



NEPA/ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATION ITEMS AUGUST 2004

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

The EA and FONSI for expansion of the oral rabies vaccination program onto National Forest system lands in the Southern Appalachians and other eastern states may be obtained from tara.c.wilcox@aphis.usda.gov

Army Corps of Engineers

- Norfolk District Notices (<http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/PN/PN.html>):
 - Scott County (Virginia) Public Service Authority to increase water withdrawals from the Clinch River
 - Amherst County Service Authority to increase the height of an existing dam to increase water supply in the event of a drought. The dam is located on Graham Creek, Amherst County, Virginia.
 - Coalfields Expressway Construction between Bull Gap and US 460, Buchanan County, Virginia
 - Eagle Rock Wetland Mitigation Bank, Botetourt County, Virginia
- The Draft EIS for the Levisa Fork Flood Damage Reduction Project, Pike County, Kentucky is available from stephen.m.worley@usace.army.mil.
- Nashville District Notices (http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/cof/proposed_activities.htm):
 - 04-30- Eastern Band Cherokee Indians, Proposed Commercial Recreation Complex and Marina, Tellico Reservoir, Monroe County, Tennessee
 - 04-43- Appalachian Christian Village, Proposed Wetland and Stream Fill Associated with Maple Crest retirement community. The wetland and the unnamed tributary are contiguous with Sinking Creek in Washington County, Tennessee
 - 04-40- United States Gypsum, Proposed Dredging Tennessee River Mile 415.6, Guntersville Lake, Jackson County, Alabama and Tennessee River Mile 417.0, Guntersville Lake, Marion County, Tennessee
 - 04-38- Barry Roberson, Proposed Fixed Covered Community Dock, Tennessee River Mile 531.7, Left Bank, Watts Barr Lake, Meigs County, Tennessee
 - 04-36- Bal Harbor Inlet Owners, Proposed Channel Excavation, Tennessee River Mile 472.5, Left Bank, Chickamauga Lake, Hamilton County, Tennessee
 - 04-31- Lake Guntersville State Park, Proposed Water Intake Expansion, Town Creek Mile 2.5, Left Bank, Tennessee River Mile 362.5, Left Bank, Guntersville Lake, Marshall County, Alabama
 - 04-32- Tennessee River Condominium Development Co., LLC, Proposed Community Dock and Bank Stabilization, Tennessee River Mile 646.3, Left Bank, Knox County, Tennessee
 - 04-27- Tennessee Department of Transportation, Proposed Wetland Fill Associated with the extension of Campbell Station Road, Turkey Creek Mile 2.3, Tennessee River Mile 616.4, Right Bank, Knox County, Tennessee

- 04-19- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Proposed Stream and Wetland Impacts Associated with road construction (US-27). Construction would impact Hyatts Fork and tributaries, Holtzclaw Branch and tributaries, and several tributaries of Caney Fork, Smith Branch, Hall Branch, and Pitman Creek in Pulaski County, Kentucky
- 04-22- Tennessee Department of Transportation, Proposed Stream Fill Associated with State Route 29 (US 27) Improvements, Town Creek, Rhea County, Tennessee
- 04-18 - Watersedge Properties, Inc., Proposed Fixed Covered Community Boat Slips and Boat Launching Ramp at Tennessee River Mile 560.8, Right Bank, Watts Bar Lake, Roane County, Tennessee
- 04-16 - Ramon L. Waskovaik, Proposed Channel Excavation at Indian Creek Mile 1.0, Left Bank, French Broad River Mile 50.5, Left Bank, Douglas Lake, Jefferson County, Tennessee
- 04-10 - McKeough Land Company, Inc., Proposed Floating Community Boat Docks and Boat Ramp at Kellar Branch Mile 0.5, Left Bank, Holston River Mile 83.1, Left Bank, Cherokee Lake, Hamblen County, Tennessee
- 04-03 - Triple Bar J Marina, Proposed Floating Commercial Marina, Store/Restaurant/Gas Service Dock, Boat Ramp and Harbor Limits at Lone Mountain Creek Mile 0.1, Left Bank, Clinch River Mile 133.3, Right Bank, Norris Lake, Claiborne County, Tennessee

Defense Logistics Agency

The FEIS on a strategy for the long-term management of elemental mercury stored in Oak Ridge and three other sites is available for viewing at (<http://www.mercuryeis.com/>). The preferred alternative is consolidated storage at one location.

