

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Public Meeting on Proposed Withdrawal of Public Lands; Carson City, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: A public meeting/open house to discuss the proposed withdrawal of approximately 18,595 acres of public lands located in Carson City, Nevada, has been scheduled for May 20, 1998.

SUMMARY: Bureau of Land Management staff will be available in the Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada, to discuss and receive comments on the proposed withdrawal between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 1998. This will be the final date to receive comments on the proposed withdrawal. This meeting is held in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300. The withdrawal has been proposed for a period of 20 years to protect scenic, recreation, wildlife and watershed values located in the open and mountainous terrain surrounding the Carson City urban area. The lands are currently closed from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws. A land use plan amendment which addresses management of public lands within the Carson City urban interface has been completed and approved. Jointly prepared by Carson City and the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office, the plan amendment identifies areas within the Carson City urban interface where public lands will be retained in public ownership; areas where public lands would be available for acquisition by State or local agencies or the private sector; and how public lands will be managed. Further details can be obtained by contacting Chuck Pope, Realty Specialist, at (702) 885-6000.

Dated this 7th day of April, 1998.

Clifford D. Ligons,

Assistant District Manager, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Intention to Renew Concession Permit—Channel Islands National Park, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Pinnacles National Monument, Whiskeytown Unit Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area**

SUMMARY: The National Park Service intends to renew a limited concession permit for a period of four years and eleven months at the following four national park areas; Channel Islands National Park, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Pinnacles National Monument, Whiskeytown Unit Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area. The limited service provided to the visitors at the above locations is accomplished through the Southwest Parks and Monuments cooperating association outlets. These are independent operations and provide the visitors with limited convenience items indicative to the needs of the visitors or in conjunction with items being sold under the cooperative association authorization at each park. The amount of sales are relatively small. The service is restricted to a limited number of items, ranging from 1-5 items, and would not be profitable as a free standing business. The current operator has performed satisfactory and this administrative action is pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965, (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20 *et seq*) and 36 CFR 51.4 and 51.5.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Mac Foreman, Office of Concession Program Management at (415) 427-1368.

Dated: April 3, 1998.

John J. Reynolds,

Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Concession Contract Negotiations; Gateway National Recreation Area, MA; Recreational Vehicle Park and Campground Facilities Operation**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Public Notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing the operation of a recreational vehicle park and

campground facilities for the public within the Gateway National Recreation Area for a period of approximately fifteen (15) years from date of contract execution.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact National Park Service, Boston Support Office, Concession Management Program, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109-3572 ATTN: Lynne Koser, Telephone (617) 223-5209, to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed contract. The cost for each prospectus is \$50.00. Checks or money orders, made payable to the National Park Service, should be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This campground was recognized in the General Management Plan approved in 1979, further planned and impact analyzed by draft Development Concept Plan-Environmental Assessment, 1980-82, resulting in a Record of Decision of April 22, 1983, (completing National Environmental Policy Act compliance) and final Development Concept Plan of August, 1983.

There is no existing concessioner. The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal must be received by the National Park Service, Boston Support Office, Concession Management Program, 15 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3572, not later than the ninetieth (90th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Terry Savage,

Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Winter Use Plans, Environmental Impact Statement, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway, Wyoming**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Winter Use Plans, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA), the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Winter Use Plans for Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway. This statement will be approved by John Cook, Intermountain Regional Director, National Park Service.

Winter visitation in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway is currently managed under a joint Winter Use Plan approved in 1990. Winter use in Yellowstone has increased dramatically from virtually none 30 years ago to more than 140,000 visits per season in the early 1990s. The rapid increase in winter visitation has raised concerns regarding a number of issues. These include, but are not limited to, impacts on natural resources, wildlife, noise and air pollution, crowding, availability of facilities and services, use restrictions, user group conflicts, and the importance of winter visitation to the local and regional economy.

The objective for the Winter Use Plans is to provide future winter visitors in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway with a full range of quality winter use experiences and settings from highly developed to primitive. These recreational experiences will be offered in an appropriate location or setting; they will not take place where they will adversely impact sensitive natural resources, wildlife, cultural areas, or the experiences of other park visitors. In order to ensure the safety of all park visitors and employees, conflicts between different types of user groups will be minimized. Finally, winter recreation within Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway should complement or remain subordinate to the unique aspects of each landscape within the ecosystem.

The Winter Use Plans will define specific resource conditions and visitor experiences that are to be achieved and maintained over time. The parks will be subdivided into meaningful geographic management units or zones. The kinds and levels of visitor use, management activities and development that are appropriate for each unit will be identified. The articulation of desired conditions is particularly important since it is the resulting condition, not the action, that is the basis for decision making. Identifying the desired resource condition and visitor experience provides the framework or parameters for establishing and monitoring visitor

capacities. The qualitative terms identified in the plans will then be translated into quantitative standards over time during monitoring and implementation. Generally speaking, decision making in this planning effort will be focused on desired resource conditions and experiences rather than on the details of how they should be achieved.

The environmental impact statement will document the possible effects of a full range of plan scenarios that satisfy the above purpose and need for action.

Public Information

In 1994 the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service began to work on a coordinated interagency report on winter visitor use management. The interagency planning team produced a draft report on the results of their work in the summer of 1997. The preliminary report, Winter Visitor Use Management: A Multi-Agency Assessment (1997) was on public review from June through September 1997. In addition to soliciting written comments, the team held a series of eight public meetings throughout the Greater Yellowstone Area from February through May 1996. The issues and concerns identified in the interagency planning process will be carried forward to the Winter Use Plans and EIS.

Additional public open houses or workshops will be held in the summer of 1998. These workshops will be advertised through press releases, park information media and public notices (details will be available upon request via the contacts listed below). A series of newsletters will also be published at key points during the progress of the document.

The States of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, as well as Teton County, Wyoming; Park County, Wyoming; Fremont County, Idaho; Park County, Montana; Gallatin County, Montana and the U.S. Forest Service have been invited to participate in the NEPA process as cooperating agencies. The National Park Service is the lead agency on this project.

A scoping brochure will be prepared that details the issues identified to date. Copies of that information can be obtained via the contact listed below.

Comments: All individuals, organizations, agencies or entities that are interested in or may be affected by the proposed plans are encouraged to share comments about issues or concerns that should be addressed during the environmental impact statement process. Written comments concerning the Winter Use Plans and EIS should be postmarked no later than

ninety (90) days from the publication of this notice. Written comments on the Winter Use Plans or EIS should be addressed to Winter Use Plan, Planning Office, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190. Telephone inquiries regarding public meetings may be directed to the contacts listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Planning Office, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190, (307) 344-2024 or Planning Office, Box 170, Grand Teton National Park, Moose, Wyoming 83012, (307) 739-3486.

Information may also be obtained via the Internet at www.nps.gov/yell/winteruseplan/htm

Dated: April 9, 1998.

Abigail Miller,

Deputy Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before April 4, 1998. Pursuant to § 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127. Written comments should be submitted by April 29, 1998.

Beth Savage,

Acting Keeper of the National Register.

ALABAMA

Clarke County

Clarke Mills (Clarke County MPS), 301 W. Church St., Jackson, 98000411

Grove Hill Courthouse Square Historic District (Clarke County MPS), Roughly along Cobb, Court, Jackson, and Main Sts., Grove Hill, 98000410

Whatley Historic District (Clarke County MPS), Roughly along Whatley Rd., from Grove Hill to the RR tracks, Whatley, 98000409

NEW YORK

Tioga County

Silk Street Bridge (Newark County MPS), Silk St., over E Branch of Owego Cr., Newark Valley, 98000430