

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice for Publication; F-14840-B, F-14840-D2, F-14840-E2, F-14840-F2, F-14840-G2 and F-14840-I2; Alaska Native Claims Selections

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Section 14(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(a), will be issued to Tihtet' Aii, Inc. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Birch Creek, Alaska, within Tps. 15 N., Rs. 8 and 10 E.; Tps. 16 N., Rs. 9 and 11 E.; and Tps. 17 N., Rs. 8 and 10 E., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government, or regional corporation, shall have until May 29, 1998 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. 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.

Elizabeth Sherwood,

Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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[NM-070-1320-01]

Notice of Intent for a 30-Day Comment Period on the Draft (Proposed) Amendment to Farmington RMP, Invitation for Public Involvement and Call for Information on Coal, and Other Minerals and Resources; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of schedule change.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Farmington Field Office, has extended the comment period on the Draft of the Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment originally described on pages 18209 and 18210 of the **Federal Register**, Vol 63, No. 71, Tuesday, April 14, 1998. Due to scheduling conflicts the comment period will now be from April 27, 1998, through May 26, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Moore, Farmington Field Office, (505) 599-6311.

Dated: April 22, 1998.

Joel Farrell,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Extension of Public Comment Period on the Draft 2(a)(ii) Wild and Scenic River Study Report and Environmental Assessment for the Lumber River, North Carolina

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is extending the public review and comment period by 21 days for the draft study report on designating portions of the Lumber River, North Carolina, into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

DATES: Comments must be postmarked by June 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft report are available for public inspection at: National Park Service, Atlanta Federal Center, 1924 Building, 100 Alabama Street, SW, 5th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303; National Park Service, National Center for Recreation and Conservation, Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street,

NW, Room 3611, Washington, DC 20240-0001; and National Park Service, 909 First Avenue, 5th Floor, Seattle, Washington, 98104. Hours of availability are between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Additional copies for review are located in the Columbus County, Whiteville, Hoke County, Raeford, Mary Livermore, Pembroke, Robeson County, Lumberton, and Scotland County in Laurinburg, North Carolina, libraries during normal hours of operation. Copies of the draft report may be obtained from Mary Rountree, National Park Service, at the address below.

Comments should be directed to the National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office, attention Mary Rountree at the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Rountree, National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office, Atlanta Federal Center, 1924 Building, 100 Alabama Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 562-3175.

Dated: April 17, 1998.

Wallace C. Brittain,

Chief, Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance, National Park Service, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

National Park Service

Request for Public Comment on Appropriate Studies on Winter Use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Solicitation of public comment on appropriate research topics on winter use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway.

SUMMARY: On September 24, 1998 the National Park Service and the Fund for Animals and other individuals and organizations signed a settlement agreement to resolve litigation concerning the National Park Service Winter Use Plan for Yellowstone National and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway. Under the terms of the agreement the National Park Service agreed to solicit comments on appropriate studies they should conduct on winter use in the parks for use in the ongoing winter use planning process. However, due to the time constraints

imposed by the settlement agreement, some of the proposed and ongoing winter use research may not be completed in time for incorporation into the draft winter use plans and environmental impact statement.

The National Park Service requests that all individuals, organizations, agencies or entities that are interested in or affected by winter visitor use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway share comments or concerns on appropriate topics of research for use in the winter use planning process.

Background

Winter use research projects currently underway in the affected national parks include: the social carrying capacity of Yellowstone National Park for winter use, Hayden Valley bison monitoring, bison use of groomed roads in Yellowstone National Park, characterization of snowmobile particulate emissions, measurement of airborne toxics and regulated pollutants emitted from snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park, and snowpack and snowmelt runoff chemical analysis at Yellowstone National Park. In addition, research projects are currently being conducted on bison ecology and brucellosis. These studies include forage availability, habitat use, and bison population dynamics.

Proposed research topics include, but are not limited to, snowmobile emissions and the effects of ethanol based fuels, snowmobile mogul generation, a field evaluation of gasohol's ability to reduce snowmobiler exposure to carbon monoxide, noise monitoring, an assessment of winter recreation on wildlife in Yellowstone National Park, and a study of the economics of winter use in the Greater Yellowstone Area.

Comments

Written comments concerning appropriate research topics on winter use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway should be postmarked no later than sixty (60) days from the publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to Winter Use Research, Planning Office, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park WY, 82190.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Creachbaum, Planning Office, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park WY, 82190, (307) 344-2024; or Nancy Arkin, Planning Office, Grand Teton National

Park, Box 170, Moose WY, 83102 (307) 739-3486.

Dated: April 15, 1998.

John E. Cook,

Regional Director, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on April 16, 1998, the United States of America, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") filed a complaint with the United States District Court for the District of Idaho alleging that defendant Monsanto Company and its affiliate P4 Production L.L.C. (together with "Monsanto") are liable under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9606 & 9607, for the implementation of EPA's selected remedy for the Monsanto Company Superfund Site in Caribou County, Idaho ("the Site"), and for the reimbursement of all costs incurred by the United States in response to the release of hazardous substances at the Site. The action is styled *United States v. Monsanto*, Civil Action No. C98-154-E-ELW (D. Idaho). On the same day, the United States lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Idaho a Consent Decree resolving the United States' claims in this action.

The Consent Decree requires Monsanto to implement EPA's selected remedy for the Site, and to reimburse the United States for \$17,980.70, which represents the full amount of unreimbursed costs incurred by the United States in response to releases of hazardous substances from the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Monsanto*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-2-1277.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Region 10 Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104 (206)

553-1504, and may be obtained from the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Idaho, P.O. Box 32, Boise, Idaho 83707 (208) 334-1211. A copy of the proposed consent decrees may also be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting copies please refer to *United States v. Monsanto*, No. C98-154-E-ELW (D. Idaho), and enclose a check payable to the Consent Decree Library in the amount of \$20.00 (80 pages at 25 cents per page reproduction costs).

Joel Gross,

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States and State of Connecticut v. Town of Southington, et al.*, Civil Action Nos. 3: 98cv8 and 3:98cv236 was lodged on March 12, 1998 with the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

The complaint in this action seeks (1) to recover, pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., response costs incurred and to be incurred by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at the Old Southington Landfill Superfund Site located in the Town of Southington, Connecticut ("Site"); and (2) injunctive relief under Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606. The defendants include Town of Southington, United Technologies Corp. and 266 other parties.

The proposed Consent Decree embodies an agreement with two potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") at the Site pursuant to sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, to perform a remedial action at the Site including the relocation of businesses located on the Site, the construction of a multi-layer cap, the excavation and consolidation of a "hot-spot", the extraction and possible treatment of landfill gases, and the performance of additional groundwater studies. The proposed Consent Decree also embodies an agreement with 266