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**Boulder City/U.S. 93 Corridor Study  
Final Environmental Impact Statement  
and Section 4(f) Evaluation**

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# Comments Received on the Draft EIS

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## 2-1.1 Introduction

This volume of the Boulder City/United States Highway 93 (U.S. 93) Corridor Study Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) contains a discussion of the circulation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and public hearing process, and it provides copies of the comments received on the DEIS along with responses to those comments. The comments are reproduced with an identifying document number at the top of the first page of each letter. The comments were submitted as letters, electronic mail (e-mail), public hearing transcripts, and public hearing comment sheets. Each letter, e-mail, or commenter at the public hearing has been assigned a letter and number designation at the top of the comment letter. The letter portions of the designation, corresponding to one of the five comment categories, are listed below to assist in finding individual comments:

- A Government Agencies
- B Organizations
- C General Public
- D Public Hearing Comment Sheets
- E Public Hearing Transcripts
- F Comments Received Before DEIS Release

Appendixes A through F contain the responses to these comments coded in the same letter-number designation as listed above.

## 2-1.2 Notice of Availability in *Federal Register*

The comment period on the DEIS began on March 15, 2002, when the Notice of Availability was published in the *Federal Register*. A copy of the notice is included as Figure 2-1. The normal 45-day public comment period was extended by 12 days by FHWA, and the public comment period closed on May 10, 2002.

## 2-1.3 Distribution of DEIS

Approximately 146 complete DEISs were mailed out during and after the comment period. The list of agencies, organizations, and persons who received copies of the DEIS is in Chapter 10 of the EIS.

The complete DEIS document was made available for review at the following locations:

- Boulder City Hall, Boulder City, Nevada
- Boulder City Public Library, Boulder City, Nevada
- Community College of Southern Nevada, Boulder City Campus
- Henderson City Hall, Henderson, Nevada
- Clark County Public Library, Las Vegas, Nevada

- Green Valley Public Library, Henderson, Nevada
- Henderson Public Library, Henderson, Nevada
- FHWA Division Office, Carson City, Nevada
- Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Headquarters, Carson City, Nevada
- NDOT District 1 Office, Las Vegas, Nevada

## 2-1.4 Website

The entire DEIS was activated on the project website on March 15, 2002. The document could be accessed at the following website address:

<http://bouldercitystudy.com>

The online DEIS included all figures, tables, chapters, and text as the paper document. It included an e-mail comment feature, which enabled the reviewer to click on an e-mail link, type in comments, and submit them electronically.

## 2-1.5 Public Hearing

On April 4, 2002, the Project Management Team (PMT) hosted a Public Hearing to provide the interested parties with an opportunity to provide comments on the project and the DEIS. The PMT and technical staff were available to discuss the project purpose and need; major issues; alternatives and design features; and the potential social, economic, and environmental effects related to each alternative.

The public hearing was held at the following location:

- Thursday, April 4, 2002  
Boulder City Parks & Recreation Center – New Gym  
900 Arizona Street  
Boulder City, Nevada

An open house format was used, allowing members of the public to discuss the project alternatives and the DEIS with members of the PMT. Attendees were encouraged to submit comments on the DEIS using one of the following methods: completing a comment sheet, providing oral comments to a court reporter, mailing written comments, or using the project website to e-mail comments. Approximately 278 people were in attendance. The transcript from the court reporter is included in Appendix E.

The following items were on display at the meeting:

- Project schedule and an overview of the study process.
- Federal environmental review process.
- Purpose of and need for the project.
- Summary of the environmental considerations to existing U.S. 93 through Boulder City for each of the environmental categories.
- Summary of the traffic analysis for existing and future traffic.

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, [FR Doc. 02-4247 Filed 3-14-02; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6711-01-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EIS) was published in FR dated May 14, 2001, (66 FR 27647).

