

agencies having jurisdiction by law, special expertise or other special interests should report their interests and indicate their readiness to aid the EIS effort as a "cooperating agency."

Issued at Washington, D.C., December 3, 1979.

Richard H. Brown,

Director, Office of Environmental Quality.

Appendix

1. EIS on Rancho Isabella, Brazoria County, Tex.

The Dallas Area Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development intends to file an environmental impact statement for the proposed Rancho Isabella Subdivision located in Brazoria County, Texas. The purpose of this notice is to solicit from all interested persons, local, state and Federal agencies recommendations regarding (1) the issues to be addressed in depth in the environmental impact statement and (2) to identify and eliminate from detailed study the issues which are not significant.

Description. The sponsor proposes to develop within a 15 year period a site of 3,440 acres which is located immediately north and adjacent to the City of Angleton, Brazoria County, Texas. When fully developed, the Rancho Isabella Subdivision will contain approximately 9,840 single family units and will accommodate a population of approximately 27,060 persons.

Need. Due to the size and scope of the proposed project, the Dallas Area Office has determined that an environmental impact statement will be prepared pursuant to Public Law 91-190, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and in compliance with the final regulations as published by the Council on Environmental Quality in the Federal Register on November 29, 1978. The Draft EIS is expected to be completed and distributed approximately 45 days after the expiration date of the comment period identified in this notice.

Alternatives perceived. The alternatives under consideration by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in this action are: (1) accept the project as submitted, (2) accept the project with modifications, or (3) reject the project.

Comments. All relevant comments and recommendations received within 21 days after the date of publication of this notice, will be given consideration; comments should be sent to the Environmental Office, Dallas Area Office, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2001 Bryan Tower, Dallas, Texas 75201.

2. San Antonio Areawide Environmental Impact Statement, San Antonio, Tex.

The HUD Area Office in San Antonio, Texas, intends to prepare an Areawide Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the area described below and solicits information for inclusion in the EIS.

Description. The area under consideration is the North and West Growth Area of San Antonio, Texas, an area defined by the City of San Antonio as Growth Impact Areas "A", "B" and "D" in the *San Antonio Growth*

Sketch. Preliminary estimates indicate that the EIS area includes approximately 300 square miles.

Need. HUD has developed the Areawide EIS concept as an alternate to the traditional project EIS approach. It is designed to more adequately assess the aggregate impact of development, identify need for Areawide solutions and reduce delays in approvals and construction of housing developments that often result from EIS preparation on a project-by-project basis. Additionally, the Areawide approach is designed to reduce paperwork in accordance with CEQ regulations of November 29, 1978. Other Federal agencies have been invited to participate in the NEPA process as cooperating agencies with HUD as the lead agency.

Alternatives Perceived. Prepare EIS on a project-by-project basis and update three completed EIS for housing subdivision development thereby extending delays and unnecessary paperwork.

Scoping. HUD plans a scoping meeting with Federal, State and local agencies. This meeting will be held in Room 206A, San Antonio HUD Area Office. Inquiries on time and date of meeting should be addressed to Don King, telephone (512) 730-6883. The purpose will be to identify significant issues and select data that the EIS should address.

Comments. Comments must be in written form and should be forwarded within 21 days following publication in the Federal Register to Mr. Finnis E. Jolly, Area Manager, San Antonio HUD Area Office, Post Office Box 9163, San Antonio, Texas 78235

3. EIS on Urban Corridor Growth, Solano County, California

The San Francisco Area Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development proposes to publish and distribute in the Fall of 1979, an Area-Wide Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) on the prospective residential growth over the next five years in the Solano County urban corridor growth area along the I-80 Freeway. Expected commercial and industrial growth may be noted, but as adjuncts to the anticipated residential growth. This document will be developed pursuant to the CEQ guidelines in 40 CFR Part 1500 dated 11-29-78.

Description. The proposed Draft EIR/EIS is expected to satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as well as those of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). The document is being prepared in cooperation with the planning departments of Solano County and the Cities of Vacaville, Fairfield and Suisun City. This joint effort is intended to 1) resolve regional environmental problems on a uniform basis; 2) eliminate duplication and accelerate the process of obtaining environmental clearance of proposed housing projects in the Solano County urban corridor growth area; and 3) establish a single data base for the development of future environmental studies under CEQA and NEPA.

Need. Due to the large size of the area to be covered by this EIR/EIS and the complexity

of regional and local concerns to be addressed, HUD has determined that a written initiation of the scoping process would be more appropriate to determine the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to the future residential growth.

Scoping. In accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 you are invited to submit a list of the significant issues which you or your agency believes should be analyzed in depth in this EIR/EIS. If any of the significant issues listed by you or your agency involve an area of expertise not generally known to be a part of HUD's interdisciplinary capability, your assistance may be requested in preparing the environmental analysis in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.8. Please submit the name, address and telephone number of a designated person whom we may contact if necessary concerning both the issues and needed assistance.

Should you have or be aware of any pertinent documents concerning any of the issues you have listed, HUD requests a copy of each of them either on a permanent or loan basis for use in preparing the EIR/EIS. In addition, HUD would appreciate a list (with addresses and telephone numbers) of any individuals or agencies who might be able to provide information concerning any of these issues.

