

minimize impacts to BICY's resources, including soil, hydrology, vegetation and wildlife;

g. Methods of monitoring impacts of ORV use in BICY and mechanisms for taking remedial action based on the results of such monitoring efforts. Methods of monitoring impacts may include, among other things, the use of control areas as a baseline;

h. Procedures and considerations (including but not limited to ecological and recreational factors) for closing, opening and reopening areas and closing, relocating, opening and reopening trails to ORV use.

Dated: December 15, 1995.

Jerry Belson,

Field Director, Southeast Area.

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Cape Cod National Seashore, South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. App. 1, section 10), that a meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission will be held on Friday, January 26, 1996.

The Commission was reestablished pursuant to Public Law 99-349, Amendment 24. The purpose of the Commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, with respect to matters relating to the development of the Cape Cod National Seashore, and with respect to carrying out the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of the Act establishing the Seashore.

The Commission members will meet at 1 p.m. at Park Headquarters, Marconi Station for their regular business meeting which will be held for the following reasons:

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)—9/22/95, 11/08/95
3. Reports of Officers
4. Old Business
5. Report of Superintendent Negotiated Rulemaking Hatches Harbor—Airport Race Point Road Cranberry Bog Lighthouse(s) update GMP Draft Landswap—Provincetown
6. Dune Shack Policy—R. Philbrick
7. Use & Occupancy Subcommittee—W. Hammatt
8. Wildland Fire Research at Cape Cod
9. New Business

Proposed Park Closure Commission

10. Date for next meeting
11. Agenda for next meeting
12. Public comment
13. Adjournment

The meeting is open to the public. It is expected that 15 persons will be able to attend the meeting in addition to the Commission members.

Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission during the business meeting or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the park superintendent at least seven days prior to the meeting. Further information concerning the meeting may be obtained from the Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, So. Wellfleet, MA 02663.

Dated: December 15, 1995.

Chrysandra L. Walter,

Deputy Field Director, Northeast Field Area.

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Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Lake Clark National Park and the Chairperson of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Lake Clark National Park announce a forthcoming meeting of the Lake Clark National Park Subsistence Resource Commission.

The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Chairman's welcome.
- (2) Introduction of Commission members and guests.
- (3) Review agenda.
- (4) Approval of minutes of last meeting.
- (5) Old business:
 - Update of Roster Regulation.
- (6) New business:
 - Election of Chairperson.
 - Discussion of Commission appointments.
 - Discussion of 1996-97 proposals to change federal subsistence regulations.
- (7) Agency comments and public comments.
- (8) Determine time and date of next meeting.
- (9) Adjournment.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 24, 1996. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end that afternoon. In accordance with 41 CFR 101-6.1015(b), we are providing less than 15 days notice in the Federal Register because of the following exceptional circumstances:

a. Closure of the Department of Interior (and other parts of the federal government) from December 16 through January 6.

b. The need to convene the Commission prior to the Bristol Bay Regional Council meeting (January 30).

LOCATION: The meeting will be held at the Newhalen City Hall, Newhalen, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph A. Fowler, Acting Superintendent, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, 4230 University Dr. #311, Anchorage, Alaska 99508. Phone (907) 271-3751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act.

Paul R. Anderson,

Acting Field Director.

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Small Miner Waiver From Annual Maintenance Fees on Unpatented Claims in National Park System Units

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of interface between National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management requirements for small miner waiver.

SUMMARY: In the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-66, 107 Stat. 407) ("the Act"), Congress requires holders of unpatented claims on Federal lands to pay an annual maintenance fee for each mining claim, mill site, and tunnel site that has been located and held under the general mining laws, through September 1, 1999. Payment of the maintenance fee by August 31 each year keeps each claim in good standing until noon of September 1 of the following year. It replaces the requirement in the Mining Law of 1872 of performing \$100 of annual assessment work per claim or site.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) implemented the Act by promulgating regulations at 43 CFR Subpart 3833 (59 FR 44857 (August 30, 1994)). The BLM regulations, among other functions, establish the procedures for paying and administering the annual maintenance fee, and the procedures that enable claimants to obtain a small miner

waiver from payment of the annual maintenance fee. The BLM regulations also implement the Act's provision that failure to pay the annual maintenance fee by each August 31, or, in the alternative, to comply with the steps necessary to waive the maintenance fee, will result in forfeiture of the mining claim, mill site, or tunnel site. The BLM regulations must be carefully followed to waive the annual maintenance fee.

Claimants who wish to obtain a small miner waiver from the maintenance fee and who hold mining claims, mill sites, or tunnel sites in units of the National Park System must additionally comply with National Park Service (NPS) regulations at 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart A.

