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of Motorized and Non-motorized Recreation, Helena National Forest, Broadwater, Lewis and Clark, and Meagher Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns regarding erosion, habitat damage and adverse impacts to wildlife security from motorized uses as well as the need for an effective monitoring and adaptive management program for travel management.

EIS No. 20050070, ERP No. F-FHW-G40177-LA, Kansas Lane Connector Project, Construction between U.S. 90 (Desiard Street) and U.S. 165 and the Forsythe Avenue Extension, US Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, City of Monroe, Ouachita Parish, LA.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed project.

EIS No. 20050009, ERP No. FS-NOA-A91063-00, Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 2, Implementation, Proposes Measures to Address a Wide Range of Management Issues, New England and Mid-Atlantic.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the proposed action.

EIS No. 20050040, ERP No. FS-AFS-J02027-UT, Table Top Exploratory Oil and Gas Wells, New Information from the Approval 1994 Final EIS, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Evanston Ranger District, Summit County, UT.

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed March 28, 2005, through April 1, 2005

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 050139, Draft EIS, COE, AR, OK, Arkansas River Navigation Study, To Maintain and Improve the Navigation

Channel in Order to Enhance Commercial Navigation on the McClellan Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS), Several Counties, AR and Several Counties, OK, Comment Period Ends: May 24, 2005, Contact: Renee Wright (501) 324-6139.

EIS No. 050140, Final EIS, FHW, NV, Boulder City/US 93 Corridor Transportation Improvements, Study Limits are between a western boundary on US 95 in the City of Henderson and an eastern boundary on US 93 west of downtown Boulder City, NPDES and US Army COE Section 404 Permits Issuance and Right-of Way Grant, Clark County, NV Wait Period Ends: May 9, 2005, Contact: Ted P. Bendure (775) 687-5322.

EIS No. 050141, Draft EIS, USA, FL, Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field Military Family Housing, Demolition, Construction, Renovation and Leasing (DCR&L) Program, Okaloosa County, FL, Comment Period Ends: May 23, 2005, Contact: Julia Cantrell (210) 536-3515.

EIS No. 050142, Draft EIS, NOA, CA, Programmatic—Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP) Draft Restoration Plan, To Restore Injured Natural Resources, Channel Islands, Southern California Bight including Baja California Pacific Islands, Orange County, CA, Comment Period Ends: May 23, 2005, Contact: William T. Hogarth (301) 713-1622.

EIS No. 050143, Draft EIS, FHW, LA, AR, I-69 Corridor—Section of Independent Utility (SIU) No. 14, Construction from junction I-20 near Houghton, LA to US 82 near EI Dorado, AR, Bossier, Claiborne and Webster Parishes, LA and Columbia and Union Counties, AR, Comment Period Ends: May 30, 2005, Contact: William Farr (225) 757-7615.

EIS No. 050144, Draft EIS, FHW, IN, US-31 Kokomo Corridor Project, Transportation Improvement between IN-26 and US 35 Northern Junction, City of Kokomo and Center Township, Howard and Tipton Counties, IN, Comment Period Ends: May 23, 2005, Contact: Matt Fuller (317) 226-5234. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.us31kokomo.com>.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 050105, Draft EIS, AFS, MI, Huron-Manistee National Forests, Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Several Counties, MI, Comment Period Ends: June 16, 2005, Contact: Jeff Pullen (231) 775-2421. Revision

of Federal Register notice published on March 18, 2005: Correction to the State from WI to MI.

EIS No. 050136, Draft EIS, AFS, CO, Dry Fork Federal Coal Lease-by-Application (COC-67232), Leasing Additional Federal Coal Lands for Underground Coal Resource, Special-Use-Permits and US Army COE Section 404 Permit, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Gunnison County, CO, Comment Period Ends: May 16, 2005, Contact: Liane Mattson (970) 874-6697. Revision of Federal Register notice published on April 1, 2005: Correction to Telephone Number.

Dated: April 5, 2005.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2005-0012; FRL-7708-9]

Endocrine Disruptor Methods Validation Advisory Committee (EDMVAC); Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: There will be a meeting of the Endocrine Disruptor Methods Validation Advisory Committee (EDMVAC) on April 26-28, 2005, in Washington, DC. This meeting, as with all EDMVAC meetings, is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. The purpose of the meeting is to receive advice and input from the EDMVAC on: Steroidogenesis, Uterotrophic, Fish Screen Studies, and Amphibian Metamorphosis Assays.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2005, from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 27, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Friday, April 28, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., eastern standard time.

