Conclusion.—The diversion of traffic to motor carriers for short or long haul would not significantly alter energy consumption or ambient air and noise conditions in the tributary area. Moreover, there are no economic development activities which would be precluded by the action.

Disposition of the right-of-way could seriously affect local wildlife populations and a site of potential historic value.

In light of the lack of significant environmental impacts, preparation of a detailed environmental impact statement is not required.

Sources of Information.—1. Name, position title, name of organization, location, date and means of contact.
2. Title of document, date of publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reproposal of Critical Habitat for the Beaver Dam Slope Population of the Desert Tortoise; Public Hearing


ACTION: Reopening of the Comment Period; Notice of Public Hearing.

SUMMARY: The public comments on the Service's reproposal of Critical Habitat for the Beaver Dam Slope population of the Desert Tortoise is hereby reopened between March 25, 1980 and April 9, 1980. In addition, in response to requests, a public hearing will be held on this reproposal. The date, time, and place of the hearing are set forth below.

DATES: The Service will consider all comments on this reproposal received between March 25, 1980 and April 9, 1980. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 1980 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: The public hearing will take place at the Hilton Inn, 1450 S. Hilton Inn Drive, St. George, Utah.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the reproposal of Critical Habitat or the hearing, contact Mr. John L. Spinks, Jr., Chief, Office of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. 20240 (703/235-2771) or the Area Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1311 Federal Building, 125 S. State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138 (801/524-5630).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of December 7, 1979 (44 FR 70680-2) the Service reproposed Critical Habitat for the Beaver Dam Slope population of the Desert Tortoise. In that document there was an announcement that a public meeting would be held on January 10, 1980. This meeting was held as scheduled. Prior to and during this meeting requests were received from both Utah Senators Garn and Hatch for a public hearing. In the interest of insuring full public participation in the Critical Habitat designation process, the Service will hold a public hearing at the time and place specified above.

Accordingly, the comment period on the Service's reproposal of December 7, 1979 (44 FR 70680-2) regarding the Desert Tortoise is hereby reopened between March 25, 1980 and April 9, 1980.

A public hearing on this proposal will be held as set forth above. All comments and statements presented at this hearing will be made part of the public record of this species and will be considered before any final decisions are made concerning the proposal.

Dated: March 5, 1980.

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