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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository
Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Building 128
Commerce City, Colorado 80022-0001



FACTS ABOUT THE NATIONAL EAGLE AND WILDLIFE PROPERTY REPOSITORY PROPOSAL TO BUILD FACILITY TO DISPOSE OF UNUSABLE WILDLIFE PARTS AND PRODUCTS

- The National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository (Repository) is located at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA).
- This one-of-a-kind operation, which serves the public nationwide, is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), Office of Law Enforcement, Washington, D.C.
- The Repository serves as the main collection and distribution point for salvaged dead eagles, providing a legal source of feathers for Native Americans for religious ceremonial use. It also stores and disposes of abandoned and forfeited wildlife parts and products, making hundreds of items available each year to support the educational activities of schools, museums, and other educational organizations.
- The proposed facility will be housed in a 15' x 20' building next to the existing Repository building. It will enable the Repository to properly manage and dispose of unusable parts of eagle carcasses and illegal wildlife products that have no educational use. It will also eliminate off site disposal and security concerns.
- The draft Environmental Assessment examines environmental impacts associated with the proposal to construct this facility.
- The draft Environmental Assessment is currently available for public review and comment at the following corrected website, <http://www.le.fws.gov/eaglerepository.htm>, at the RMA Visitor Center, and at the public library in Commerce City.
- A public meeting to present the proposal, answer questions and receive comments will be held at the Commerce City Recreation Center on Tuesday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m.
- The public comment period will extend until October 20, 2004. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service encourages people to submit their comments or suggestions via e-mail to the above website or by writing to the above address, Attn: Bernadette Atencio.

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