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Dated: October 21, 1998.

Terry R. Carlstrom,

*Regional Director, National Park Service,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Washington

AGENCY: National Park Service, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service announces the availability of a Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area (NRA), Washington. This notice also announces public meetings for the purpose of receiving comments on the draft document.

DATES: Comments on the draft GMP/EIS should be received no later than January 31, 1999. Public meetings will be held in Coulee Dam, WA, on November 30, 1998; Spokane, WA, on December 1; Kettle Falls, WA, on December 2; and Davenport, WA, on December 3. The specific locations and times of the meetings will be announced in the local media.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Guidance for managing a national park system unit such as Lake Roosevelt NRA is usually done through the development of a general management plan. The current General Management Plan for Lake Roosevelt NRA was approved in 1980. However, much has changed in the past 18 years, and a new management plan is needed to guide managers and decision-makers regarding the future management and use of the national recreation area.

The draft GMP/EIS presents and analyzes two alternatives for managing Lake Roosevelt NRA for the next 15 to

20 years. Alternative 1 proposes a new plan for managing the area that would emphasize maintenance of the existing visitor experience by increasing the capacity of existing facilities where feasible and redirecting other increases in visitation to less used areas. Alternative 1 would provide a framework for decision making regarding natural and cultural resources management, visitor use and development, NRA operations, and land use. Alternative 2, a "no action" alternative, proposes a continuation of management according to the 1980 General Management Plan. The draft alternatives were developed with input from federal, tribal, state, and local governments; concerned groups and individuals; and the general public. The Environmental Impact Statement presents a full discussion of the environmental impacts associated with implementing each alternative.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the draft GMP/EIS should be submitted to: Superintendent, National Park Service, Lake Roosevelt NRA, 1008 Crest Drive, Coulee Dam, WA 99116-1259. Copies of the draft GMP/EIS are available by request from the aforementioned address. The document will also be available for review at the Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C St., NW, Washington, DC 20240, and on the Internet at www.nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold Gibbs, Planning Coordinator, Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area, phone (509) 633-9441, ext. 131, fax (509) 633-9332, or E-mail: harold_gibbs@nps.gov.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

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Superintendent, Columbia Cascades Support Office, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) that the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission will meet on Friday, December 18, 1998. The meeting will convene at 6:00 p.m. at the Wisdom High School, Saint Agatha, Aroostook County, Maine.

The Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Commission was

appointed by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the Maine Acadian Culture Preservation Act (Pub. L. 101-543). The purpose of the Commission is to advise the National Park Service with respect to:

The implementation of an interpretive program of Acadian culture in the state of Maine.

The proceedings of a joint meeting with the Maine Acadian Heritage Council.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

Review of April 10 and June 12, August 21 and October 23, 1998, summary reports.

2. Speaker: Pierre Chartrand on "The Dance of Acadia and Quebec."

3. Report of the National Park Service project staff.

4. Opportunity for public comment.

5. Proposed agenda, place, and date of the next Commission meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. Further information concerning Commission meetings may be obtained from the Superintendent, Acadia National Park. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made at least seven days prior to the meeting to: Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0177; telephone (207) 288-5459.

Dated: October 28, 1998.

Paul F. Haertel,

Superintendent, Acadia National Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of Final Director's Order #77-1: Wetland Protection and Final Procedural Manual #77-1: Wetland Protection

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is converting and updating its current system of internal instructions in conformance with a new system of NPS internal guidance documents. As part of this process, the NPS recently made available for public review and comment (63 FR 45254) a draft Director's Order #77-1: Wetland Protection and a draft Procedural Manual #77-1: Wetland Protection. The Director's Order will revise NPS policies, standards, and requirements

for implementing Executive Order 11990: Protection of Wetlands, and the Procedural Manual will establish NPS procedures for implementing the Director's Order within units of the National Park System.

The public review period for the Director's Order and Procedural Manual ended on September 24, 1998.

Comments received during this period have been carefully considered and have been incorporated into the documents, as appropriate (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**). The comments were mostly related to clarifying certain points in the Director's Order and Procedural Manual, and did not result in any substantive changes to the policies, requirements, standards, or procedures proposed in the draft documents.