The purpose of this Notice is to assist claimants who seek a small miner waiver from the annual maintenance fee for unpatented claims, mill sites, or tunnel sites located in a unit of the National Park System, by explaining the interface between the relevant BLM and NPS regulations. This Notice does not explain all BLM requirements pertaining to the small miner waiver. An explanation of the BLM requirements may be found at 43 CFR Subpart 3833 (59 FR 44857 (August 30, 1994)). This Notice also does not address other available types of waivers from the annual maintenance fee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about this Notice should be directed to Roger Haskins at the Bureau of Land Management, (202) 452-0355, or Carol McCoy at the National Park Service, (303) 969-2096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and implementing regulations at 43 CFR 3833.1-5, every holder of an unpatented mining claim, mill site, or tunnel site must pay a maintenance fee for each claim, mill site, or tunnel site to the proper BLM State office. This maintenance fee is currently set at \$100. The maintenance fee must be paid on or before August 31 each year to keep each claim, mill site, or tunnel site in good standing until noon of September 1 of the following year. The Act is in effect until September 1, 1999, unless otherwise extended by Act of Congress.

As directed by the Act, BLM defines a small miner as one who, as of each August 31, holds a total of ten (10) or fewer mining claims, mill sites, or tunnel sites on Federal lands. Small miners may waive the \$100 annual maintenance fee by performing \$100 of assessment work on each mining claim and by filing a waiver certification and an affidavit of labor with the proper BLM State office. The assessment work

must be completed and the waiver certification must be filed for each claim, mill site, or tunnel site on or before August 31, in order to qualify for the waiver and to keep each claim, mill site, or tunnel site in good standing until noon of September 1 of the following year. The affidavit of labor must be filed with the proper BLM State office on or before each December 30.

Claimants with unpatented mining claims, mill sites, or tunnel sites in park units who seek to waive the maintenance fee must also comply with NPS regulations at 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart A. Under the NPS regulations, no surface-disturbing activities associated with a mining claim inside a park unit may occur without a claimant or a claimant's operator first submitting and obtaining NPS approval of a plan of operations. However, no plan of operations will be accepted for assessment work only (see 36 CFR 9.7(b)(2)). A plan of operations basically serves as an operator's intended blueprint for extracting and transporting minerals from a claim. By becoming informed of intended mineral development before such development commences, the NPS can require the claimant or operator to undertake mitigation measures necessary to assure the protection of National Park resources and values. Authority for the NPS regulations stems from the NPS Organic Act of 1916, as amended, and the Mining in the Parks Act of 1976. The requirements for a plan of operations, and an explanation of how a plan of operations fits into the BLM waiver procedures, are described below.

Procedures

I. Submit Plan of Operations to NPS for Mineral Development Activities

Before becoming eligible for a small miner waiver from the annual maintenance fee in a park unit, a person or entity seeking the waiver must first submit and obtain NPS approval of a complete plan of operations. The completeness determination of a plan of operations rests with the NPS, not with the claimant or operator. To be considered complete, a plan of operations must contain the elements described in 36 CFR 9.9. Such elements include specific descriptions of the intended mineral development work, likely environmental effects, routes of access to and from the claim, equipment to be used, a timetable of work, reclamation, and other aspects of the intended work. Advance approval of the plan of operations is vital to the NPS's ability to carry out its mission to preserve units of the National Park

System for current and future generations.

To reduce unnecessary surface disturbance in park units, § 9.7(b)(2) of the NPS regulations precludes the NPS from accepting or approving plans of operations for activities in park units that are conducted solely for the purpose of fulfilling BLM's requirement of \$100 of annual assessment work. For claimants seeking a small miner waiver, this means that their intended activity in a park unit must encompass more than the assessment work that BLM requires of claimants on public lands. To receive NPS approval, the activity in a park unit must further the ultimate commercial mineral development of the claim. Activities that are acceptable to NPS include delineation of the mineral deposit or commencement of commercial mineral development. Performing these or similar activities will fulfill NPS regulations and BLM's assessment work requirement.

II. Obtain Approval of Plan of Operations or a Deferment of Assessment

To be approvable, a complete plan of operations must meet the approval standards of 36 CFR 9.10. Approval by the NPS of a claimant's plan of operations may take more than 60 days. The reason is that NPS cannot approve a plan of operations without first determining the validity of the unpatented mining claims, mill sites, or tunnel sites included in the plan. The NPS is required by the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-433, 108 Stat. 4471, 16 U.S.C. 410aa) to verify the validity of claims in Mojave National Preserve. In all other units of the National Park System, the NPS performs validity examinations based on its interpretation of Congressional intent as set forth in the Mining in the Parks Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*).

