March 2016, the Bureau completed the Revised Final EIS for the Proposed United States Penitentiary and Federal Prison Camp, Letcher County, Kentucky, which evaluated the potential environmental impacts from the acquisition of property and construction and operation of a new United States Penitentiary, Federal Prison Camp, ancillary facilities, and access roads in Letcher County. The RFEIS analyzed two potential locations: An approximately 753-acre site in eastern Letcher County (Alternative 1—Payne Gap), and an approximately 700-acre site in western Letcher County (Alternative 2—Roxana). The RFEIS identified Alternative 2—Roxana as the preferred alternative because it best meets the project needs and, on balance, would have fewer impacts to the natural and built environment.

The Bureau was originally considering acquiring approximately 700 acres at the Roxana site for this project. The Bureau removed two parcels of land at the Roxana site from acquisition consideration, resulting in a proposed site of approximately 570 acres. This reduction in site size necessitated modifying the facilities layout evaluated for Alternative 2—Roxana in the RFEIS. The environmental impacts of the Modified Alternative 2—Roxana have been analyzed in the Draft Supplemental RFEIS. The alternatives evaluated in the Draft Supplemental RFEIS include the No Action Alternative and Modified Alternative 2—Roxana.

Modified Alternative 2—Roxana is the Preferred Alternative and includes proposed facilities that would house approximately 1,216 total inmates: Approximately 960 within the USP and approximately 256 within the FPC. Inmates housed in the USP would be high-security male inmates and those housed in the FPC would be minimum-security male inmates. In addition to the USP and FPC, several ancillary facilities necessary for the operation of the USP and FPC would be constructed. The ancillary facilities would include a central utility plant, outdoor firing range, outside warehouse, staff training building, garage/landscape building, access roads, and parking lots. A non-lethal/lethal fence and site lighting would also be installed. The non-lethal/lethal fence would be placed around the perimeter of the USP between two parallel, chain link and razor wire fences. Operation of the USP and FPC would require approximately 300 full-time staff.

The Draft Supplemental RFEIS analyzes potential direct, indirect and cumulative environmental impacts that may result from Modified Alternative 2—Roxana, including land use and zoning; topography, geology, and soils; air quality; noise; infrastructure and utilities; cultural resources; water resources; and biological resources. The Bureau determined there is no significant new information relevant to environmental concerns and no appreciable changes to potential impacts as a result of the modifications to the Roxana site size and facilities layout under Modified Alternative 2—Roxana.

A notice of availability of the Draft Supplemental RFEIS and a notice of public meeting is being published in the area newspapers to identify further details about the public meeting and the specific opportunities and methods for the public to provide comments on the Draft Supplemental RFEIS. The mailing list for the Draft Supplemental RFEIS was based on the mailing list in the 2016 RFEIS. Those on this list will receive a copy of the Draft Supplemental RFEIS. This list includes local, state, and federal agencies with jurisdiction, elected officials and community leaders, businesses and organizations, and other interested parties and individuals. Anyone wishing to be added to the mailing list to receive a copy of the Draft Supplemental RFEIS may request to be added by contacting the Bureau’s Site Selection Specialist at the address below.

The Merit Systems Protection Board is publishing the names of the current and new members of its Performance Review Board (PRB) as required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). Laura M. Albornoz, currently a member of the PRB, will serve as Chairman of the PRB. Michael Cushing of the Export-Import Bank and Louis Lopez of the Office of Special Counsel are new members of the PRB. Susan M. Swafford and William L. Boulden continue to serve as members of the PRB.

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