Request to participate in the meeting must be received by EPA on or before April 21, 2005. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket identification (ID) number OPPT-2005-0012 in the subject line on the first page of your request.

Individuals requiring special accommodations at the meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

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HOMER, LOUISIANA, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2005

No. 13

Archeological Site Discovered In I-69 Corridor

BY SUSAN T. HERRING

Editor, The Guardian-Journal

The decision on which path Interstate 69 will take through Claiborne and Webster Parish is one step closer. There will be one more set of public meetings in May before the URS Study Team will complete the Final

seems they are facing another obstacle. In January, 2005, Jeffrey S. Girard, Regional Archeologist, inspected a site for prehistoric artifacts located approximately five miles east of Cotton Valley. He discovered cultural material in five shovel tests. Also located on the site is a standing chimney made of ironstone cobbles, reportedly part of a Boy Scout camp that was built about 1937 or 1938. This chimney is 60 feet north of the centerline of the proposed corridor. Prehistoric pottery was also found which Girard said appeared to be Caddoan but the sample was too small to determine the period of occupation.

Girard submitted an official state site record form and the site known as the Wall-Waddell site was assigned number 16WE353. He said, "The site has significant research potential." He recommended additional work to determine National Register eligibility.

Environmental Impact Study (FEIS). The FEIS will then be presented to the Federal Highway Department (FHWA), the Arkansas Department of Transportation (AHTD) and the Louisiana Department of Transportation (DOTD). They will then evaluate the two remaining alignments and the public comments and will issue their Record of Decision sometime this fall. At that point, the decision will be final and the I-69 alignment between El Dorado and Houghton will be set.

The URS Study Team has overcome a number of hurdles since they first opened the I-69 Program Office in March 2003. Now, it

Merritt has contacted the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT). The mission of the Office of Cultural Development is to "preserve, promote, and protect Louisiana's irreplaceable heritage of archeological sites and historic buildings."

The mission of the CRT is to "provide the highest quality service and programs through the preservation, promotion, and development of Louisiana's historical, cultural, educational, natural and recreational resources." It is the job of the CRT to enhance the

quality of life for Louisiana's citizens and encourage economic growth while re-imagining Louisiana as a great place to live, work and play.

Beginning in March 2003, URS began researching the study area. Please Turn To Page 5

Final Round Of Public Meetings Set For May 10-12



JEFF GIRARD, REGIONAL ARCHEOLOGIST, spent one day last January inspecting a site about five miles east of Cotton Valley, within the 300-foot wide I-69 Corridor proposed in Webster Parish. Property owners Linda and Neil Waddell and neighbor Syralja Merritt watch as Girard sifts for prehistoric artifacts. Girard said, "The site has significant research potential." He recommended additional work to determine National Register eligibility. The site has since been designated the Wall-Waddell Site and given the official No. 16WE353.

Photo Courtesy of Lane Merritt

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They looked at a number of things, such as demographics, right of way, community impact, economic effects, noise and vibration, natural resources, air quality, recreational issues, and public input. They conducted a number of meetings and collected comments from the public. Initially they had about 30 potential corridors. By August 2005, they had narrowed that list to five, then more meetings were held to gather comments from the public. In December 2003, the FHWA, DOTD, and AHTD announced the selection of Corridor 1d as the preferred corridor.

Recognizing the potential harm to Bayou Dorcheat, Merritt began collecting signatures on a petition in April 2004. He presented the petition with 3,700 names to Scenic Rivers Coordinator Keith Cascio, asking that he deny any permit to cross Dorcheat Bayou in the upper or middle areas. Dr. James Robert Michael expressed concerns that the Study Team had failed to address the economic benefit to the area and had not taken into account the lakes that would be built over the Sparta Aquifer recharge area. Dr. Alice Stewart used the Study Team's own criteria to dispute the fact that 1d was the best corridor.

Over the past several months, the URS Study Team has developed two 300-foot alignments from the information and public input they have gathered. According to Christi Wilson with the I-69 Program Office in Homer, meetings have been scheduled for May 10, 11, and 12 to allow the public to view and comment on the two remaining alignments.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at the Best Western Hotel Conference Center in El Dorado. The second meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11 at the Claiborne Parish Fair Building in Haynesville and the third and final meeting will be held at the new Minden Recreational Complex off I-20. All the meetings will be held from 4:00-7:00 PM. All materials and information will then be available for view at the I-69 Program Office on West Main in Homer beginning Friday, May 13.

