

Definitions Related to This Notice

The following definitions are provided to assist those persons who contemplate submitting information regarding the status of the species being reviewed:

A. *Species* includes any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plant, and any distinct population segment of any species of vertebrate, which interbreeds when mature.

B. *Endangered* means any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

C. *Threatened* means any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

How Do We Determine Whether a Species is Endangered or Threatened?

Section 4(a)(1) of the Act requires that we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened based on one or more of the five following factors:

A. The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range;

B. Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;

C. Disease or predation;

D. The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or

E. Other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence.

Our assessment of these factors is required, under section 4(b)(1) of the Act, to be based solely on the best scientific and commercial data available.

What Could Happen as a Result of This Review?

If we find that there is information concerning the Bliss Rapids snail indicating a change in classification may be warranted, we may propose a new rule that could do one of the following: (a) reclassify the species from threatened to endangered; or (b) remove of the species from the List. If we find that a change in classification is not warranted, the Bliss Rapids snail will remain on the List under its current threatened status.

Public Solicitation of New Information

We request any new scientific or commercial information concerning the status of the Bliss Rapids snail. See "What Information is Considered in the Review?" heading above for specific types of information. If possible, this information should be supported by documentation such as maps, a list of bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or

copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

Authority: This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: June 22, 2004.

William F. Shake,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-961-1410-HY-P; AA-6981-D, SEA-4]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Haida Land Exchange Act of 1986 will be issued to Haida Corporation. The lands are located in T. 54 S., R. 63 E., and T. 56 S., R. 64 E., Copper River Meridian, in the vicinity of Sitka, Alaska, and contain approximately 63 acres. Notice of decision will also be published four times in the *Juneau Empire*.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until August 26, 2004 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from:

Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherry Belenski, by phone at (907) 271-3333, or by e-mail at Sherry_Belenski@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-

8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mrs. Belenski.

Sherri D. Belenski,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of Land Transfer Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Land Use Plan Amendment To Provide for a Proposed Direct Land Sale

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR part 1600, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Idaho Falls Field Office (IFFO) proposes to amend the Medicine Lodge Resource Management Plan (RMP) to identify a 5.81 acre parcel of public land for disposal in Jefferson County, Idaho. Additionally, the IFFO proposes to patent the parcel to Byron and Teresa Blakely, reserving a conservation easement to the United States.

DATES: Comments regarding the proposed plan amendment must be received by September 10, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Carol McCoy Brown, Field Manager, Idaho Falls Field Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Rice, Wildlife Biologist, or Skip Staffel, Realty Specialist, at the above address or by calling (208) 524-7500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described public land in Jefferson County, Idaho, will be examined for possible disposal by direct sale under sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719:

Boise Meridian, Idaho

T. 4 N., R. 40 E.,
Sec. 25, Lot 18.

The land described above contains approximately 5.81 acres.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land described above will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except for the sale provisions of FLPMA.

An environmental assessment will be completed for this action. If the land is

found suitable for disposal, the United States would offer it for direct sale to Byron and Teresa Blakely at fair market value, with a conservation easement retained by the BLM. This action would resolve litigation entitled *United States v. Byron Blakely and Teresa Blakely* (Civ. 99-339-E-BLW) over disputed ownership of lands. The public is invited to provide scoping comments on the issues that should be addressed in the plan amendment and environmental assessment. The following resources will be considered in preparation of the plan amendment: Lands, wildlife and migratory birds, recreation, wilderness, range, minerals, cultural resources, watershed/soils, threatened/endangered species, and hazardous materials. Staff specialists representing these resources will make up the planning team. Planning issues will include the same planning criteria originally considered for the Medicine Lodge RMP; however, issues for this amendment are expected to primarily involve the adjustment of land tenure. No public meetings are scheduled.

Current land use planning information is available at the Idaho Falls BLM office. Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays.

Dated: July 1, 2004.

Glen Guenther,

Acting Field Manager, Idaho Falls Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Public notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award two temporary concession contracts, one at Watch Hill and the other at Sailor's Haven to include the operation of marina, food service, campground, and sundry merchandise sales facilities and services for the public at these locations within Fire Island National Seashore, New York for a term not to exceed October 31, 2004. It is necessary to award these contracts in order to avoid the interruption of visitor services.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These temporary concession contracts are being awarded to the Davis Park Marine Service, Inc., Patchogue, New York and the Howard T. Rose Company, Inc., Sayville, New York.

This action is issued pursuant to 36 CFR 51.24(a). This is not a request for

proposals and no prospectus is being issued at this time. The Secretary intends to issue a competitive solicitation for offers for a long-term operator for various services in the near future. You may be placed on a mailing list for receiving information regarding the competitive solicitation by sending a written request to the following address: Superintendent, Fire Island National Seashore, 120 Laurel Street, Patchogue, NY 11772.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone 202/513-7156.

Dated: March 27, 2004.

Richard G. Ring,

Associate Director, Administration, Business Practices and Workforce Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice To Prepare a Revised Draft EIS

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice to prepare a Revised Draft Backcountry Management Plan, General Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement for Denali National Park and Preserve.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces its intent to prepare a Revised Draft Backcountry Management Plan, General Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Denali National Park and Preserve. The Revised Draft EIS will evaluate four new action alternatives in addition to the no-action alternative which will replace the four action alternatives included in the February 2003 Draft Backcountry Management Plan and EIS (**Federal Register**, 68 FR 8782, 2003). The NPS decision to revise the plan is in response to public comment on the February 2003 draft which indicated the need for revised management area descriptions and additional actions. The Revised Draft Backcountry Management Plan and EIS will be available in Fall 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Tranel, Chief of Planning, Denali National Park and Preserve. Telephone: (907) 644-3611.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing a backcountry management plan and EIS that will amend the 1986 General Management Plan for Denali National

Park and Preserve. The purpose of the plan and EIS is to formulate a comprehensive plan for the backcountry of Denali National Park and Preserve, including designated wilderness that will provide management direction over the next 15-20 years. The backcountry of Denali National Park and Preserve is defined to include the entire park except for those areas designated specifically for development in the entrance area and along the road corridor. The NPS initiated this backcountry management plan EIS (**Federal Register**, 64 FR 49503, 1999) to address the rapidly growing level and diversity of uses, resource management needs, and the anticipated demand for future uses not foreseen or addressed in the 1986 General Management Plan. In the February 2003 Draft Plan and EIS, the NPS presented a range of four action alternatives based on planning objectives, park resources, and public input which described actions related to management area designation, recreational activities, and administrative activities.

The Revised Draft Plan and EIS will present four new action alternatives that respond to public comment on the February 2003 Draft Backcountry Management Plan and EIS. The revised alternatives will broaden the range of potential actions, clarify the descriptions of management areas, and describe methodologies for managing access to the park and preserve. It will also refine other actions described in the draft plan in response to substantive comments related to guided activities and commercial services, facilities, and administration.

Ralph Tingey,

Acting Regional Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Merced Wild and Scenic River Revised Comprehensive Management Plan; Yosemite National Park, Mariposa and Madera Counties, CA; Notice of Intent To Prepare Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

Summary: Pursuant to provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (Pub. L. 91-190), the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Pub. L. 90-542), and the Order of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, the National Park Service is initiating public scoping for the conservation planning and environmental impact