DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8474]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Francesco Vanni: Art in Late Renaissance Siena”

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, et seq.; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, et seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Francesco Vanni: Art in Late Renaissance Siena,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT, from on or about September 29, 2013, until on or about January 5, 2014, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6467). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA–5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522–0505.


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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Muscle Shoals Reservation Redevelopment, Colbert County, Alabama

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

ACTION: Issuance of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: This notice is provided in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality’s regulations (40 CFR 1500 to 1508) and TVA’s procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). TVA has decided to adopt the preferred alternative in its final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the redevelopment of the Muscle Shoals Reservation (MSR) in Colbert County, Alabama. The notice of availability (NOA) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Muscle Shoals Reservation Redevelopment was published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2011. Under this alternative, Unrestricted Land Use, after declaring a large portion of the MSR surplus, TVA would dispose of the property without land use restrictions other than those designed to protect TVA’s program interests or to meet legal or environmental requirements.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: TVA manages public lands to protect the integrated operation of TVA reservoir and power systems, to provide for appropriate public use and enjoyment of the reservoir system, and to provide for continuing economic growth in the Tennessee Valley. TVA assumed custody and control of the 3,036-acre Muscle Shoals/Wilson Dam Reservation in Colbert County, Alabama, in 1933 when Congress directed its transfer to TVA from the U.S. War Department. TVA has since managed 2,600 acres of this nonreservoir property as the MSR. Since acquisition of the land, TVA’s need for this amount of MSR property has changed. TVA’s programs have changed over time, and TVA has greatly reduced its operations and employment at Muscle Shoals. TVA has determined that a portion of its MSR is no longer essential to its needs. Local public and private sector developers have been requesting use of this land for many years. In accordance with its economic development mission, TVA believes sale and redevelopment of up to 1,400 acres of the MSR (the “MSR study area”) would help stimulate the local and regional economy. The sale of this land would also help TVA reduce its operations and maintenance costs and help TVA reduce its environmental footprint.

Public Involvement

TVA published a notice of intent to prepare an EIS in the Federal Register on June 18, 2009. The NOA of the draft EIS was published in the Federal Register by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on January 14, 2011. TVA accepted comments on the draft EIS until February 28, 2011. Approximately 80 people attended a public meeting on February 3, 2011, in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. TVA received 146 comment submissions from 133 individuals and seven federal and state agencies. The majority of the commenters did not state a preferred future use of the land. Commenters expressed concerns about TVA’s purpose and need for the proposal; effects on environmental resources, including wildlife, woodlands, wetlands, aesthetics, and historic buildings and structures; health and safety; socioeconomic and environmental justice; specific future land uses; the role of the comprehensive master plan; and the adequacy of the environmental analysis. Agencies expressed concerns about effects on environmental resources, lack of details about future land uses, cumulative effects analysis, and public health and safety.

After considering and responding to all substantive comments, clarifying action alternatives, and developing a new alternative, i.e., Alternative F, TVA issued the final EIS. The final EIS identifies Alternative F, Unrestricted Land Use, as TVA’s preferred alternative. The NOA of the final EIS was published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2011.

TVA received comment letters on the final EIS from the USEPA and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). TVA has considered these comments, neither of which raised significant new
Under Alternative D, TVA would declare the MSR study area surplus and sell it with the requirement that it be used only for industrial purposes. Other uses, including residential, commercial, retail, and conservation, would not be allowed. Industry can generally be defined as any type of economic activity producing goods or services for consumers. Possible industries could include primary (mining, growing, forestry, etc.), secondary (tumber milling, metal fabrication, refining oil), tertiary (service industries such as civil service, education, etc.), or quaternary (research and development). All land within the MSR study area could be used for industrial purposes. Under this alternative, the amount of land actually used or required by future industries could vary from a few hundred acres to the entire MSR study area. Depending on the number of industries and the extent of industrial development, the character of the MSR study area could range from that of a maintained open area with some industrial development to that of an industrial park.

Under Alternative E, TVA would declare the MSR study area surplus and sell it with the requirement that it be used for a mixture of conservation and sustainable LID; commercial, retail, and residential; and industrial uses. Potential site development under this alternative would generally include a mixture of land uses described under Alternatives B through E.

Under Alternative F, TVA would declare the MSR study area surplus and dispose of the property without land use restrictions other than those designed to protect TVA’s program interests or to meet legal or environmental requirements. TVA would not specify that land on the MSR study area be used for a particular purpose, but instead would allow future uses on the property to be driven by environmental resources and constraints taken into account in the development of the comprehensive master plan and subsequent local zoning or other appropriate land use ordinances. Although TVA would not require a particular type of land uses under Alternative F, the property likely would be used or developed for one or more of the reasonably foreseeable uses identified in Alternatives B through E.