The next step will be for the URS Study Team to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS) which they will then present to the Federal Highway Department, the Arkansas Department of Transportation and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Based on the evaluation of the two



THIS IRONSTONE COBBLE CHIMNEY is all that remains of a historic structure estimated to have been constructed about 1937 or 1938 and used as a cabin for the Boy Scouts. It is located on the archeological Wall-Waddell Site, State Survey No. 16WE353.

alignments and the public comments received at the May meetings, a Record of Decision will be issued sometime this fall. At that point, the alignment will be set.

These May meetings will be the last opportunity for the public to comment on the alignment. Claiborne Parish residents will have the choice of one alignment

with two interchanges, or exits, in Claiborne Parish. It has been noted at these public meetings that the best potential for economic development will be at the interchanges along the interstate.

For more information or if you have questions, call the I-69 Program Office at 1-877-886-9233 or 927-5445.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Louisiana State Project No. 736-99-1032
Arkansas State Project No. 070212
Federal Aid Project No. 0B1-9907(516)

I-69 Corridor
Section of Independent Utility No. 14
Bossier, Claiborne and Webster Parishes, Louisiana
Columbia and Union Counties, Arkansas

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD) and Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) will conduct a series of Public Hearings for the above project.

LaDOTD and AHTD propose to construct a four-lane divided interstate highway between Haughton, Louisiana and El Dorado, Arkansas. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for this project is available for review at the I-69 SIU No. 14 Program Office at 425 West Main Street in Homer, Louisiana. Copies are also available for review in Louisiana at the LaDOTD District 04 Office at 3339 Industrial Drive in Bossier City; the Bossier Central Library at 2206 W. Webb Memorial Library at 1919 Main Street in Raynesville; the Springhill Public Library at 705 Janice Drive in Springhill; and the Webster Parish Library at 521 East and West Street in Minden, Louisiana. Copies are available for review in Arkansas at the AHTD District 07 Office at 2245 California Avenue in Camden; the Columbia County Library at 220 East Main Street in Magnolia; and the El Dorado Public Library at 200 East 5th Street in El Dorado.

Public Hearings will be held over a three-hour period on three successive days in May. Each will include a presentation and an opportunity to provide comments. The presentation will summarize effects of the Build and No Action alternatives. All interested citizens are invited and encouraged to attend. A transcript will be available to record verbal comments provided at these hearings. All comments received during the public hearings and in writing by the end of the comment period will become part of the official public record for the project. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may mail your comments to the I-69 SIU No. 14 Program Office at the address below or submit them through the project web site at www.i69arkla.com. The official project DEIS comment period ends on May 30, 2005. Dates, times and locations of these Public Hearings are:

Tuesday, May 10th 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. El Dorado, AR Best Western King's Inn Hotel Conference Center 1920 Junction City Rd. (US 167/US 82 intersection)	Wednesday, May 11th 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Haynesville, LA Claiborne Parish Fair Barn Complex 1563 Fairgrounds Drive	Thursday, May 12th 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Minden, LA Minden Recreational Complex 1001 Recreational Drive
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Beginning May 13th, all DEIS Public Hearing presentation materials will be available for review and comment at the I-69 SIU No. 14 Program Office at the address below. Further information concerning the project can be viewed on the project web site at www.i69arkla.com. Should anyone require special assistance due to a disability to participate in these Public Hearings please contact the I-69 SIU No. 14 Public Coordinator by mail at the address shown below, or by telephone at (977) 886-9233, at least five working days prior to the public hearing.



I-69 SIU No. 14 Program Office
425 West Main Street
Homer, LA 71040

TO: CITIZENS OF CLAIBORNE PARISH

Re: SUPPORT OF I-69 Alternate 4, Options 2 & 3

April 7, 2005

We, the undersigned members of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, having received the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the I-69 Corridor, believe Alternate 4, options 2 & 3, to be the most advantageous to the citizens of the parish. We further urge all citizens to attend the public meetings and to complete comment forms on this matter.

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NEWS BRIEFS

May 30 Is The Deadline For Final Public Comments On I-69
 The Draft Environmental Impact Statement which summarizes the purpose and need for a new interstate highway between I-20 near Haughton to near El Dorado and shows maps of the remaining possible alignments for I-69 is now available for viewing at the I-69 Program Office in Homer and at the Claiborne Parish Library in Homer and Haynesville. The deadline to submit public comments is May 30, 2005. Comments will be available at the Program Office located at 425 West Main in Homer. Comments can be mailed to I-69, SIU No. 14 Program Office, 425 West Main, Homer, LA 71040. Public meetings have been scheduled for May 10 in El Dorado, May 11 at the Fair Building in Haynesville, and May 12 in Minden, all from 4-7 PM. For more information, contact Chastin Wilson at 318-927-5445 or 877-886-9233.

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