

resources. The Reference Manual contains: (1) An update of the NPS Management Policies pertaining to wilderness; (2) the Director's Orders intended to assist managers in the application of these policies, and (3) specific detailed references and background information affecting the Service's wilderness resource.

II. Legislative Guidance Applicable To NPS Wilderness Preservation

This information is intended to provide park managers and the public with an understanding of the primary laws regulating the wilderness resource. This discussion includes: the relationship between the Wilderness Act and the NPS Organic Act, the clarification of Section 4(a)(3) of the Wilderness Act which is often misinterpreted by park managers, the implication of the Redwood Act Amendments to the Service's wilderness program, and an explanation of the Eastern Wilderness Act as it applies to the National Park Service.

III. Revised Management Policies Guiding Wilderness Preservation and Management (Level One)

The "Level One" wilderness policy statements will revise and update previous policies included in Chapter 6 of the 1988 Wilderness Policies handbook. These revised policies include general statements addressing: wilderness characteristics and values, the process for reviewing potential wilderness additions, general wilderness policies, consistency of the Service's wilderness program, zoning, accountability and responsibility, management plans, the minimum requirement process, monitoring strategies, signing, research protocols, NPS administrative facilities, fire management, cultural resources, environmental compliance standards, general public use, commercial services, special events, grazing and livestock driveways, rights-of-way and mineral development and public education standards.

IV. Director's Order #41 (Level Two)

The "Level Two" Director's Order are intended as more detailed guidance and standards for managers to use in the application of the revised policy statements. Director's Order #41 will be issued by the NPS Associate Director—Operations and Parks as required standards at which the respective programs and functions must be managed within NPS wilderness. These program, identified as "Critical Issues" include: wilderness management plan requirements, procedures for applying

the "minimum requirement" concept, interagency coordination, cultural resource management, climbing protocols, fire management, interpretation and education, mineral development, research and other scientific uses, wilderness use by persons with disabilities, special events, training requirements, and the administration of commercial services in wilderness.

IV. Appendices

The appendices of the Level 3 Reference Manual are intended as a reference and bibliography for wilderness managers. This information includes: a glossary of wilderness terms, the text of the Wilderness Act, the *Wilderness Access Decision Tool*, examples of minimum requirement decision tools, the minimum requirements of a wilderness management plan, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, the format of the annual Report to Congress, and a list of suggested readings relating to wilderness management.

Dated: July 10, 1998.

Maureen Finnerty,

Associate Director, Operations and Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of the Intent to Issue a Prospectus for the Operation of Commercial Visitor Services Within Carlsbad Caverns National Park

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will be releasing a concession Prospectus authorizing continued operation of food and beverage, merchandise (souvenir and gifts), kennels and storage lockers services for the public within Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico. The operation consists of providing these services at one location in the park. The proposed operation will be provided on a daily basis year round. The term of the proposed concession contract will be for ten (10) years beginning on January 1, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Offers will be accepted for SIXTY (60) days under the terms described in the Prospectus. The SIXTY day application period will begin with the release of the Prospectus, which will occur within thirty days of the publication of this notice. The actual release date of the Prospectus shall be

the date of publication in the "Commerce Business Daily".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This contract renewal has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The existing concessioner has performed its obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under an existing contract, which expires by limitation of time on December 31, 1998. Therefore, pursuant to the provision of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. sec. 20), the concessioner is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the contract and in the award of a new contract, providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the contract will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the contract will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the contract will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all offers received as a result of this notice. Any offer, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Regional Director, Intermountain Region, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225-0287 (street address; 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado 80228); not later than SIXTY (60) days following release of the Prospectus to be considered and evaluated.

ADDRESSES: Parties interested in obtaining a copy should contact the National Park Service, Concessions Management Program, Intermountain Region-Denver Support Office, Office of Concessions Management, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225-0287; Attention: Judy Jennings. Please include a mailing address indicating where to send the Prospectus in your request. Inquires may be directed to Ms. Judy Jennings, Office of Concessions Management Program (303) 969-2661.

Dated: July 1, 1998.

