

settlement money. The MOU established a Trustee Committee consisting of representatives from DOI and the State of Utah to plan and direct restoration activities.

The Trustee Committee outlined the following project goals: (1) to restore, replace, enhance, or acquire appropriate natural, functioning habitats along the Jordan River corridor for the benefit of identified trust resources; (2) to ensure that funds are utilized to provide maximum benefits for trust resources; and (3) to ensure the provision of benefits to trust resources in perpetuity. Restoration alternatives to meet these goals were identified. These alternatives included: (a) no-action or natural recovery, (b) restoration on the Sharon Steel/Midvale Slag sites, and (c) Jordan River Corridor replacement/enhancement of habitat for trust resources. Due to its protective and relatively cost effective nature, replacement/enhancement of resources in the Jordan River corridor was chosen as the preferred alternative for enhancement of wetland and riparian migratory bird habitats.

The primary steps towards achievement of project restoration objectives were subsequently identified as: (1) definition of restoration targets in terms of species and habitats, (2) development of criteria to consider when identifying and ranking projects, (3) identification of restoration tools or activities and solicitation of cooperative project proposals, (4) identification and ranking of specific restoration projects (cooperative proposals) and/or sites, (5) implementation of selected project(s), and (6) monitoring of the project(s) to ensure long-term viability.

The Sharon Steel Damage Settlement Restoration Plan: A Concept Document was subsequently issued which lent guidance to the restoration project selection process. The Draft Sharon Steel Restoration Plan identifies restoration projects selected for funding through cooperative agreements that will be implemented through partnerships with State or Federal agencies, county or local governments, or nonprofit organizations. Close cooperation among all programs in the Jordan River corridor (e.g., Central Utah Project, Jordan River Parkway plans, Jordan River Sub-basin Watershed Management Council, etc.) will insure cost-effective expenditure of public funds, increase success of all programs, and provide maximum benefits to the Jordan River ecosystem.

Management in perpetuity for wildlife will be assured by Restoration Plan stipulations which require land/wildlife management plans for each project

proposal, and deed restrictions, which stipulate future land uses and return of lands to DOI or the State of Utah if cooperative agreements and management plan objectives are not upheld. Monitoring of sites will be performed by the Service to document project progress, assure compliance with management objectives and deed restrictions, and to measure timely success in the restoration of trust resources.

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Draft Restoration Plan. In Utah, copies are available for review at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Ecological Services Office in Salt Lake City (145 East 1300 South, Suite 404, Salt Lake City), the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Environmental Response and Remediation (168 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City), and the Salt Lake City Library.

A public informational meeting will be held to describe the restoration projects proposed in the Restoration Plan and to answer questions. The meeting will be held November 20, 1997, at Midvale City Hall at 7:30 p.m. All written and public meeting comments will be considered and addressed in the final Restoration Plan.

Dated: November 6, 1997.

Joseph J. Webster,

Acting Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-350-1020-00]

Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Northeast California Resource Advisory Council, Susanville, California.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Northeast California Resource Advisory Council will meet Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1997, at the BLM's Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the conference room of the BLM office. Members will discuss development of BLM-California's Environmental Impact Statement for Healthy Rangeland Standards and Guidelines, and discuss progress on phase one fire management

planning in the Alturas, Eagle Lake and Surprise Resource Areas. Public comments will be taken at 1 p.m. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak a time limit could be established.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Jeff Fontana, public affairs officer, (530) 257-5381.

John Bosworth,

Acting Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-050-07-1220-00; 8322]

Arizona: Closure of All Public Lands Within the La Posa Plain Camping Closure Area to Overnight Occupation, Identification of Five "Fourteen-Day Camping Areas," and Restriction of Native Wood Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure of all public lands within the La Posa Plain Camping Closure Area to overnight occupation, identification of five "Fourteen-Day Camping Areas," and restriction of Native Wood Collection.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that all types of camping and night-time occupation must occur within designated camping areas within the La Posa Plain Area, and that native wood collection is prohibited on the public land within the La Posa Plain Camping Closure Area. The area affected by the closure contains 121,500 acres more or less.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office, La Posa Interdisciplinary Management Plan specified that no overnight occupation or collection of native wood shall be permitted within the closure area. This closure of public land within this area to overnight occupation and firewood collection is being implemented to resolve natural resource impacts resulting from unauthorized dumping of solid and liquid waste, disturbance of native soils, and depletion of native wood resources. Camping and occupation of public land within this area is restricted to five designated 14-day camping areas and the La Posa Long-Term Visitor Area (LTVA). The five 14-day camping areas are: Plomosa Road located 5 miles north of Quartzsite, Arizona, on the north and south sides of Plomosa Road; Dome

