerns arose with respect to the operation of Glen Canyon Dam, including effects of operations on species listed pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. In 1992, Congress passed and the President signed into law, the Grand Canyon Protection Act which addresses potential impacts of dam operations on downstream resources in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Grand Canyon National Park.

The Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992 required the Secretary to complete an environmental impact statement evaluating alternative operating criteria, consistent with existing law, that would determine how Glen Canyon Dam would be operated to both meet the purposes for which the dam was authorized and meet the goals for protection of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Grand Canyon National Park. The final environmental impact statement was completed in March 1995. The Preferred Alternative (Modified Low Fluctuating Flow Alternative) was selected as the best means to operate Glen Canyon Dam in a Record of Decision (ROD) issued on October 9, 1996. In 1997 the Secretary adopted operating criteria for Glen Canyon Dam (62 FR 9447-9448) as required by Section 1804(c) of the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992.

Additionally, the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992 requires the Secretary to undertake research and monitoring to determine if revised dam operations were achieving the resource protection objectives of the final EIS and ROD. These provisions of the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992 were incorporated into the 1996 ROD and led to the establishment of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program, administered by Reclamation, and of the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center within the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

The Adaptive Management Program includes a federal advisory committee known as the AMWG, a Technical Work Group, a monitoring and research center administered by the USGS, and independent review panels. The Technical Work Group is a subcommittee of the AMWG and provides technical advice and recommendations to the AMWG. The AMWG makes recommendations to the Secretary concerning Glen Canyon Dam operations and other management actions to protect resources downstream from Glen Canyon Dam consistent with

the Grand Canyon Protection Act and other applicable provisions of Federal law.

To improve scientific understanding of the downstream ecosystem, periodic experimental releases from Glen Canyon Dam were conducted in water years 1996 through 2006. Non-flow actions were also conducted, including removal of non-native fish and translocation of the endangered Kanab ambersnail and humpback chub. Specific experimental actions included:

- 1996 test of a Beach Habitat Building Flow (BHBF) at 45,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) and translocation of endangered Kanab ambersnail.
- 2000 test of Low Steady Summer Flows at 8,000 cfs.
- 2003—2005 block of experimental actions which included:
  - Translocation of endangered humpback chub above Chute Falls.
  - Winter fluctuating fish suppression releases (5,000 to 20,000 cfs).
  - Mechanical removal of non-native fish near the confluence of the Little Colorado River to benefit the humpback chub.
  - Fall constrained releases to test the conservation of sediment (6,500 to 9,000 cfs).
  - 2004 test of a BHBF at 42,000 cfs immediately following Paria River sediment inputs.

In addition, drought-induced reductions in Lake Powell elevations caused an increase in dam release temperatures during 2003 to 2005. Considerable monitoring and research on endangered fish, sediment conservation, and other resources in the Grand Canyon were conducted in concert with these actions. Among other documents related to adaptive management experimentation, two Environmental Assessments and Findings of No Significant Impacts were prepared: Proposed Experimental Releases from Glen Canyon Dam and Removal of Non-Native Fish (2002) and Proposed Experimental Actions for Water Years 2005—2006—Colorado River, Arizona, in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Grand Canyon National Park (2004). These two documents can be found at the following Internet location: <http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/gcdltep/index.html>.

#### Proposed Action

The proposed action is to develop and adopt a Long-Term Experimental Plan that will implement a structured, long-term program of experimentation (including dam operations, modifications to Glen Canyon Dam intake structures, and other non-flow

management actions, such as removal of non-native fish species) in the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam.

#### Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to increase scientific understanding of the ecosystem downstream from Glen Canyon Dam and to improve and protect important downstream resources. Specific hypotheses to be addressed include the effect of dam release temperatures; ramp rates; non-native control; and the timing, duration, and magnitude of BHBF releases. Adoption of a Long-Term Experimental Plan is needed to ensure a continued, structured application of adaptive management in such a manner as to protect, mitigate adverse impacts to, and improve the values for which Grand Canyon National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area were established, including, but not limited to natural and cultural resources and visitor use, consistent with applicable Federal law. Adoption of a Long-Term Experimental Plan will assist scientists, policy makers, and resource managers to better understand resource management options, tradeoffs and consequences, and assist in the long-term operations of Glen Canyon Dam.

#### Scoping

The range of alternatives for the proposed action will be developed following recommendations provided by the AMWG and through information received from upcoming public scoping meetings. In addition, Reclamation will utilize information developed through prior meetings of the AMWG, Technical Work Group, and Science Planning Group as relevant information for the purposes of scoping the upcoming NEPA process and to develop the appropriate scope of analysis pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.25.