John H. King,

Acting Regional Director, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Meeting of the Delta Region Preservation Commission

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting of the Delta Preservation Commission.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Delta Region Preservation Commission will be held at the following place and time.

DATES: Wednesday, August 5, 1998 at 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Environmental Education Center in the Barataria Preserve Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 7400 Highway 45, Marrero, Louisiana 70072.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons wishing further information concerning this meeting, or who wish to submit written statements, may contact Geraldine Smith, Superintendent, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 365 Canal Street, Suite 2400, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-1142, telephone (504) 589-3882, extension 108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Delta Region Preservation Commission was established pursuant to Section 907 of Public Law 95-625 (16 U.S.C. 230f), as amended, to advise the Secretary of the Interior in the selection of sites for inclusion in Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, and in the implementation and development of a general management plan and of a comprehensive interpretive program of the natural, historic, and cultural resources of the region.

The matters to be discussed at this meeting include:

- Old Business
- General Park Update

The meeting will be open to the public. However, facilities and space for accommodating members of the public are limited, and persons will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Any member of the public may file a written statement concerning matters to be discussed with the

Superintendent, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve.

Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection four weeks after the meeting at the headquarters office of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

Daniel W. Brown,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before July 11, 1998. Pursuant to § 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW, NC400, Washington, DC 20240. Written comments should be submitted by August 4, 1998.

Beth Savage,

Acting Keeper of the National Register.

Arkansas

Clark County

Henderson, Capt. Charles C., House, Jct. of 10th and Henderson Sts., Arkadelphia, 98000957

Newton County

Jones, Gould, Reservoir, AR 7, just S of Jasper, Jasper, 98000956

California

Alameda County

Berkeley Historic Civic Center District, Roughly bounded by McKinney Ave., Addison St., Shattuck Ave., and Kittredge St., Berkeley, 98000963

Los Angeles County

House at 1011 S. Madison Ave., (Residential Architecture of Pasadena: Influence of the Arts and Crafts Movement MPS), 1011 S. Madison Ave., Pasadena, 98000959

House at 1050 S. Madison Ave., (Residential Architecture of Pasadena: Influence of the Arts and Crafts Movement MPS), 1050 S. Madison Ave., Pasadena, 98000960

House at 1233 Wentworth Ave., (Residential Architecture of Pasadena: Influence of the Arts and Crafts

Movement MPS), 1233 Wentworth Ave., Pasadena, 98000962

House at 380 W. Del Mar Blvd., (Residential Architecture of Pasadena: Influence of the Arts and Crafts Movement MPS), 380 W. Del Mar Blvd., Pasadena, 98000961

House at 574 Bellefontaine St. (Residential Architecture of Pasadena: Influence of the Arts and Crafts Movement MPS), 574 Bellefontaine St., Pasadena, 98000958

Connecticut

Hartford County

Old North Cemetery, 1821 Main St., Hartford, 98000964

New Haven County

Nehemiah Royce House, 538 N. Main St., Wallingford, 98000966

Florida

Hillsborough County

Downtown Plant City Historic Residential District, Bounded by N. Drane, Thomas, W. Tever, Franklin, and Carey Sts., Plant City, 98000965

Georgia

Banks County

Fort Hollingsworth—White House, Wynn Lake Rd., 2 mi. SE of Hollingsworth, Hollingsworth vicinity, 98000973

Chatham County

Tybee Island Strand Cottages Historic District, Along Butler Ave., between 12 St. and 14th St., Tybee Island, 98000971

Fulton County

Ashby Street Car Barn, 981 Ashby St. NW, Atlanta, 98000972

Freeman Ford Building, 75 John Wesley Dobbs Ave., Atlanta, 98000968

Greene County

Bethesda Baptist Church and Cemetery, Jct. of Cty Rd. 120 and Cty Rd. 129, Union Point vicinity, 98000967

Newton County

Covington Historic District, Roughly Covington City S of US 278, Covington, 98000969

Newborn Historic District, Roughly the entire city limits of Newborn City, Newborn, 98000970

Hawaii

Honolulu County

Schofield Barracks Stockade, Lyman Rd., Wahiawa vicinity, 98000974