scrub-jay habitat within the Project site due to habitat degradation. The no action alternative may also expose the Applicants under Section 9 of the Act. The preferred alternative would affect about 79 acres of occupied scrub-jay habitat and possibly 92 acres of currently unoccupied but restorable habitat, while protecting and enhancing 324 acres of occupied habitat and unoccupied but restorable habitat in northern Indian River County. With management of habitat, existing conditions are expected to improve over the long-term for scrub-jays in northern Indian River County.

As stated above, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the issuance of the ITP is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. This preliminary information may be revised due to public comment received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the draft EA and HCP.

The Service will also evaluate whether the issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. The results of the biological opinion, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP.


H. Dale Hall,  
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Fish and Wildlife Service  

Notice of Availability, Draft Assessment Plan  

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.  

ACTION: Notice of Availability.  

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), on behalf of the Department of the Interior (DOI), as a natural resource trustee, announces the release for public review of the Draft Assessment Plan (AP) for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration of the August 27, 1998, Clinch River Chemical Spill. The Draft AP describes the DOI’s proposal to assess natural resources injured as a result of chemical spill in the Clinch River in Tazewell County, Virginia.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 1, 2000.  

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Draft AP may be made to: Susan Lingenfelser, Ph.D., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, Virginia 23061.

Written comments or materials regarding the Draft AP should be sent to the same address.  

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Lingenfelser, Ph.D., Environmental Contaminants Branch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, Virginia 23061. Interested parties may also call (804) 693–6694. Ext. 113, or send e-mail to susan_lingenfelser@fws.gov for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 27, 1998, a tanker truck overturned on U.S. Route 460 in Tazewell County, Virginia. The truck released approximately 1.250 gallons of Octocure 554-revised, a rubber accelerant, into an unnamed tributary about 500 feet from its confluence with the Clinch River. The spill turned the river a snowy white color and appeared to have killed most aquatic organisms, including three species of federally listed endangered mussels, for at least 6.6 miles downstream.

Under the authority of the Comprehensive Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), “natural resource trustees may assess damages to natural resources resulting from a discharge of oil or a release of a hazardous substance * * * and may seek to recover those damages.” Natural resource damage assessments are separate from the cleanup actions undertaken at a hazardous waste or spill site, and provide a process whereby the natural resource trustees can determine the proper compensation to the public for injury to natural resources. The natural resource damage assessment process seeks to: (1) Determine whether injury to, or loss of, trust resources has occurred: (2) ascertain the magnitude of the injury or loss: (3) calculate the appropriate compensation for the injury, including the cost of restoration; and (4) develop a restoration plan that will restore, rehabilitate, replace, and/or acquire equivalent resources for those resources that were injured or lost.

The Draft AP presents the trustee’s approaches for determining the quantifying natural resource injuries and calculating associated with those injuries. By developing an Assessment Plan, the trustee can ensure that the natural resource damage assessment will be completed at a reasonable cost relative to the magnitude of damages. This Assessment Plan presents proposed assessment methodologies to potentially responsible parties, other trustees, affected agencies, and to the public, so that these groups can productively participate in the assessment process. The Draft AP is being released in accordance with the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulation Part II.

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Draft AP. Copies of the Draft AP are available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Virginia Field Office at 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, Virginia 23061. Additionally the Draft AP is available for review at the Tazewell County Main Library, 310 East Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia 24651 and the Tazewell County Library, Richlands Branch, 102 Suffolk Avenue, Richlands, Virginia 24641. All comments received on the Draft AP will be considered and a response provided either through revision of this Draft AP and incorporation into the Final Assessment Plan, or by letter to the commenter.

Author  

The primary author of this notice is Susan Lingenfelser, Ph.D., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office at 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, Virginia 23061.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C.


Mamie A. Parker,  
Acting Regional Director, Region 5, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Fish and Wildlife Service  

Issuance of Right-of-Way Permit  

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.  

ACTION: Notice.  

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service will issue a right-of-way permit to Petroleum Properties Corporation for the construction of a 20-inch underground natural gas pipeline on lands of the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge in
Sutter County, California, described as follows: Mount Diablo Meridian, Township 14 N, Range 2 E, Section 9. The right-of-way would run about 0.1 to 0.2 miles south of Hughes Road.

DATES: The permit will be issued within 30 days of June 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold D. Russell, (520) 729-7228.

Carolyn A. Bohan, Acting Regional Director, Portland, Oregon.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Amendment to Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians Liquor Control Ordinance

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice is published in accordance with authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8, and in accordance with the Act of August 15, 1953, 67 Stat. 586, 18 U.S.C. 1161, as interpreted by the Supreme Court in Rice v. Rehner, 463 U.S. 713 (1983). I certify that Resolution No. 49–99 of the Pueblo of Laguna was duly adopted by the Pueblo of Laguna Tribal Council on August 11, 1999. This Amendment to the Pueblo of Laguna Liquor Control Ordinance regulates the issuance of licenses for the sale of alcohol beverages in package or by the drink for consumption on the premises and for the sale of liquor on Sunday or any tribal, state or federal election day to the same extent authorized by the State of New Mexico.

DATES: This Amendment is effective as of June 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim D. James, Office of Tribal Services, 1849 C Street, NW, MS–4660–MIB, Washington, DC 20240–4001; telephone (202) 208–4400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The amendments to the Pueblo of Laguna Liquor Control Ordinance, Resolution No. 49–99, shall read as follows:

Section 5 (C): “Authorized sales. Liquor may be sold in package or by the drink for consumption on the premises as determined in the sole discretion of the Tribal Council. The license or permit issued shall state whether the license or permit authorizes package sales and/or liquor by the drink sales and if the permit authorizes liquor by the drink whether or not the license is limited to a particular type or types of liquor,” and;

Section 5 (E): “Sunday and Election Day Sales. Sale of liquor may be allowed on Sunday or any tribal, state or federal election day to the same extent authorized by the State of New Mexico. No sales should be allowed on any day or any time determined by the Tribal Council that liquor sales shall be prohibited.”

Kevin Gover,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Navajo Ten-Year Forest Management Plan, Navajo Nation, Arizona/New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; Reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice reopens the public comment period published in the Federal Register on May 12, 2000 (65 FR 30605) for the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (FPEIS) for the Proposed Navajo Ten-Year Forest Management Plan, Navajo Nation, Arizona/New Mexico. The new public comment period closes on June 30, 2000. Except for the closing date for the public comment period, the information on the FPEIS published in the Federal Register on April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20197) remains unchanged.

DATES: The date by which written comments must arrive is June 30, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold D. Russell, (520) 729–7228.

Kevin Gover,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs

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