Draft EISs

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Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about lack of information on the management of noxious weeds, impacts to water and air quality, and roads, and protection of tribal interests. EPA is requested that these issues be fully addressed in the final EIS.

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ERP No. F-AFS-065076-OK, Quachita National Forest, An Amendment to the Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Glover River, McClain County, OK. Summary: EPA has no objection to the selection of the preferred alternative.

ERP No. F-AFS-165349-UT, Griffin Springs Resource Management Project, Implementation, Commercial Timber Harvesting, Aspen Regeneration, Management Ignited Prescribed Fire and Road Work, Dixie National Forest, Escalante Ranger District, Garfield County, UT.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concerns that there was no scientific evidence presented for use of thinning to prevent a spruce beetle epidemic and regarding the attempt to segregate travel management analysis and decisions from site-specific project decisions.

ERP No. F-NRC-100031-UT, Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians, Reservation Project, Construction and Operation of Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation and Related Transportation Facilities, Permits and Approvals, Tooele County, UT.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns with the emergency response procedures and the characterization of Clean Water Act Requirements. EPA requested that these concerns be addressed in the Record of Decision.

ERP No. F-USN-K11033-CA, El Toro Marine Corps Air Station Disposal and Reuse, Recommendation and Approval of an Airport Layout Plan for Civilian Airport, Funding, NPDES Permit, Orange County, CA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency. ERP No. F-USN-K11105-CA, Point Molloe Property Naval Fuel Depot (NFD) for the Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, City of Richmond, Contra Costa County, CA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. FC-NRC-A00164-00, Generic—License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants, Supplement 5, Turkey Point Units 3 and 4 (NUREG-1437), Operating License Renewal, Biscayne Bay, Miami-Dade County, FL.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the impact of specifically noise impacts to nearby Biscayne National Park merit further discussion as the project progresses.

Dated: March 12, 2002. Joseph C. Montgomery, Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities. FR Doc. 02-4243 Filed 3-14-02; 8:45 am. BILLING CODE 6562-56-P

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EIS No. 020092, Draft EIS, FHW, CT, Groton-New London Airport, Construction of Runway 5-23 Safety Area, Permits and

Approvals, Town of Groton, New London County, CT, Comment Period Ends: May 10, 2002. Contact: John Silva (781) 238-7502.

EIS No. 020095, Draft EIS, AFS, PA, Lewis Run Project, Management Strategies for Road Construction and Reconstruction, Forest Management Activities, Soil and Water Improvements, Wildlife Habitat Enhancements and Recreation Improvements, Implementation, Lewis Run Project Area, Bradford Ranger District, Allegheny National Forest, McKean County, PA, Comment Period Ends: April 29, 2002. Contact: Andrea Hill, Ext. 129 (814) 363-4613.

EIS No. 020099, Draft EIS, FHW, KY, KY, Appalachian Corridor 1-46 Highway Construction, U.S. 231/19 south of Pikeville, KY eastward to the King Coal Highway southeast of Matewan, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permits Issuance, Pike County, KY and Mingo County, WV, Comment Period Ends: April 29, 2002. Contact: Joe Sopavoda (502) 223-6764.

EIS No. 020099, Draft EIS, US, Mt. Bitterroot National Forest Noxious Weed Treatment Project, Ground and Aerial Herbicides Application, Mechanical, Biological and Cultural Weed Treatment and Public Awareness Measures, Implementation, Shovelville Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, Kavalah County, MT, Comment Period Ends: April 30, 2002. Contact: Ken Holschlag (406) 777-5461.

EIS No. 020099, Final EIS, CCE, CA, Pine Flat Dam Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration Investigation, Restoration and Protection of the Ecosystem for Fish and Wildlife Resources, King River Basin, Fresno County, CA, Wait Period Ends: April 15, 2002. Contact: John Bellinger (202) 761-4831.