The NPS now announces the availability of the final Director's Order #77-1 and final Procedural Manual #77-1. The previous NPS wetland protection guidance, found in the 1980 NPS Floodplain Management and Wetland Protection Guidelines (45 FR 35916, minor revisions in 47 FR 36718), is now rescinded.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPS received four sets of written comments during the public review. One commenter was concerned that Director's Order #77-1 and Procedural Manual #77-1 might apply to activities conducted by a private party on lands that are outside of NPS units. The NPS believes that Section 2.0 of the Director's Order and Section 4.1.B of the Procedural Manual clearly indicate that these policies, requirements, and procedures apply only to activities conducted by the NPS that are either on or otherwise affect lands managed by the agency. A minor wording change was incorporated into Section 4.1.B of the Procedural Manual to help clarify this point.

A state agency recognized the rationale for the 0.1 acre wetland impact threshold for required compensation (Section 5.2.C of the Procedural Manual), but expressed concern that this threshold could potentially lead to unacceptable cumulative impacts in arid areas where small wetlands are especially important. The NPS believes that these concerns are adequately addressed in several ways. First, these procedures and NPS National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures do not allow an action to be "categorically excluded" from the NEPA process if there is the potential for adverse impacts on wetlands. Therefore, such cumulative impacts would have to be addressed in an Environmental

Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement, and justified in the required wetland "Statement of Findings" (Section 5.3.D and 5.3.E of the Procedural Manual). Second, we believe that the required wetland avoidance and impact minimization steps outlined in Section 5.2 of the Procedural Manual, along with other NPS natural resources policies and procedures, make the choice of important desert aquatic habitats for development sites highly unlikely. Third, such actions would also be subject to the permitting provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. For these reasons, the NPS is convinced that such areas are adequately protected from such cumulative impacts, and no changes were made on this subject in the final documents.

A federal agency found the Director's Order and Procedural Manual to be clear and useful to NPS staff and the public, and provided a number of comments intended to further clarify information in the areas of wetland definitions, assessment methodologies, delineation manuals, compensation, inventories, and treatment of incidental wetlands. We found these suggestions to be useful, and incorporated a number of them via minor modifications of Sections 2.3 and 2.4 of the Director's Order and Sections 2.2.C, 2.2.D, 3.2, 4.1.A, 4.2.B, and 4.2.C of the Procedural Manual.

DATES: Director's Order #77-1: Wetland Protection and Procedural Manual #77-1: Wetland Protection became effective on October 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Director's Order #77.1: Wetland Protection and Procedural Manual #77.1: Wetland Protection are available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.nps.gov/refdesk/DOrders/index.htm> Requests for copies should be sent to: Joel Wagner, National Park Service, Water Resources Division, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joel Wagner at (303) 969-2955.

Dated: October 30, 1998.

Michael Soukup,

Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Justice Management Division/ Information Resources Management/ Telecommunications Services Staff; Notice of Establishment of the Global Criminal Justice Information Network Advisory Committee

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2 (1972), and 41 CFR 101-6.1001-6.1035 (1992), the Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Information Resources Management, with the concurrence of the U.S. Attorney General, is establishing the Global Criminal Justice Information Network Advisory Committee to define the core requirements of the Global Criminal Justice Information Network, be the advocate to the Attorney General and to Congress, and set guiding principles to implement the Global Criminal Justice Information Network capabilities.

The Government Advisory Group is authorized by Initiative A07, "Address the Information Technology Needs of Our Nation's Criminal Justice Community," from Vice President Gore's National Performance Report entitled "Across America." The specific actions of A07 state that the Government Advisory Group will "define the core requirements of a Global Criminal Justice Information Network. Core requirements should include security and privacy protections * * * this group should also identify the challenges, such as funding, standards, and leadership, that might delay the network's implementation."

Membership

In accordance with the provisions of National Performance Review Initiative A07, this Advisory Committee will be composed of representatives from federal, state, and local government criminal justice community organizations experienced in identifying the criminal justice community's requirements for sharing information.

The Global Criminal Justice Information Network Advisory Committee will consist of approximately 25 members appointed by the U.S. Attorney General. The Advisory Committee will be advisory only and will report to the U.S. Attorney General through the Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Information Resources Management.

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