Economic Development Administration

The Oak Ridge Industrial Development Board has requested financial assistance to redevelop the Oak Ridge Mall into a Planned Unit Development. Information is available from John Ogden at 404-730-3010.

Department of Energy

The Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS on the Carbon Sequestration Program was published on April 21, 2004 (Federal Register 69:21514).

Farm Service Agency

The Record of Decision for the Emergency Conservation Program may be viewed at (<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/epb/impact.htm>). ECP provides emergency cost-share assistance to farmers and ranchers to restore agricultural lands damaged by natural disasters.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

- The EA for natural gas pipeline facilities associated by the Saltville Gas Storage Company, Smyth and Washington Counties, Virginia may be viewed at (<http://www.ferc.gov/>), go to docket search, and search for CP04-13.

- Duke Power Company has filed an application for license renewal for the Nantahala Hydroelectric Project, Macon and Clay Counties, North Carolina. Information from carolyn.holsopple@ferc.gov

Federal Highway Administration

- The Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for proposed US 321 Improvements at Blowing Rock, Caldwell and Watauga Counties, North Carolina, was rescinded on March 17, 2004 (Federal Register 69:12732).
- The Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for a combined highway and bus rapid transit project on I-75 and I-575 in Cobb and Cherokee Counties, Georgia was published on March 15, 2004 (Federal Register 69:12193).
- The Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the Harrisonburg Southeast Connector project, between I-81 and US 33, Rockingham County, Virginia was published on May 7, 2004 (Federal Register 69:25655).
- The Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the US 221 corridor, Rutherford County, North Carolina was published on April 19, 2004 (Federal Register 69:20961).
- The Tennessee Department of Transportation has developed websites describing the following Context Sensitive Solution Projects in the Southern Appalachians. Information at (<http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/css/>):
 - State Route 126 - Kingsport
 - State Route 475 - Knoxville Parkway (Orange Route)
 - State Route 28 South/US 127 - south of Crossville
 - State Route 28 North/US 127

Fish and Wildlife Service

- Critical habitat has been designated for 26 river and stream segments for three threatened and eight endangered freshwater mussels. Southern Appalachian streams affected include Sipsey Fork, Locust Fork, Little Black Warrior, and Coosa Rivers, Alabama; Oostanaula, Coosawattee, and Conasauga Rivers, Georgia and Tennessee. The designation may be viewed at (<http://southeast.fws.gov/hotissues/>).
- The Draft Restoration Plan and EA for the Certus Chemical Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment, Tazewell County, Virginia, may be obtained from John Schmerfeld at 804-693-6694x107.

Forest Service

- The Record of Decision for the Forest Health and Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Initiative, Talladega National Forest, Alabama was signed on March 5, 2004. Copies of the ROD and FEIS are available from Elrand Denson at 256-362-2909.
- The Brasstown Ranger District proposes experimental release of predator insects to control the hemlock woolly adelgid. Information is available from Alan Polk at 706-745-6928.
- The Watauga Ranger District proposes to enhance wildlife habitat and restore natural vegetation within the Walnut Mountain Area, consisting of 33,355 acres south of Watauga Reservoir. Plantations of white pines would be restored to natural communities, and early successional habitat would be created in the Laurel Fork Bear Reserve. Information is available from Mark Pistrang at 423-476-9700.

