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Environmental Assessment of the Olmsted Hydroelectric Power Plant Replacement  
Project

**AGENCY:** Central Utah Project Completion Act Completion Office, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (District), as joint leads, are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the impacts of a proposed project to replace the Olmsted Hydroelectric Power Plant.

**DATES:** Please submit scoping comments by January 31, 2014.

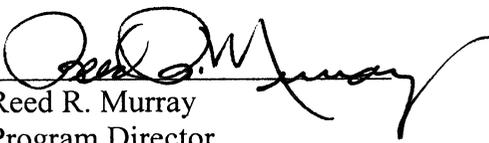
**ADDRESSES:** A Scoping Document associated with this effort is available at [www.cuwcd.com](http://www.cuwcd.com) and [www.cupcao.gov](http://www.cupcao.gov). Send written comments to Mr. Chris Elison, 355 W. University Parkway, Orem, UT 84058-7303; by e-mail to [chrise@cuwcd.com](mailto:chrise@cuwcd.com); or by facsimile to the attention of Mr. Chris Elison at 801-226-7171.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed project is located in Orem, Utah near the mouth of Provo Canyon. In October 2015, the District will assume the responsibility for operation and maintenance of the Olmsted power plant as a component

of the Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project. The EA will provide the necessary analysis for determining potential environmental impacts associated with replacement of the Olmsted power plant and its continued operation. Principal components of the proposed project include construction of a new powerhouse; replacement of existing penstocks; incorporating the existing 10 million gallon equalization reservoir into the power plant configuration with potential impacts to the existing pressure box, raising the existing spillway, and lining a portion of the Olmsted Flowline tunnel.

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