

Fairbanks, Alaska—June 23, 1997—
BLM, Northern District, Office Bldg.,
1150, University Ave.
Healy, Alaska—June 24, 1997—Tri
Valley School, Lunchroom
Anderson, Alaska—June 25, 1997—
Council Chambers, Anderson City
Hall, 260, W. First St.
Nenana, Alaska—June 26, 1997—
Nenana Public School, 2nd and C St.

The meetings will be held in an open-house format from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and a public workshop format will be conducted from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Any changes to the above meeting times or locations will be posted in the local newspaper and in local public buildings. Public scoping for this EIS will end on July 11, 1997. All written comments must be postmarked on or before July 11, 1997.

Information, comments, and nominations on specific issues to be addressed in the EIS are sought from all interested parties.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Foreman, (907) 474-2339 or g1forema@ak.blm.gov., or by mail at 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709.

Dated: May 19, 1997.

Dee Ritchie,

Northern District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Establishment of the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

SUMMARY: Notice to announce the formal establishment of the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, effective June 14, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Scotts Bluff National Monument, P.O. Box 27, Gering, Nebraska 69341-0027; or telephone 308-436-4340.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 89-33 (79 Stat. 123.) approved June 5, 1965, authorized the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument in the State of Nebraska as a unit of the National Park System. The park was authorized to preserve for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations the outstanding paleontological sites known as the Agate Springs Fossil Quarries, and nearby related geological phenomena, to provide a center for

continuing paleontological research and for the display and interpretation of the scientific specimens uncovered at such sites, and to facilitate the protection and exhibition of a valuable collection of Native American artifacts and relics that are representative of an important phase of Native American history.

Public Law 89-33 authorized the Secretary of the Interior to acquire by donation, or by purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or otherwise, title or a lesser interest in not more than three thousand one hundred and fifty acres of land in Township 28 North, Range 55 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Sioux County, Nebraska, for inclusion in the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument in accordance with the boundary designation made pursuant to Section 2 thereof, which boundary may include such right-of-way as is needed for a road between the Stenomylus Quarry site and the monument lands lying in Section 3 or 10 of the said Township and Range.

Further, upon completion of land acquisition, the Secretary of the Interior may establish the park area by publishing a notice in the **Federal Register**, and any subsequent adjustment of its boundaries shall be effectuated in the same manner.

The National Park Service has prepared a map identified as Boundary Map of Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Drawing Number 165/80,023, dated May 1997, which depicts the boundaries established by this notice. A copy of the map is available at the following locations: The Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Land Resources Division, 1849 "C" Street, NW, Room 2444, Washington, D.C. 20240; the National Park Service, Midwest Field Area, 1709 Jackson Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102; and Scotts Bluff National Monument or Agate Fossil Beds National Monument at the address listed above.

Dated: May 13, 1997.

William W. Schenk,

Field Director, Midwest Field Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Designation of Potential Wilderness as Wilderness, Joshua Tree National Park

Public Law (Pub. L.) 94-567, approved October 20, 1976, designated 429,690 acres as wilderness in Joshua Tree National Monument and further

identified 37,550 acres as potential wilderness additions. The National Park Service (NPS) depicted the wilderness and potential wilderness additions in maps entitled "Joshua Tree Wilderness," numbered 156-20,003D and dated February 1977. In May 1978, the NPS published the legal description of the wilderness and potential wilderness additions. The maps and legal description are on file at the headquarters of Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, California 92277, and at the NPS Denver Service Center, Technical Information Center at 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado.

The maps and legal description of 1977 and 1978 respectively show 422,320 acres of wilderness and 30,740 acres of potential wilderness additions, a lesser amount than cited in Public Law 94-567. However, under section 2 of Public Law 94-567 the maps and legal description " * * * have the same force and effect as if included in this Act."

Public Law 94-567 provided that " * * * corrections of clerical and typographical errors in such maps and descriptions may be made." The NPS, after careful review of the maps and legal description of 1977 and 1978 respectively, detected two typographical errors. On January 15, 1997, the NPS corrected the errors which resulted in a recalculation of wilderness established by the Public Law 94-567 maps and legal description as 422,520 acres. This is an increase of 200 acres. The potential wilderness additions remain at 30,740 acres.

Section 3 of Public Law 94-567 provided a process whereby potential wilderness additions within the former Joshua Tree National Monument would become wilderness upon publication in the **Federal Register** of a notice by the Secretary of the Interior that all uses on the land, prohibited by the Wilderness Act (Pub. L. 88-577) have ceased.