- The Chattanooga-Oconee National Forest web page lists the following Forest Health, Recreation, Wildlife, and other proposals. See (http://www.fs.fed.us/conf/sopa/nepa_docs.htm).
 - Alaculsy Valley Road Reconstructin Project, Murray County, Georgia
 - Chestnut Mountain Early Successional Habitat Project, Toccoa Ranger District
 - Cooper Creek Road Daylighting Project, Brasstown and Toccoa Ranger District
 - Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Control, Tallulah Ranger District
 - Nancytown Lake Amphibian Habitat Enhancement Project, Chattooga Ranger District
 - Oakey Moates Trail Rerouting Project, Chattooga and Tallulah Ranger District
 - Pinhoti Trail Extension EA Supplement
 - Rich Mountain Road Project, Toccoa Ranger District
 - Southern Pine Beetle Thinning
- The following Cherokee National Forest environmental documents may be viewed at (http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/cherokee/planning2003/environmental_assessments.shtml).
 - Benton Mackaye Trail, Ocoee River to Citico Wilderness
 - Paint Creek Road Relocation, Greene County, Tennessee
 - George Creek Wildlife and Vegetation Management Activities, Carter County, Tennessee
- The 2004 Daniel Boone National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan may be viewed at (<http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/boone/plan.htm>).
- The Daniel Boone National Forest has released the Final EIS for the Grays Mountain coal Lease, Leslie County, Kentucky. See (<http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/boone/plan.htm>)
- The National Forests in North Carolina web page (<http://www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/>) contains the following NEPA documents:
 - Wolf Ford Horse Camp EA, Pisgah Ranger District, Transylvania County, NC
 - Tanasee Forest Health Project EA, Pisgah Ranger District, Transylvania County, NC

Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons

The Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for development of a medium-security prison in southern West Virginia was published on April 2, 2004 (Federal Register 69:17455).

National Park Service

- The Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the General Management Plan Amendment for the Elkmont Historic District, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, was published at Federal Register 69, page 16949, March 31, 2004.
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park, in cooperation with Federal Highway Administration, proposes to construct a new bridge on Straight Fork to replace an existing ford in the Round Bottom area of the park, Swain County, North Carolina. Information at (<http://www.nps.gov/grsm/pphtml/documents.html>).

Natural Resources Conservation Service

The Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS on watershed planning and implementation of resource protection measures for the Rockhouse Creek Watershed, Leslie County, Kentucky was published at Federal Register 69, p. 13015 (March 19, 2004). Two floodwater retarding structures on Rockhouse Creek are being evaluated.

Department of Justice

The Notice of Intent to develop an EIS for construction of a medium-security Federal correctional institution in southern West Virginia (McDowell, Mingo, Boone, or Nicholas County) was published at Federal Register 69, p. 17455 (April 2, 2004).

Rural Development

An EA is being prepared on the grant application of New Highland Wind Development, a proposed 30-turbine development in Highland County, Virginia. Information from joe.newbill@va.usda.gov.

Tennessee Valley Authority

- The complete text of the FEIS and Record of Decision for the Reservoir Operations Study, along with summary sheets on the effects for each reservoir, are available at (http://www.tva.gov/environment/reports/ros_eis/index.htm)
- The Notice of Intent for Watts Bar Integrated Land Plan, Loudon, Meigs, Rhea, and Roane Counties, Tennessee was published at Federal Register 69:8793 (February 25, 2004). For copy contact hmdraper@tva.gov
- The following documents are available from hmdraper@tva.gov:
 - Goose Pond Shoreline Management, Jackson County, Alabama, EA and FONSI
 - Lindsey Harbor Development, Marshall County, Alabama, EA and FONSI
 - Morristown Office Building, Hamblen County, Tennessee, EA and FONSI
 - Section and Dutton Water Plant Expansion, Jackson County, Alabama, EA and FONSI
 - Sequoyah Lodge and Marina, Tellico Reservoir, Monroe County, Tennessee, EA and FONSI
 - TN 36-Boones Creek, Washington County, Tennessee, EA Adoption and FONSI
 - TN 449-Middle Creek Road, Sevier County, Tennessee, EA Adoption and FONSI
 - US 25E-Clinch River, Claiborne and Grainger Counties, Tennessee, Supplemental EA and FONSI