

**National Park Service****60-Day Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, The Department of Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Park Service's (NPS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection used in the Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program administered by the NPS.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by November 29, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Terry Tesar, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Audit and Accountability Team Office, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Historic Preservation Certification Application.

*OMB Number:* 1024-0009.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* December 31, 1996.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code requires that the Secretary of the Interior certify to the Secretary of the Treasury upon application by owners of historic properties for Federal tax benefits, (a) the historic character of the property, and (b) that the rehabilitation work is consistent with that historic character. The National Park Service administers the program in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service. The Historic Preservation Certification Application is used by the National Park Service to evaluate the condition and historic significance of buildings undergoing rehabilitation for continued use, and to evaluate whether the rehabilitation work meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit entities.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 7,500 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Terry Tesar, the Agency Information Collection Clearance Officer, at (202) 523-5092.

Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate ways to minimize the burden, or any other aspect of this information collection, to:

Charles E. Fisher, III, Acting Chief, Technical Preservation Services Branch, Heritage Preservation Services Program, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.

All response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 25, 1996.

Terry N. Tesar,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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**National Park Service****Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Development Concept Plan for the Brooks River Area, Katmai National Park and Preserve, Alaska**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of a final environmental impact statement (EIS) on the development concept plan for the Brooks River Area of Katmai National Park and Preserve.

**DATES:** A Record of Decision will be made no sooner than October 30, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Public reading copies of the final EIS will be available for review in the following locations:

Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Room 3424, Washington DC 20240, (telephone 202-208-6843).

Alaska System Support Office, National Park Service, 2525 Gambell Street, Room 404, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2892, (telephone 907-257-2647).

Superintendent, Katmai National Park and Preserve, 4230 University Drive, Suite 311, Anchorage, Alaska 99613, (telephone 907-271-3751).

Katmai National Park and Preserve, King Salmon, Alaska (telephone 907-246-3305).

A limited number of copies of the statement are available on request from: Bill Pierce, Superintendent, Katmai National Park and Preserve, 4230 University Drive, Suite 311, Anchorage, Alaska 99613, phone (907) 271-3751 or Alaska System Support Office, National Park Service, 2525 Gambell Street, Room 404, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2892, phone (907) 257-2647.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The development concept plan proposes to reorient management, use and development of the Brooks River Area in Katmai National Park and Preserve to more adequately preserve and interpret the area's critical brown bear habitat and globally significant brown bear viewing opportunities, nationally significant cultural resources and scenic values, and world-class sport fishing opportunities. Major features of the proposal (alternative 5) include removal of all NPS and concessions' facilities north of the river and relocating them about ¾ mile south of the river, away from the prime resource area. The immediate area of Brooks River would become a day use area only; overnight facilities would be above the Beaver Pond Terrace and along the Valley Road. By removing facilities north of the river, the local bear population would experience less disturbance from humans, and incremental impacts on cultural resources would cease. All new structures would be sited to avoid impacts on cultural resources at the Beaver Pond Terrace site. The river would be managed for quality bear viewing, wildlife photography, and sportfishing. Improvements would be made to support these activities, including a lodge and campground. A management support facility would be built along the Valley Road near the new public facilities to provide employee housing that includes bathrooms and cooking facilities for NPS and concession staff and an expanded maintenance area. All facilities would be designed and built to minimize costs as reasonable. Day-use limits would be established at levels somewhat higher than the July 1992 average to allow more people to access the area. Access to the area would be by float plane and boat, and would be east of the Beaver Pond away from critical bear habitat. Partnerships would be emphasized to implement DCP recommendations. Efforts would be made to plan for dispersed visitor use throughout the park.

Alternatives to the proposal include the no-action alternative, alternative 1 (minimum requirements), alternative 2 (the former NPS Proposal in the Draft DCP/EIS for the Beaver Pond Terrace), alternative 3 (Iliuk Moraine Terrace), and alternative 4 (day use only). The no action alternative would continue the status quo visitation and management of the Brooks River Area. Alternative 1 would retain the present Brooks Camp facilities while upgrading existing resource protection programs, add four significant structures north of Brooks

River, and establish day use limits slightly below the 1992 average. Alternative 2 would remove all facilities north of Brooks River and locate a new lodge, campground and support facilities above the Beaver Pond Terrace, about ¾ mile from Brooks River. Brooks River would become a day-use area only, with day-use limits significantly below the July 1992 average. Alternative 3 would remove all facilities north of Brooks River and relocate Brooks Camp on a larger scale to the terrace above Iliuk Moraine, two miles south of Brooks River. Brooks River would become a day use area only. Alternative 4 would remove all facilities north of the river, and no overnight facilities would be available at Brooks River. Brooks River would become a day use area only.