Updated Information

Since the final EIS was published in November 2011, TVA has been developing the comprehensive master plan in concert with the local community. During this process, TVA
identified 400 acres of land (mainly around the TVA-retained solid waste management units) that should be retained by TVA due to ongoing TVA business needs and limited development opportunities due to prior industrial operations. TVA also determined that it should retain ownership of the Western Area Radiological Laboratory and sell the TVA Credit Union site. TVA completed an evaluation of the environmental effects of including the 1.8-acre TVA Credit Union in the proposed MSR study area in November 2012. TVA staff subsequently proposed to the TVA Board of Directors (TVA Board), and the TVA Board approved, the disposal of approximately 1,000 acres instead of the 1,400 acres analyzed in the final EIS.

In support of the development of the comprehensive master plan, TVA conducted additional wetland and floodplain studies to gain a better perspective of the location of these resources. As a result of the survey, approximately 177 acres of wetlands were determined to be present on the MSR study area, a small increase from the 164 acres identified in the final EIS. To ensure compliance with the Clean Water Act and Executive Order (EO) 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), the disposal of wetlands on the MSR will be subject to the mitigation measures described below.

The final EIS contained floodplain information based on 2010 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) data. TVA conducted a flood study of Pond Creek on the MSR in September 2012 to update the FEMA information. The study results showed that the 100-year and 500-year floodplains cover a larger area than identified in the final EIS. To ensure compliance with EO 11998 (Floodplain Management), TVA will place a requirement in the deed, transfer, or other conveyance document that any proposal for future land-based improvements or water use facilities in the floodplain would be subject to TVA review and approval prior to construction (See Mitigation Measures Section below).

TVA previously granted agricultural licenses on three areas of the MSR study area, as detailed in Section 3.9 of the EIS. TVA has since terminated those agricultural licenses in accordance with their terms.

**Environmentally Preferred Alternative**

The Environmentally Preferred Alternative is Alternative B (Conservation Alternative) under which there would be a deliberate effort to conserve sensitive resources, i.e., wetlands, historic properties and woodlands, and to encourage development with minimal environmental impacts.

**Decision**

On November 15, 2012, the TVA Board declared 1,000 acres of the MSR to be surplus to TVA’s needs and authorized the sale of such acreage at public auction upon a determination by the Senior Vice President, Economic Development, following consultation with the Vice President, Property and Natural Resources, that market conditions warrant selling the fee simple interest in the 1,000 acres or a portion thereof. TVA will develop a comprehensive master plan with the Northwest Alabama Cooperative District and other appropriate local, state, or federal authorities for the holistic redevelopment of the MSR property; the comprehensive master plan is scheduled for completion in Fall/Winter 2013. The sale of the property would be in accordance with TVA’s preferred alternative, Alternative F—Unrestricted Land Use in the final EIS. This decision incorporates mitigation measures that would reduce the potential for adverse impacts to the environment. These measures are listed below.

**Mitigation Measures**

TVA would comply with the following applicable laws, regulations, EO, and obligations associated with existing agreements.

- TVA would warrant in the sale deed that the property has been cleaned up to the extent believed necessary to protect human health and the environment and that the U.S. will perform any cleanup that becomes necessary in the future as a result of contamination that occurred prior to the sale.
- Approximately 17 acres of land has been remediated (i.e., cleaned up) to industrial screening level. No land within the 2,260-acre area covered by the existing Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit would be sold or transferred from federal ownership unless the land is conveyed at the unrestricted use level or with the appropriate environmental covenants and restrictions in the deed, transfer, or other conveyance document. Additional land use restrictions may be applicable as required by Alabama’s Uniform Environmental Covenants Act.
- Consistent with TVA implementation procedures for EO 11998, all future owners shall avoid construction within wetland areas without TVA approval. Unless there is no practicable alternative, development may not occur in identified wetland areas.
- Consistent with TVA implementation procedures for EO 11998, all future owners shall avoid construction of obstructions within the limits of the 100-year floodplain without appropriate local government authorization and approval under Section 26a of the TVA Act. Unless there is no practicable alternative, development may not occur in floodplain areas.
- TVA will comply with the terms and conditions of a September 18, 2001 agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration regarding use of Transportation Enhancement Project funds for construction of the 1-mile segment of the National Recreation Trail Complex trail located on the south side of Reservation Road.
- Additional land use restrictions may be applicable as required by Alabama’s Uniform Environmental Covenants Act and would be enforced by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.
- TVA would be responsible for requiring, monitoring, and enforcing the following mitigation measures. To the extent practicable, this could be accomplished by placing conditions in the land transfer agreement and coordinating with Alabama Department of Environmental Management’s Environmental Covenants Act, where applicable.
- The only permissible use of the phosphate slag storage area is for a utility corridor to the Tennessee River to support any needed infrastructure development on the MSR study area. TVA would not transfer this land for future development but would make it available under specific use agreements, such as easements. Because of environmental and reservoir operations constraints along the left-descending (south bank) shoreline of the Tennessee River in the vicinity of the utility corridor, TVA would not approve a barge terminal, commercial dock, or other similar shoreline facility.
- Total annual exposure to any person within the phosphate slag storage area is to remain restricted to no more than 500 hours per year.
- If conditions at the phosphate slag storage area are altered and it becomes necessary to reevaluate radiation exposure, TVA will verify in consultation with the Alabama Department of Public Health any change to the phosphate slag storage area that would allow increased exposure times. This would include any effort to...
mitigate radioactive levels at the site through the use of soil cover or caps of various materials.

