

provided in 43 CFR 2720.1-1(b), the mineral interests owned by the United States in the private lands covered by the application shall be segregated to the extent that they will not be subject to appropriation under the mining and mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect of the application shall terminate by publication of an opening order in the **Federal Register** specifying the date and time of opening; upon issuance of a patent or other document of conveyance to such mineral interest; or two years from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

Dated: September 30, 1999.

**David McInay,**

*Chief, Branch of Lands.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Availability of the Reference Manual #32 for Use With Director's Order #32 Concerning Relationships Between the National Park Service and Cooperating Associations

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) is converting and updating its current system of internal instructions to a three-level system consisting of: (1) NPS Management Policies; (2) Director's Orders; and (3) Reference Manuals/ Handbooks and other helpful information. When these documents contain new policy or procedural requirements that may affect parties outside the NPS, this information is being made available for public comment. Previously, Director's Order #32 was released and Reference Manual #32 is an operational guide for implementing this previous document that establishes operational policies and procedural guidance concerning relationships between the NPS and Cooperating Associations. Cooperating Associations are private non-profit organizations that provide interpretive and educational services in many areas of the National Park System.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted until November 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Glenn Clark, Servicewide Cooperating Association Coordinator, Room 7312, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Glenn Clark at 202-565-1058.

**Glen Clark,**

*Servicewide Coordinator for Cooperating Association.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Bostwick Division, Frenchman-Cambridge Division, and Kanaska Division, Almena Unit

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and public hearing on draft environmental impact statement (DEIS).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, has prepared a DEIS on the proposed renewal of long-term water supply contracts for irrigation water from Federal projects in the Republican River basin in Nebraska and Kansas. The DEIS describes five alternatives, including no action, and evaluates the environmental consequences of renewing the long-term water supply contracts and of modifications to reservoir operations. Public hearings have been scheduled to provide interested parties an opportunity to provide oral or written comments on the proposed renewal of long-term water supply contracts.

**DATES:** A 60-day public review and comment period commences with the publication of this notice. Written comments on the DEIS should be submitted by December 13, 1999.

Written comments from interested parties unable to attend the hearings, those not wanting to make oral presentations, or those wishing to supplement their oral presentations at the public hearing should be transmitted to the Nebraska-Kansas Area Office by December 13, 1999, for inclusion in the public record.

Public hearings have been scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- November 2, 1999, Belleville, Kansas.
- November 3, 1999, Alma, Nebraska.
- November 4, 1999, McCook, Nebraska.

**ADDRESSES:** The public hearing locations are:

- Harvester Room in the Jensik Insurance Building, 1309 Eighteenth Street, Belleville, Kansas.

- Johnson Community Center, 509 Main Street, Alma, Nebraska.

- Community Building, West Fifth and O Streets, McCook, Nebraska.

Written comments on the DEIS should be submitted to the Area Manager (Attention: Judy O'Sullivan), Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, P.O. Box 1607, Grand Island NE 68802.

You may request a Summary of the DEIS or the entire DEIS (with appendices) in printed copy or on computer disk. Copies may be obtained from the above address or by telephone (308) 389-4622 x211. Copies are also available for public inspection and review on the Internet at "www.gp.usbr.gov" in the "Current Activities" section under "Environmental Activities."

See Supplementary Information section for additional addresses where the DEIS is available for public inspection and review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jill Manring, Basin Study Coordinator, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, P.O. Box 1607, Grand Island NE 68802—telephone (308) 389-4622 x214.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### DEIS Public Inspection and Review Locations

##### Offices

- Bureau of Reclamation, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, 203 West Second Street, Grand Island NE 68801—telephone (308) 389-4622

- Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Regional Office, 316 North 26th Street, Billings MT 59101—telephone (406) 247-7638

- Bureau of Reclamation, Reclamation Service Center Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, Sixth and Kipling, Denver CO 80225—telephone (303) 445-2072

- Bureau of Reclamation, Program Analysis Office, Room 7456, 1849 C Street NW, Washington DC 20240—telephone (202) 208-4662

- Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska, Red Cloud NE
- Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District No. 2, Courtland KS

- Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, Cambridge NE

- Frenchman Valley and H&RW Irrigation District, Culbertson NE

- Almena Irrigation District, Almena KS

##### Libraries

- Alma Public Library, West Second Street, Alma NE 68920-3378