The responsible official for a Record of Decision on the proposed action is the Alaska Field Director, National Park Service, 2525 Gambell Street, Room 401, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 (telephone 907-257-2690).

Robert D. Barbee,

*Alaska Field Area Director.*

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## Bureau of Reclamation

[FES 96-48]

### Southern Nevada Water Authority Treatment and Transmission Facility, Clark County, Nevada

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability on the final environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) have prepared a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) on a new water treatment and transmission facility proposed by SNWA. The SNWA proposes to construct and operate a system of regional water supply facilities known as the Treatment and Transmission Facility (TTF). The new TTF would be used in conjunction with the existing Southern Nevada Water System to treat Colorado River water and transmit it to the Las Vegas Valley, Nevada.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the FEIS are available for public review at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Regional Liaison, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240, telephone: (202) 208-6269.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Regional Director, Lower Colorado Regional Office, Attn: EIS Lead, LC-2206 Mead Building, P.O. Box 61470, Boulder City, NV 89006-1470, telephone: (702) 293-8519.

- Southern Nevada Water Authority, Attn: EIS Manager, 1850 East Flamingo Road, Suite 234, Las Vegas, NV 89119, telephone: (702) 862-3446.

- Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District, Attn: Environmental Coordinator, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108, telephone: (702) 647-5097.

- National Park Service, Lake Mead Recreation Area, Attn: EIS Coordinator, 601 Nevada Highway, Boulder City, NV 89005, telephone: (702) 239-8935.

- Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Attn: EIS Coordinator, 300 Booth St., Reno, NV 89509, telephone: (702) 784-5304.

- Libraries: Copies will also be available for review at public libraries located in Boulder City, Henderson, Las Vegas, and North Las Vegas, NV.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James Green, LC-2206, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Regional Office, Environmental Compliance Group, P.O. Box 61470, Boulder City, NV 89006-1470, telephone: (702) 293-8519.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS addresses the impacts of a new TTF to withdraw existing State of Nevada allocation of Colorado River water from Lake Mead, treat it, and convey it to the Las Vegas Valley, Nevada. Three critical issues are related to water-facility infrastructure in the Las Vegas Valley: (1) The Valley is dependent on a single water treatment and delivery facility, the existing Southern Nevada Water System (SNWS), for 85 percent of its water supply; (2) the capacity of the existing facilities which deliver Colorado River water, including those of the expanded SNWS, will be insufficient to meet projected peak daily water demands by the year 1999; and (3) the existing water facility infrastructure cannot provide full access to SNWA's Colorado River water entitlement and the entitlements of its purveyor members under the current typical pattern of seasonal water demand. With these considerations in mind, the SNWA conceived the TTF as a supplemental facility to treat and

transmit Colorado River water to the Valley.

The proposed TTF would be comprised of three main components: a new untreated water intake; new transmission facilities including belowground pipelines, tunnels, and aboveground booster pumping stations; and a water treatment facility. Six alternatives, including no action, are analyzed in the FEIS. Five action alternatives analyze varying combinations of these main components. The preferred alternative comprises an intake at Saddle Island, use of the existing River Mountains tunnel, and a treatment facility on the western slope of the River Mountains. Additional water transmission and storage facilities would be constructed in Las Vegas Valley. The TTF has been developed as a reliable and demand-responsive system that will supplement and function integrally with the existing SNWS. The TTF would be locally financed, and does not involve any Federal funding for construction, operation or maintenance. The TTF would follow a community endorsed phasing plan under which facilities are constructed only as needed.

Federal actions required for the proposed action would be the issuance of permits, rights-of-way, and modification of existing water delivery/service contracts. These actions would allow the SNWA to construct new facilities on Federal lands adjacent to Lake Mead, withdraw existing State of Nevada Allocation of Colorado River water from Lake Mead and convey it to the Las Vegas Valley.

The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) was issued on November 8, 1995. Responses to comments received from interested organizations and individuals on the DEIS during the 90-day comment period are addressed in the FEIS. No decision will be made on the proposed action until 30 days after release of the FEIS. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will state the action that will be implemented and will discuss all factors leading to the decision.

Dated: September 20, 1996.

William E. Rinne,

*Director, Resource Management and Technical Services.*

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