The NPS has determined that all the Wilderness Act prohibited activities of the following described designated potential wilderness additions have ceased. Such lands are entirely in Federal ownership. Because such lands fully comply with Congressional directions in section 3 of Public Law 94-567, this notice hereby changes the status of the land, totalling 3,502.20 acres, more or less, from potential wilderness additions to wilderness. This acreage will be added to the National Wilderness Preservation System and bring the total wilderness acreage of the former Joshua Tree National Monument to 426,022 acres, more or less. The

potential wilderness additions will then consist of 27,238 acres, more or less.

Note that Congress abolished Joshua Tree National Monument and designated its lands and additional areas as the Joshua Tree National Park in Public Law 103-433, October 31, 1994. Public Law 103-433 designated as additional 131,780 wilderness acres in the part of Joshua Tree National Park that was added to the unit in 1994. The potential wilderness lands hereby designated as wilderness are described as:

Wilderness Unit 2

Potential Wilderness Additions

- T. 3S., R. 7E., surveyed,
 Sec. 13, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 14, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 21, N $\frac{1}{2}$ and that portion of S $\frac{1}{2}$ lying
 northeasterly of Joshua Tree National
 Park boundary;
 Sec. 22, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 23, N $\frac{1}{2}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 24, NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 27, that portion of W $\frac{1}{2}$ lying
 northeasterly of the Joshua Tree National
 Park boundary;
 Sec. 28, that portion of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying
 northeasterly of Joshua Tree National
 Park boundary.
 T. 3S., R. 8E., surveyed
 Sec. 18, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ and Lots 3, 4, 9
 and 10.
 Containing 2,742.20 acres, more or less.

Wilderness Unit 3

Potential Wilderness Additions

- T. 4S., R. 11E., fractional township,
 Sec 10, unsurveyed, N $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec 11, unsurveyed, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.
 Containing 360 acres, more or less.

Wilderness Unit 6

Potential Wilderness Additions

- T 5S., R. 11E., surveyed
 Sec. 36, E $\frac{1}{2}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
 Containing 400 acres, more or less.
 Dated: April 18, 1997

Deny Galvin,

Director, National Park Service.

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(62 Stat. 906 as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1274), notice is hereby given that the official, detailed boundary maps, Drawing Number 656-80000, dated April 25, 1997, for the Niobrara National Scenic River are completed and available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Superintendent Niobrara/Missouri National Scenic Riverways, P.O. Box 591, O'Neill, Nebraska 68763-0591, telephone 402-336-3970.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 24, 1991, the 76-mile stretch of the Niobrara River east of Valentine, Nebraska, at Borman Bridge to Highway 137 was designated a scenic river by Public Law 102-50, an amendment to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. In accordance with section 3(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act notice is hereby given that the above said maps are now available for inspection at the following seven locations: The Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Land Resources Division, 1849 C Street NW, Room 2444, Washington, D.C. 20240; Midwest Field Area, Land Resources Division, 1709 Jackson Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102; Niobrara/Missouri National Scenic Riverways Headquarters, 114 North 6th Street, O'Neill, Nebraska 68763-0591; Cherry County Court House, County Clerk's Office, 365 North Main Street, Valentine, Nebraska; Keya Paha County Court House, County Clerk's Office, Court House Square, Springview, Nebraska; Brown County Court House, County Clerk's Office, 148 West 4th Street, Ainsworth, Nebraska; Rock County Court House, County Clerk's Office 400 State Street, Bassett, Nebraska. Maps are also available in six public libraries as follows: Ainsworth, Atkinson, Bassett, Norfolk, Stuart, and Valentine. Please address any questions or requests to Superintendent at the address given above.

Dated: May 19, 1997.

William W. Schenk,

Field Director, Midwest Field Area.

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SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment for the management of the deer population in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, located within Summit and Cuyahoga Counties, Ohio.

The environmental assessment and management plan are available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from the publication date of this notice. The documents can be viewed during normal business hours at the Office of the Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio. Copies can be requested from the Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141. Please forward all comments to the Superintendent at this address.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION: This plan proposes the management of white-tailed deer within Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area in Summit and Cuyahoga counties, Ohio. The plan will examine and analyze four alternatives for deer management in the park, and will identify one of them as a preferred alternative. The final decision will be made at least thirty days after release of the document.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: (A) No Action/Status Quo; (B) Reproductive Intervention; (C) Population Management (reduction by sharpshooting/capture and euthanasia); (D) Combined Management (reduction, reproductive intervention when feasible).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141, or telephone 216-546-5903.

Dated: May 15, 1997.

John P. Debo, Jr.,

Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Niobrara National Scenic Riverway; Availability

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of final boundary map.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of environmental assessment and management plan for the white-tailed deer.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets the schedule for the forthcoming meeting of the Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under