No mineral development work may occur on an unpatented mining claim, mill site, or tunnel site on park units until (1) The NPS determines that the plan of operations submitted by a small miner is complete, (2) the NPS determines that the claims, mill sites, or tunnel sites included in the plan of operations are valid, (3) the NPS approves the plan of operations, and (4) the claimant posts a reclamation bond with the NPS. Upon completion of these requirements, a claimant may proceed with the mineral development work. To qualify for the small miner waiver, BLM regulations require this work to be completed and a waiver certification to be filed with BLM on or before each August 31.

If claimants seeking a small miner waiver for the upcoming year will not be able to conduct the mineral development work and file the waiver certification prior to August 31 because of the NPS's need to conduct a validity examination, such claimants may apply to BLM for a deferment of assessment work. As part of the application, claimants must present a letter to the BLM from the NPS as a testament to their having submitted to NPS a complete plan of operations before August 31. Specifically, the letter from the NPS must state the following: (1) the NPS finds the claimant's plan of operations complete, (2) the NPS cannot act on the plan until the NPS conducts a validity examination of the claim, and (3) the NPS anticipates completing the validity examination after August 31.

The decision of whether to grant a deferment of assessment work rests with the BLM, not the NPS. Claimants wishing to obtain more information regarding the application requirements for a deferment and criteria for granting deferments should contact the proper BLM State office.

III. Avoid Doubt by Paying the Maintenance Fee

NPS urges all claimants who hold mining claims, mill sites, or tunnel sites on National Park System lands and who wish to apply for the small miner waiver from the annual maintenance fee to carefully review and thoroughly comply with the BLM and NPS regulations explained in this Notice and contained in the CFR cites listed in this Notice. Claimants interested in waiving the fee are urged to begin the process early by reviewing the NPS requirements for a plan of operations and submitting a complete plan of operations to the appropriate NPS park superintendent as soon as possible.

Claimants who have any doubts that BLM will consider them eligible for the small miner waiver, or who, for any reason, are unable to complete the steps described in this Notice or in the BLM regulations on or before each August 31, are advised to pay the annual maintenance fee for each mining claim, mill site, or tunnel site. Otherwise, such claimants risk forfeiting the mining claims, mill sites, or tunnel sites.

Dated: December 12, 1995.

John Reynolds,

Acting Director, National Park Service.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

Agency for International Development

SES Performance Review Board

AGENCY: United States Agency for International Development.

ACTION: Notice of Membership Roster for the Agency's Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB).

SUMMARY: This notice lists approved candidates who will comprise a standing roster for service on the Agency's SES Performance Review Board. The Agency will use this roster to select a Performance Review Board chairperson, SES and SFS board members, and a public member for the convening SES Performance Review Board each year. The standing roster is as follows:

To serve as chairperson or as a SES member:

Peter Kimm
James Painter
Barbara Turner
Caroline McGraw
Leonard Rogers

To serve as SES members:

Robert Lester
Lois Hartman
Michael Kitay
Thomas Huggard
Joan Dudik-Gayoso
Arnold Haiman
Nan D. Borton
David Hales

To serve as SFS members:

Janet Ballantyne
Walter Bollinger
Carol Peasley
Sidney Chernenkoff
Kathleen Hansen
Dawn Liberi
Eric R. Zallman

To serve as a public member:

Lenora Alexander
Amy Billingsley
Robert Halligan
Lula Dawson
Ruth Camacho
Electra Beahler
J. Merle Schulman

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

R. Darlene DeWitt or Melissa McCoy at (703) 302-4151 or 302-4154 respectively.

Dated: January 16, 1996.

Shirley D. Renrick,

Executive Secretary, SES Performance Review Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Advisory Council on Violence Against Women

AGENCY: United States Department of Justice and United States Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Council on Violence Against Women will meet on January 25, 1996, in the Great Hall, at the United States Department of Justice, 10th and Constitution Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is currently scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and to end at 4:30 p.m. The agenda consists of committee reports and discussions by the seven working groups. These working groups are divided according to area of expertise and interest and include: Media and Entertainment; Colleges and Universities; Workplace; Religious Community; Sports Industry; Health Professionals; and Law Enforcement.

The meeting will be open to the public on a space-available basis, but reservations are required. A photo ID will be requested for admittance. See contact below to reserve a space and to advise of any special needs. Sign language interpreters will be provided. Anyone wishing to submit written questions to this session should notify the Designated Federal Employee by Tuesday, January 23, 1996. The notification may be done by mail, telegram, facsimile, or a hand delivered note. It should contain the requestor's name; corporate designation, consumer affiliation, or Government designation; along with a short statement describing the topic to be addressed. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to the Office of the Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services, Room 615F, 200 Indiana Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, telephone (202) 690-8157, facsimile (202) 690-7595.

Bonnie J. Campbell,

Director, Violence Against Women Office, United States Department of Justice.

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Notice of Consent Decree in Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Action

In accordance with the Departmental Policy, 28 C.F.R. 50.7, notice is hereby given that five Consent Decrees in