Rock located 6 miles west of Quartzsite south of Interstate 10; Hi-Jolly located 3 miles north of Quartzsite east of Highway 95 at mile marker 112; Scaddan Wash located 3 miles east of Quartzsite south of Interstate 10 adjacent to the south frontage road; and Road-Runner located 5 miles south of Quartzsite west of Highway 95 at mile marker 99. These areas are clearly identified on the ground with perimeter signs and information kiosks at the ingress and egress points which provide maps of the areas.

Authority for this action is contained in 43 CFR 8364.1. Violation of this regulation is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months. A map of the overnight occupation and camping closure areas and designate camping areas is available at the Yuma Field Office, 2555 Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona 85365, or by mail.

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Outdoor Recreational Planner John Reid, Yuma Field Office, 2555 Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona 85365; (520) 317-3274.

Dated: November 3, 1997.

Curt Gunn,

Program Manager, Resources, Lands, and Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concession Contract Negotiations: National Preserve; Correction

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Correction to public notice, proposal to award concession permits, Wrangell—St. Elias National Preserve.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a correction to the public notice that was published Friday, October 17, 1997 (62 FR 54127-54128). That notice advertised the National Park Service's proposal to award 17 concession permits authorizing the operation of sport hunting guide-outfitter services for the public at Wrangell St. Elias National Preserve.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 13, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 439, Copper Center, Alaska 99573.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Need for Correction

The Summary action of the notice published on Friday, October 17, 1997 (62 FR 54127-54128) incorrectly stated that the existing permits expire by limitation of time on December 31, 1997 and that the term of the proposed new permits will be for "a period of five years from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2002." The Effective Date was stated "December 16, 1997".

Correction of Notice

The existing permits expire by limitation of time on December 31, 1998, and proposed new permits will have a term of five years from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2003. The date applications are due has been extended from December 16, 1997 to January 15, 1998.

Paul Anderson,

Acting Regional Director, Alaska Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft Environmental Assessment

ACTION: Release of Draft Environmental Assessment for Navigational Improvements for Washington Sailing Marina and Columbia Island Marina for public review and announcement of a public meeting on November 21, 1997 at Patowmack Landing Restaurant at the Washington Sailing Marina in Alexandria, Virginia.

SUMMARY: Washington Sailing Marina (WSM), located on Dangerfield Island, just opposite National Airport and Columbia Island Marina (CIM), at the southern end of Lyndon Baines Johnson Grove and 3 miles upstream from WSM are owned by the National Park Service (NPS) and managed by Guest Services, Inc. The marinas provide for recreational boating and access to the Federal navigational project in the Potomac River. The WSM provides recreational sailing and the CIM provides recreational power boating. The access channels serving to connect these marinas with the Federal Navigational channel are inadequate and unsafe for the types of boats currently using these marinas.

Through both studies, the benefits which may reasonably be expected to accrue from the proposed project are being balanced against its reasonable foreseeable detriments.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Clean Water Act the NPS is soliciting comments from the public, state, and local agencies and officials, and other interested parties. The public review and comment period for the draft feasibility study and draft environmental assessment will begin on November 21, 1997 and close on December 21, 1997.

A public meeting will be held on November 21, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at Patowmack Landing Restaurant meeting room, located at the Washington Sailing Marina, one mile south of National Airport, on George Washington Memorial Parkway.

For further information please contact Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway at 703-285-2600. Requests for copies of the draft plan or written comments may be addressed to Superintendent, at George Washington Memorial Parkway, c/o Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101. Comments must be received by December 21, 1997, to be addressed by the Final Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment.

Dated: November 3, 1997.

Audry F. Calhoun,

Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Public Meeting

The National Park Service is seeking public comments and suggestions on the planning of the 1997 Christmas Pageant of Peace, which opens December 4, on the Ellipse (President's Park), south of the White House.

The meeting will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, November 13, 1997, in room 234 of the National Park Service's National Capital Region Building, at 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W., in East Potomac Park.

Persons who would like to comment at the meeting should notify the National Park Service by November 10, by calling the White House Visitor Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, at (202) 208-1631. Written comments may be sent to the Park Manager, White House Visitor Center, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20242, and can be accepted until November 7.