EIS No. 020092, Draft Supplement, F.A.A., FL, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, New Information and Changes to the Aviation Activity Forecasts Presented, Proposed Expansion of Runway 06-21, and other Associated Improvements, Funding, Broward County, FL, Comment Period Ends: April 29, 2002. Contact: Virginia Lee (407) 812-6331 ext 29.

EIS No. 020092, Draft EIS, FHW, NV, Boulder City/US 93 Corridor Study, Study Limits are between a western boundary on U.S. 95 in the City of Henderson, where the Present Freeway ends, and an Eastern boundary on U.S. 93 approximately 4.7 miles east of downtown Boulder City, NPDES, Right of Way and COE Section 404 Permits, Clark County, NV, Comment Period Ends: May 10, 2002. Contact: Darlye James (775) 888-7013.

EIS No. 020094, Final EIS, FHW, IL, US, 34/FAP 313 Transportation Facility Improvement Project, U.S. 34 from the Intersection of Carman Road east of Gulfport to Monmouth, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 and NPDES Permits Issuance, Henderson and Warren Counties, IL, Wait Period Ends: May 13, 2002. Contact: Norman R. Stover (217) 402-4000.

EIS No. 020095, Final EIS, AFS, NH, Loch Mountain Ski Resort Development and Expansion Project, Implementation,

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- Summary of the noise study.
- Map of the waterways and parks/open space affected by each build alignment.
- Map of the areas for wildlife habitat.
- Summary of impacts to bicycle and pedestrian trails/pathways.
- Large-size posters of each of the build alignments. These plots indicate new roadway footprint, geometry, and the right-of-way needs with an aerial map as the base.
- Computer datashow station to show engineering files of the alignments.
- Computer datashow station displaying video animation of several alignment drive-throughs.
- Document station providing copies for review of the DEIS and all of the technical studies and appendixes.

This material was arranged in a manner that allowed attendees ample time to study the boards and interact with project team members.

The following handouts were available to all meeting attendees:

- Boulder City/U.S. 93 Corridor Study website advertisement
- Summary of the environmental considerations to existing U.S. 93 through Boulder City
- Comment sheet

The handouts were created to provide meeting attendees information about the project to take with them. To date, 331 comment sheets have been submitted. The comments received covered a wide variety of issues related to the project.

## 2-1.6 Comments on the DEIS

Approximately 326 commenters from government agencies, organizations, and members of the general public provided input on the DEIS before the close of the comment period on May 10, 2002. Another 5 commenters from organizations and members of the public provided written statements after the close of the comment period, making a total of 331 commenters on the DEIS. Of the correspondence received, 5 letters were from government agencies; 3 were from organizations; and 108 letters and e-mails were from the general public. Some of the comments from the general public were submitted via e-mail directly to the lead agency or through the project website. In addition, 30 people provided oral comments to the court reporter, and an additional 177 people submitted comment sheets during or after the public hearings. Table 2-1-1 provides an index of the agencies, organizations, and individuals that submitted written or oral comments on the DEIS. Appendix G provides a detailed summary of all substantive comments on accessibility, operations, and safety; environmental; implementation and construction; and socio-economics issues on the DEIS, both from the public hearings and those received through direct mail and e-mail. Appendixes A through F contain the responses to comments, discusses the consideration given to any substantive issues raised, and provides supporting information.

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This FEIS for the Boulder City/U.S. 93 Corridor Study includes copies of all substantive comments received from government agencies, organizations, and the general public on the DEIS. A response is provided to each substantive comment. Where the FEIS text is revised as a result of the comments received, the response indicates where revisions were made, and the FEIS changes are highlighted in the margins of the document. The response attempts to adequately address the issue or concern raised by the commenter or where substantive comments do not warrant further response, explain why they do not, and provide sufficient information to support that position.

The FEIS incorporates the DEIS in its entirety with changes made as appropriate throughout the document to reflect the identification of a preferred alternative, updated information on the affected environment, changes in the assessment of impacts, the results of coordination, comments received on the DEIS, and responses to these comments.