What is an Environmental Impact Statement?

An environmental impact statement (EIS) is an in-depth analysis of alternatives considered for a project. An EIS:

- Identifies and describes environmental effects of project alternatives
- Identifies actions to avoid or reduce any adverse effects
- Helps decision makers determine the alternative that best meets the project purpose and need
- Provides the public and agencies an opportunity to review and comment on proposed alternatives and project effects

When will the draft EIS be published?

The draft will be issued in summer 2005. You'll have 60 days to provide comments.