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- Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Policy, Room 7456, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington DC 20240; telephone: (202) 208-4662.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Building 67, Room 167, at the Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling in Denver CO 80225; telephone: (303) 445-2064.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Public Affairs Office, 2800 Cottage Way in Sacramento CA 95825-1898; telephone: (916) 978-5100.
- Contra Costa Water District, Public Reading Room at 1331 Concord Ave in Concord CA 94524; telephone: (925) 688-8312.
- Antioch Branch Library at 501 W. 18th Street in Antioch CA 94509.
- Bay Point Branch Library at 205 Pacifica Avenue in Pittsburg CA 94565.
- Pittsburg Branch Library at 80 Power Avenue in Pittsburg CA 94565.
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- Concord Branch Library at 2900 Salvio in Concord CA 94519.
- Contra Costa County Public Library at 1750 Oak Park Boulevard in Pleasant Hill CA 94523.

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Kirk C. Rodgers,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Reclamation**

[DES 99-37]

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Elephant Butte/Caballo New Mexico Reservoirs Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Elephant Butte/Caballo Resource Management Plan (RMP). The DEIS analyzes the environmental consequences of proposed management activities through a conceptual framework of conservation, protection, development, use, and resource enhancement. The project area

encompasses approximately 78,000 acres of Federal lands and water and is located near the towns of Truth or Consequences and Williamsburg, in south-central New Mexico. Elephant Butte Reservoir was constructed primarily for irrigation and flood control with power generation added later, and Caballo Reservoir for flood control and re-regulation of water releases from Elephant Butte Dam. Activities such as fishing, camping, boating and other recreational activities have become important secondary uses of the available resources. Public hearings will be held to receive comments from interested individuals and organizations on the environmental impact of the proposal.

DATES: A 60-day public review period will commence with the publication of this notice. The Public hearings are scheduled as follows:

Date: October 26.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: NM Farm & Ranch, Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, Las Cruces, NM.

Date: October 27.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Civic Center, 400 West 4th Street, Truth or Consequences, NM.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Bureau of Reclamation, Attn: ALB-156, Albuquerque Area Office, 505 Marquette NW, Suite 1313, Albuquerque, NM 87102-2162. If you wish to have your name and/or home address withheld from public documents related to the DEIS, please indicate that with your written comments and we will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. For a complete copy of the DEIS, contact Ms. Rosemary Romero, Public Involvement Specialist, Western Network, 811 St. Michaels Drive, Suite 106, Santa Fe, NM 87505, telephone 1-800-326-9805. A summary of the DEIS is also available to download or view online at <http://uc.usbr.gov>. The DEIS may be inspected and reviewed at the at the following locations:

- Santa Fe Public Library, 145 Washington Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501.
- Rio Grande Valley Library, 501 Cooper Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.
- Socorro Public Library, 401 Park Street, Socorro, NM 87801.
- Truth or Consequences Public Library, 325 Library Lane, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901.
- Las Cruces Public Library, 200 East Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88001.
- El Paso Public Library, 501 North Oregon Street, El Paso, Texas 79901.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Elephant Butte Field Division, HC-32, Box 312,

Truth or Consequences, NM 87901, Telephone 505-894-6661.

- Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso Field Division, 700 E. San Antonio Ave., Room B318, El Paso, TX 79901, Telephone 915-534-6300.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Albuquerque Area Office, 505 Marquette NW, Suite 1313, Albuquerque, NM 87102, Telephone 505-248-5357.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clay McDermeit, telephone (505) 248-5391.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In recent years, the project area has experienced a sharp increase in recreation-oriented visitation and adjacent private land development that has subsequently increased demands on Project Area recreational and natural resources. The DEIS project proposes management guidelines and analyzes the impacts of such actions through the identification of the following alternatives: (A) No Action—Existing facilities maintained without expansion and with minimal improvement; (B) Resource Conservation Emphasis—Significant emphasis placed on conservation, protection, and enhancement of natural and cultural resources; (C) Multi-Purpose Emphasis—Allows for a variety of uses including expanded developed recreation areas, improved primitive recreation areas, adjustment of grazing, and establishment of wildlife management areas; and (D) Recreation Development Emphasis—Expansion of recreation opportunities by maximizing development on Project Area.

Based upon issues and concerns identified during the scoping process, this DEIS includes an assessment of lease lots, grazing, recreation development, wildlife and endangered species, cultural resources, socioeconomics, and other related concerns. The preferred alternative identifies a course of action with minimal environmental impact, increased resource protection, and an acceptable level of recreational use.

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Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Office of the Secretary****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

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The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public