#### Public Disclosure

It is our practice to make comments, including names, home addresses, home telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish us to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional,

documentable circumstances, this information will be released. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: November 17, 2006.

**Rick L. Gold,**

*Regional Director—UC Region, Bureau of Reclamation.*

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#### INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

**[Investigation No. 731-TA-961 (Final) (Remand)]**

#### Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Trinidad and Tobago; Notice and Scheduling of Remand Proceeding

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States International Trade Commission (Commission) gives notice of the court-ordered remand of its final antidumping duty investigation, Investigation No. 731-TA-961 (Final) (Remand).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan J. Engler, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, telephone (202) 205-3112, or Mary Messer, Office of Investigations, telephone (202) 205-3193, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Reopening the Record

In October 2002, the Commission made a final affirmative determination in the referenced investigation. 67 FR 66662 (Nov. 1, 2002). Respondent appealed the determination to the U.S. Court of International Trade (CIT), which affirmed the Commission's determination. *Caribbean Ispat Ltd. v. United States*, Slip Op. 05-37 (March 22, 2005). Respondent appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which vacated and remanded the Commission's determination. *Caribbean Ispat Ltd. v. United States*,



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, DC 20240



## MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

From: Mark Limbaugh, Assistant Secretary - Water and Science  
Secretary's Designee for the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

Subject: Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

*Allen Limbaugh*  
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The Technical Work Group (TWG) is in the process of considering a range of options for a Long-Term Experimental Plan for the operation of Glen Canyon Dam and other related management actions. These options are intended to increase our understanding of the ecosystem downstream of Glen Canyon Dam and to improve and protect these important resources. The Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) will consider the TWG deliberations in its December 5-6, 2006, meeting. To help improve the efficiency of this process, I would like to provide information about the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process that the Department will be using to evaluate any recommendations that come from the AMWG with respect to the Long-Term Experimental Plan.

To provide context, the Department has, in the past, routinely prepared appropriate environmental documentation (e.g., pursuant to the NEPA and the Endangered Species Act), regarding implementation of activities as part of the Adaptive Management Program. For example, in 2002 the Department completed an Environmental Assessment and Section 7 consultation on the: "Proposed Experimental Releases from Glen Canyon Dam and Removal of Non-Native Fish."

Likewise, we anticipate preparing appropriate environmental documentation, through an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), on the Department's proposed adoption and implementation of a Long-Term Experimental Plan for a program of further structured experimentation with respect to the operation of Glen Canyon Dam and other related management actions. It is my understanding that each of the Long-Term Experimental Plan options currently being considered in the adaptive management program by the TWG includes the construction and operation of a Temperature Control Device for Glen Canyon Dam, which is intended to warm dam releases to benefit the endangered humpback chub.

In conformance with NEPA, this EIS effort will include public involvement and scoping in conjunction with the December AMWG meeting, and will consider a range of options and evaluate their ability to address the scientific understanding and resource protection objectives cited above. The analysis will utilize the many years of scientific monitoring and research

provided through the Adaptive Management Program. Our goal is to complete this effort by the end of calendar year 2008. We will be requesting the assistance of both the Adaptive Management Program stakeholders and the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center in evaluating the merits of the various options throughout this process.

In coming weeks, Reclamation will include a notice of intention to prepare an EIS on this action as part of its Federal Register notice for our upcoming AMWG meeting in Phoenix in December.

In addition, as discussed in our September AMWG conference call, the United States recently executed a settlement agreement with the Center for Biological Diversity and other environmental groups in the *Center for Biodiversity v. Kempthorne* litigation regarding the operation of Glen Canyon Dam. This settlement agreement was recently approved by the United States District Court and is in effect.

This settlement agreement commits the Bureau of Reclamation to initiating NEPA and ESA compliance activities by January 31, 2007, "...with respect to modification of current, or other prospective, operations of Glen Canyon Dam and associated management actions of Reclamation and other agencies within the Department of the Interior." Settlement Agreement at ¶ 1, pg. 3. It is the intention of the Department to comply with this provision of the Settlement Agreement through the upcoming NEPA and ESA processes on the Long-Term Experimental Plan.

I look forward to our upcoming meeting on December 5-6 in Phoenix, and continuing to work with each of you on this important program.

cc: Rick Gold, Alternate Secretary's Designee  
Tom Weimer, Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget  
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