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TREE AND SHRUB PLANTING IN ROCKY FLATS BUFFER ZONE - TGH-081-92

EG&G requests DOE, RFO approval to initiate the planting of trees, shrubs, grasses, and ground cover in the Rocky Flats Buffer Zone.

EG&G proposes to work with the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) to develop and implement planting plans to enhance and create wildlife habitat within the buffer zone. The CSFS would be the primary agency involved. The CSFS would work with EG&G's Ecology & NEPA Division to develop planting plans and coordinate activities with other state and federal agencies to ensure that planting efforts protect and enhance habitats of any federal or state threatened or endangered species, and state species of concern that are identified or suspected to occur on Rocky Flats. The CSFS would use its extensive experience with tree and shrub planting to help EG&G develop methods of planting, using weed barriers, tree guards, tree shades, and polymers, to ensure maximum survival with minimum cost and maintenance.

Environmental conditions on many areas of Rocky Flats are not conducive to tree and shrub survival. It therefore is important to develop the proper planting procedures on a relatively small scale, with time to evaluate the results, before larger scale plantings of areas of the buffer zone are attempted. The proposed plantings will serve as test plantings that can be evaluated to identify the best areas to plant and the best methods to use in future sitewide planting efforts to mitigate natural resource damages and to enhance existing wildlife habitat in the buffer zone. Sitewide planting plans will be described in the Sitewide Mitigation Plan and the Sitewide Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Plan. The Draft Sitewide Mitigation Plan will be completed by May 1, 1993, and the Draft Sitewide Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Plan will be Completed by September 30, 1993.

The CSFS is a not-for-profit state agency that can provide the needed services and planting materials at reduced cost. They already have the necessary planting equipment and capabilities to provide supervision and seasonal manpower. Their involvement will provide positive public relations, and will assure the public that habitat mitigation efforts are being done in cooperation with appropriate state and federal agencies, using the best methods available.

EG&G is proposing to undertake an initial three year effort, in cooperation with the CSFS, with a total budget of \$127,500.00, (FY93 - \$37,500.00; FY94 - \$45,000.00; FY95 - \$45,000.00), to begin tree and shrub planting in the southeast part of the buffer zone (Exhibit 1). The goal of this effort would be to develop cost effective, successful planting methods. Planting efforts would be monitored and revised to improve survival, while minimizing cost and maintenance.

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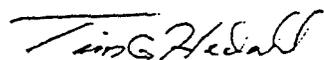
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The trees and shrubs will create new habitat and improve existing habitat, as well as decrease wind and water soil erosion. The program will be reevaluated at the end of three years.

This action would also allow DOE, RFO to proactively discharge its responsibilities toward natural resources under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) 107 (f) (2), Executive Order 12580, and the National Contingency Plan (NCP) (40 CFR 300), as established and implemented under DOE Order 5400.4. Planting of trees, shrubs, grasses, and ground cover to enhance wildlife habitat on the Rocky Flats Site, prior to this action being required by other Natural Resource trustees, will demonstrate DOE, RFO's good faith effort to act in the public interest with regard to natural resources under its jurisdiction, and should reduce both the amount of natural resource damages assessed against DOE, RFO, and the cost of mitigating impacts in the future. A well executed, voluntary effort to improve habitat on the buffer zone could also allow DOE, RFO to reduce the cost of future Natural Resource Damage Assessment litigation, and could help persuade Natural Resource Trustees to release DOE from formal natural resource liability through a "covenant not to sue," as allowed by CERCLA (122) (j) and Executive Order 12580.

EG&G would appreciate a response from DOE, RFO by January 15, 1993. Should you have any questions, please contact S.M. Nesta on X8605 or R.C. Flory on X8680.



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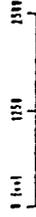
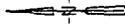
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Exhibit 1

Selected Areas of
Rocky Flats Site to
be Planted with
Trees, Shrubs,
Grasses, and
Ground Cover

Area Boundary



Map scale 1 : 20000
1 inch = 1667 feet

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