DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Operation of Glen Canyon Dam, Colorado River Storage Project, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and notice of public hearings on the draft environmental impact statement; INT-DES-94-01.

SUMMARY: In response to a July 27, 1989, directive from the Secretary of the Interior and pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and in accordance with the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) on the operation of Glen Canyon Dam, Colorado River Storage Project in Arizona. The DEIS evaluates nine alternatives, including no action, and analyzes their impacts on downstream environmental and cultural resources and Native American interests in Glen and Grand Canyons. Seven public hearings will be held to receive comments from interested organizations and individuals on the environmental impacts of the proposal.

DATES AND LOCATIONS: A 90-day public review period begins with the publication of this notice. Written comments on the DEIS should be submitted to the Colorado River Studies Office by April 11, 1994.

Public hearings on the DEIS will be held on the following dates at the locations indicated. Address requests to speak at the hearings to the Colorado River Studies Office at the address provided on the following page.

March 7, 1994, Los Angeles, California: Burbank Airport Hilton, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank CA 91505, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
March 9, 1994, San Francisco, California: Fort Mason Center, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, San Francisco CA 94123, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
March 14, 1994, Phoenix, Arizona: YWCA, 9440 North 25th Avenue, Phoenix AZ 91505, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
March 15, 1994, Flagstaff, Arizona: Little America, 2515 East Butler Avenue, Flagstaff AZ 86003, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
March 17, 1994, Salt Lake City, Utah: Salt Lake Hilton, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City UT 84101, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
March 21, 1994, Denver, Colorado: Marriott Denver West, 1717 Denver West Marriott Boulevard, Golden CO 80401, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
March 24, 1994, Washington, DC: Dirksen Senate Office
Building, room 562, 2 to 4:30 p.m.; Stouffer Concourse (Crystal City),
2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington VA 22202, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the DEIS, requests for copies, and
requests to testify should be addressed to: Mr. Lee J. McQuivey,
Colorado River Studies Office, Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: UC-
1500, PO Box 11568, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City UT 84147;
telephone: (801) 524-5479.
Copies of the DEIS are available for inspection at the address
above and also at the following locations:
Office of the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation,
Technical Liaison Division, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington DC 20240.
Denver Office, Bureau of Reclamation, Library, room 167,
Building 67, Denver Federal Center, Denver CO 80225.
Upper Colorado Regional Office, Bureau of Reclamation,
Library, room 7101, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City UT 84147.
Center for Environmental Studies, Arizona State
University, 905 South Mill Avenue, Tempe AZ 85287-3211.
Glen Canyon Environmental Studies Office, Security Bank
Building, 121 East Birch, room 307, Flagstaff AZ 86002.

Libraries
Arizona

Arizona Department of Water Resources Library, Phoenix.
Arizona State Library, Department of Library, Archives and Public
Records, Phoenix.
Arizona State Regional Library for the Blind and Physically
Handicapped, Phoenix.
Arizona State University, Noble Science and Engineering Library,
Tempe.
Arizona State University, Hayden Library, Tempe.
Flagstaff City-Coconino County Public Library, Flagstaff.
Grand Canyon Community Library, Grand Canyon.
Maricopa County Library, Phoenix.
Mesa Public Library, Mesa.
Mohave County Library/Kingman Public Library, Kingman.
Northern Arizona University, Cline Library, Flagstaff.
Page Public Library, Page.
Phoenix City Library, Phoenix.
Scottsdale Public Library, Scottsdale.
Tempe Public Library, Tempe.
Tucson Public Library, Tucson.
University of Arizona Library, Tucson.

California

California State Library, Sacramento.
California State University, Hayward Library, Hayward.
California State University, University Library, Los Angeles.
Colorado River Board of California Library, Glendale.
Environmental Protection Agency, Regional IX Library, San
Francisco.
Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles.
Los Angeles Public Library, Water and Power Section, Los Angeles.
San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco.
Stanford University Libraries, Stanford.
University of California, General Library, Berkeley.
University of California, University Research Library, Los Angeles.
University of California, Shields Library, Davis.
University of Southern California, Doheny Memorial Library, Los Angeles.

Colorado

Colorado State University Libraries, Fort Collins.
Denver Central Library, Denver.
University of Colorado at Boulder, Norlin Library, Boulder.
University of Denver, Penrose Library, Denver.

Nevada

Boulder City Library, Boulder City.
Clark County Library District, Las Vegas.
Nevada State Library, Carson City.
University of Nevada, Reno Library, Reno.
University of Nevada at Las Vegas, James Dickinson Library, Las Vegas.

New Mexico

Albuquerque Public Library, Albuquerque.
New Mexico State Library, Santa Fe.
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces.
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

Utah

Brigham Young University, Harold B. Lee Library, Provo.
Cedar City Public Library, Cedar City.
Kanab City Library, Kanab.
Moab Public Library, Moab.
Salt Lake City Public Library, Salt Lake City.
Salt Lake County Library System, Salt Lake City.
Southern Utah State University Library, Cedar City.
University of Utah, Marriott Library, Salt Lake City.
Utah State University, Merrill Library, Logan.
Utah State Library, Salt Lake City.
Washington County Library, St. George.
Weber State University Stewart Library Ogden.

Wyoming

Laramie County Library System, Cheyenne.
Rock Springs Public Library, Rock Springs.
University of Wyoming, Coe Library, Laramie.
Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne.

Washington, DC

District of Columbia Public Library.
Library of Congress.
Natural Resources Library, Department of the Interior.
Other States--any U.S. Government Regional Depository Library.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Lee J. McQuivey, Colorado River Studies Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 11568, Salt Lake City UT 84147; telephone: (801) 524-5479.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Interior called for a reevaluation of dam operations to determine specific options that could
be implemented, consistent with law, to minimize adverse impacts on the
downstream environmental and cultural resources and Native American
interests in Glen and Grand Canyons.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the
Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992, Reclamation has prepared a DEIS in
cooperation with other Interior agencies—Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service. Other cooperating
agencies are the Department of Energy’s Western Area Power
Administration, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Hopi Tribe, Hualapai
Tribe, Navajo Nation, Pueblo of Zuni, San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe,
and the Southern Utah Paiute Consortium.

The DEIS presents analyses of the impacts of nine alternatives for
operating Glen Canyon Dam. Two alternatives, including no action, would
allow unrestricted hourly fluctuations in riverflow; four would provide
various levels of restricted fluctuating flows; and three would provide
steady flows. Additional measures have been combined with the
alternative operations, where appropriate, to provide additional
resource protection or enhancement. The preferred alternative is the
Modified Low Fluctuating Flow Alternative.

Hearing Process Information

Those wishing to request time to make comments at the public
hearing should write or call the Bureau of Reclamation Regional Office
in Salt Lake City, Utah. The address and telephone number are listed
above. Requests should be received on or before February 28, 1994, and
should indicate where the speaker wishes to appear. Speakers will be
called upon to present their comments in the order in which their
requests were received. Requests to speak also may be made at each
hearing. These commentors will be called on after the advance request
speakers. Oral comments will be limited to 5 minutes per individual.

For inclusion in the hearing record, written comments from those
unable to attend the hearing or wishing to supplement their oral
presentation should be received at the Bureau of Reclamation Regional
Office in Salt Lake City by April 11, 1994.

Jonathan Deason,
Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.
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