Comments. Please submit the requested information and direct any questions about the proposed action and the environmental impact statement within 21 days of publication in the Federal Register to George B. Adams, Project Manager, Environmental Staff, San Francisco Area Office, Department of Housing and Urban Development, One Embarcadero Center, Suite 1600, San Francisco, California 94111, Telephone (415) 558-6042.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Narragansett, Tribe of Indians; Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

December 12, 1979.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8. Pursuant to 25 CFR 54.8(a) notice is hereby given that the

Narragansett Tribe of Indians, c/o Mr. Eric Thomas, Route 2, Charlestown, Rhode Island 02813.

has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on October 22, 1979. The petition was forwarded and signed by Eric Thomas.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under § 54.8(d) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the Bureau of Indian Affairs files.

The petition may be examined by appointment in the Division of Tribal Government Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, NW., Washington, D.C. 20242.

Rick Lavis,

Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

The purpose of this decision is to modify Federal Register pages 67537, 67538 and 67539 of the decision dated November 28, 1979.

Page 67537—T. 8 S., R. 53 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska (Unsurveyed)

1. The description for Secs. 3 to 12 and township acreage now reads:

Secs. 3 to 12, inclusive, all;
Containing approximately 20,411 acres.

The description is hereby modified to read:

Sec. 3, excluding Native allotment AA-7886;
Secs. 4 to 12, inclusive, all;
Containing approximately 20,251 acres.

1. State selected acreage rejected now reads:

Aggregating approximately 43,028 acres.
The acreage is modified to read:
Aggregating approximately 42,868 acres.

2. The paragraph beginning "In view of" now reads in part:

In view of the foregoing, the surface estate of the following described lands, selected pursuant to Sec. 12(a), aggregating approximately 102,161 acres, is considered proper for acquisition by the Aleknagik Natives Limited * * *

The paragraph is hereby modified to read in part:

In view of the foregoing, the surface estate of the following described lands,

selected pursuant to Sec. 12(a), aggregating approximately 102,001 acres, is considered proper for acquisition by the Aleknagik Natives Limited * * *

Page 67538—T. 8 S., R. 53 W.

1. The description for Secs. 3 to 12, and township acreage now reads:

Secs. 3 to 12, inclusive, all;
Containing approximately 20,411 acres.

The description is hereby modified to read:

Sec. 3, excluding Native allotment AA-7886;
Secs. 4 to 12, inclusive, all;
Containing approximately 20,251 acres.

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1. The paragraph beginning "Total aggregated acreage" now reads:

Total aggregated acreage, approximately 102,161 acres.

This paragraph is hereby modified to read:

Total aggregated acreage, approximately 102,001 acres.

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1. Paragraph beginning "Aleknagik Natives Limited" now reads:

Aleknagik Natives Limited is entitled to conveyance of 115,200 acres of land pursuant to Sec. 12(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. To date, approximately 102,161 acres of this entitlement have been approved for conveyance; the remaining entitlement of approximately 13,039 acres will be conveyed at a later date.

This paragraph is hereby modified to read:

Aleknagik Natives Limited is entitled to conveyance of 115,200 acres of land pursuant to Sec. 12(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. To date, approximately 102,001 acres of this entitlement have been approved for conveyance; the remaining entitlement of approximately 13,199 acres will be conveyed at a later date.

Except as modified by this decision, the decision of November 26, 1979, stands as written.

Sue A. Wolf,
Chief, Branch of Adjudication.

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Request for Comments and of Intent To Rank Tracts in the Uinta-Southwestern Utah Federal Coal Production Region

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Request for public comment on the ranking factors and the potential lease tracts and notice of regional coal team meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the public that the regional coal team for the Uinta-Southwestern Utah Federal Coal Production Region will meet (1) to discuss the team's recommendation on the Federal coal leasing target for the region, (2) to review and discuss the tract profile data for each of the identified potential lease tracts, (3) to review and discuss the comments on the potential lease tracts and on the ranking factors, (4) to rank the potential lease tracts and (5) to select preliminary coal lease tracts. Comments on the tracts that have been identified and factors that may be considered by the regional coal team in the tract ranking process are requested.

DATES: Comments on the tracts and the ranking factors must be received by the regional coal team chairperson by January 25, 1980. The regional coal team will meet on February 5, 6, and 7, 1980, at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the potential lease tracts and the ranking factors should be addressed to Edward F. Spang, Nevada State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Chairperson, Regional Coal Team, Federal Building, 300 Booth Street, Reno, Nevada 89509. The regional coal team will meet at the Utah State office, Bureau of Land Management, Room 1400, University Club Building, 138 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward F. Spang, Regional Coal Team Chairperson, (702) 784-5451.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice advises the public that the regional coal team for the Uinta-Southwestern Utah Federal Coal Production Region will meet on February 5, 6, and 7, 1980, at 8:30 a.m. (1) to discuss the team's recommendation on the Federal coal leasing target for the region, (2) to review and discuss the tract profile data for each of the identified potential lease tracts, (3) to review and discuss the comments received in response to this notice on the potential lease tracts and on the ranking factors, (4) to rank the potential lease tracts, and (5) to select preliminary coal lease tracts.

On November 19, 1979, a notice appeared in the Federal Register [44 FR 66256-66257] requesting comments on the tentative Federal coal leasing target for the Uinta-Southwestern Utah Coal Production Region. Pursuant to its responsibilities under 43 CFR 3400.4(b)