- If it becomes necessary through the proposed use of the phosphate slag storage area for subsurface infrastructure enhancements (e.g., buried pipeline), TVA would conduct further radiological measurement and monitoring to determine a worker’s potential exposure to ensure safety.
- No subsurface disturbance or other excavation of buried materials would be allowed within the low-level radioactive waste burial site.
- TVA would not allow removal of groundwater for drinking water (i.e., potable use purposes) from anywhere on the MSR study area.
- TVA would adhere to the stipulations in the final executed Memorandum of Agreement between TVA and the Alabama State Historic Preservation Officer to mitigate for the loss of properties eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.
- TVA would adhere to required measures through adherence to required measures through comprehensive master plan. TVA would consider of these properties in the comprehensive master plan. TVA would adhere to required measures through inclusion of requirements in the transfer deed.
- Site 1CT495, the remnants of Wilson Power Plant foundations, shall be avoided during any construction in the utility corridor to the Tennessee River.
- In the event of construction within the utility corridor, TVA would take into account the location of the Rockpile Hiking Trail and the paved trail complex on the north side of Reservation Road and, to the extent practicable, avoid trail closure or reduce effects of trail usage through planning or other design features.
- An approximate 900-foot section of paved National Recreation Trail Complex, including a protective corridor, on the Multipurpose Building parcel would be (a) retained by TVA, (b) preserved and managed for public recreation use under an agreement (e.g., easement) between TVA and a new landowner, or (c) relocated to skirt the boundaries of the Multipurpose Building parcel.
- Prior to any TVA land or buildings being transferred from federal ownership under any of the Action Alternatives, TVA would assure that any required environmental due diligence assessments are completed. The final EIS identified routine and nonroutine measures to which future landowners could implement voluntarily or be required by agencies to comply with other federal, state, or local regulations. These measures along with the above mitigation measures would be taken into consideration in the development of the comprehensive master plan, which would be completed and finalized by the Northwest Alabama Cooperative District and TVA prior to the sale of the MSR property.


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review: Foreign Air Carrier Application for Statement of Authorization

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary (OST).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments; Request OMB Clearance for extension of a currently approved information collection, Foreign Air Carrier Application for Statement of Authorization.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request, abstracted below, is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget for extension of approval of currently approved ICR–2106–0036, Foreign Air Carrier Application for Statement of Authorization. Earlier, a Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period was published (78 FR 25781, May 2, 2013). The agency did not receive any comments to its previous notice.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by October 16, 2013.


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Below and should identify the associated OMB Approval Number 2106–0035 and Docket DOT–OST–2013–0074.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Foreign Air Carrier Application for Statement of Authorization.

Form No.: Form OST 4540.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Foreign Air Carriers.

Number of Respondents: Approximately 100.

Estimated Time per Response: 2.25 hours per application.

Total Annual Burden: 1,000 hours.

Abstract: Applicants use Form OST 4540 to request statements of authorization to conduct numerous types of operations authorized under Title 14, CFR Part 212. The form requires basic information regarding the carrier(s) conducting the operation, the party filing the form, the operations being conducted, the number of third- and fourth-freedom flights conducted in the last twelve-month period, and certification of reciprocity from the carrier’s homeland government. DOT analysts will use the information collected to determine if applications for fifth-freedom operations meet the public interest requirements necessary to authorize such applications.

Burden Statement: We estimate that the industry-wide total hour burden for this collection to be approximately 1,000 hours or approximately 2.25 hours per application. Conservatively, we estimate the compilation of background information will require 1.75 hours, and the completion and submission of OST Form 4540 will require thirty (30) minutes. Reporting the number of third- and fourth-freedom operations conducted by an applicant carrier will require collection of flight data, and detailed analysis to determine which flights conducted by the carrier are third- and fourth-freedom. Applicants should be able to use data collected for the Department’s T–100 program to provide this information (under this program, carriers are required periodically to compile and report certain traffic data to the Department, as more fully described in the Docket referenced in footnote 1 below). The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) provide carriers with a computer program that allows them to compile and monitor, among other things, flight origin and destination data, to be used in making the carriers’ T–100