

development and consolidated planning, and other HUD programs may also be obtained from the Community Connections information center at 1-800-998-9999 (voice) or 1-800-483-2209 (TTY); by email at amcom@aspensys.com; or by internet at gopher://amcom.aspensys.com. The HUD Home Page address on the World Wide Web is <http://www.hud.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. The purpose of the competition was to award grants totalling \$5 million to private organizations to administer projects to address the housing needs of colonia residents in rural areas of California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. Of that amount, \$4 million was targeted to private organizations already serving colonias residents to provide direct housing assistance in each of the four states, with at least one grantee to be selected in each state. The remaining \$1 million was targeted to an intermediary organization that would be able to provide capacity-building loans, grants, or technical assistance to local nonprofit organizations serving colonia residents. This capacity-building grantee would have demonstrated experience in providing technical assistance in housing development to colonias or areas with similar economic and social conditions that exist in colonias and the capacity to administer a program to increase the capacity of colonia-based organizations to address housing needs.

The assistance made available in this announcement is authorized by Title II of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriation Act, 1998 (Pub. L. 105-65, 111 Stat. 1357, approved October 27, 1997) (FY 1998 HUD Appropriations Act). The competition was announced in a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published in the **Federal Register** on July 15, 1998 (63 FR 38252) and an amendment published on August 7, 1998 (63 FR 42550). Applications were rated and selected for funding on the basis of selection criteria contained in those Notices.

There was no Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program.

A total of \$5,000,000 was awarded to 7 applicants. In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the grantees and amounts of the awards below.

Housing Assistance Grant Awardees

SouthEastern Arizona Governments
Organization, Bisbee, Arizona, \$460,000
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, Indio,
California, \$800,000
Tierra del Sol, Las Cruces, New Mexico,
\$640,000
Proyecto Azteca, San Juan, Texas, \$791,000
Community Development Corporation of
Brownsville, Brownsville, Texas, \$800,000
Laredo-Webb County Community, Action
Agency, Laredo, Texas, \$509,000

Capacity Building Grant Awardee

Housing Assistance Council, Washington,
D.C., \$1,000,000

Dated: November 5, 1998.

Cardell Cooper,

*Assistant Secretary for Community Planning
and Development.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-930-4214-010; COC-61627]

Proposed Withdrawal: Opportunity for Public Meeting; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, proposes to withdraw approximately 75 acres of National Forest System land for 50 years to protect the Mt. Emmons Bog natural resource and scientific research area. This notice closes this land to location and entry under the mining laws for up to two years. The land remains open to mineral leasing.

DATES: Comments on this proposed withdrawal or requests for public meeting must be received on or before February 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for a meeting should be sent to the Colorado State Director, BLM, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7076.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, 303-239-3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 28, 1998, the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw the following described National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch 2);

Gunnison National Forest

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 14 S, R. 86 W.,

Sec. 6, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 10 excluding Mineral Survey (MS) 6523, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of lot 10, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of lot 10, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 11 excluding MS 6523 and 20749, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ excluding MS 20749, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ excluding MS 20749.

The area described contains approximately 75.6 acres of National Forest System land in Gunnison County. This application is subject to valid existing rights.

The purpose of this withdrawal is to protect an unique wetland fen which is a natural biogeochemical laboratory that is vital to scientific research in the global change processes.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all parties who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with this proposed withdrawal, may present their views in writing to the Colorado State Director. If it is determined that a public meeting should be held, the public meeting will be scheduled and conducted in accordance with 43 CFR 2310.3-1(c)(2). Notice of the meeting would be published in the **Federal Register**.

This application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR Part 2310.

For a period of two years from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**, this land will be segregated from the mining laws as specified above unless the application is denied or cancelled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. During this period the Forest Service will continue to manage these lands.

Jenny L. Saunders,

Realty Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Capitol Reef National Park, Utah

AGENCY: National Park Service,
Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Availability of final environmental impact statement and general management plan for Capitol Reef National Park.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a final Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan (FEIS/

GMP) for Capitol Reef National Park, Utah.

DATES: A 30-day no-action period will follow the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the FEIS/GMP/DCP.

ADDRESSES: Public reading copies of the FEIS/GMP will be available for review at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent, Capitol Reef National Park, Telephone: (435) 425-3791 x101.

Planning and Environmental Quality, Intermountain Support Office—Denver, National Park Service, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228, Telephone: (303) 969-2851.

Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of Interior, 18th and C Streets NW, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone: (202) 208-6843.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS/GMP analyzes four alternatives to future direction of park resources management, to adaptive use of the Sleeping Rainbow Ranch, to interpretation of the Fruita Rural Historic District, and to amount of visitor services. Alternative A (preferred) is designed to protect and preserve exceptional resources, the quality of visitor experience, and the wilderness characteristics of certain portions of the park. Alternative B focuses on removing many existing developments to restore and enhance natural and historic resources and the wilderness qualities of the park. Alternative C continues actions identified in the 1982 General Management Plan which emphasizes visitor services and facilities, including development in some backcountry areas. Alternative D, the No Action Plan, would maintain visitor services and resource protection at current limited levels throughout the life of the plan.

The FEIS/GMP in particular evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed action and the other alternatives on vegetation and wildlife, endangered species, scenic values, archeological and historic resources, visitor services, and economy of adjacent communities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Capitol Reef National Park, at the above address and telephone number.

Dated: October 27, 1998.

John A. King,

Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of release of draft environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the release of a draft environmental assessment (EA) on a proposal to repair a Portland Borough Authority waterline at Slateford Farm within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. *EA Comment Period:* Comments on or before December 11, 1998.

Copies available at: Website: www.nps.gov/dewa

Park Headquarters, River Road, Bushkill, PA 18324

Warren County Library, Belvidere, NJ 07823
Kemp Library, East Stroudsburg University, E Stroudsburg PA 18301

State Library of PA, PO Box 1601, Harrisburg, PA 17105

Easton Area Public Library, 6th and Church Street, Easton, PA 18042

Sussex County Library, 125 Morris Turnpike, Newton, NJ 07860

New Jersey State Library, 185 West State Street CN 520, Trenton, NJ 08625

Eastern Monroe Public Library, 1002 North Ninth Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Pike County Library, 201 Broad Street, Milford, PA 18337

This draft environmental assessment, prepared by the National Park Service, deals with the environmental consequences of allowing Portland Borough Authority (PBA) to repair a section of underground waterline which has become exposed by a storm water discharge stream. PBA is requesting permission to access the site, stabilize the eroded channel and re-cover the waterline. Once the line is covered, the channel must be stabilized upstream to where bedrock is exposed; otherwise, downcutting will continue and ultimately expose the line again.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PBA operates and maintains a water system that passes through DEWA properties at the southern end of the park in the area of Slateford Farm. The water system services the Borough of Portland. There is the potential for significant damage to this exposed waterline that may result from exposure to the weather, impact damage from flood debris or crushing.

The EA is available for public comment. Any member of the public may file a written comment. Comments should be addressed to the Superintendent, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, River Road, Bushkill, PA 18324.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Superintendent, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Bushkill, PA 18324, 717-588-2418.

Dated: November 3, 1998.

William G. Laitner,
Superintendent.

Congressional Listing for Delaware Water Gap NRA

Honorable Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Senate, SH-506 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-3002

Honorable Robert G. Torricelli, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510-3001

Honorable Richard Santorum, U.S. Senate, SR 120 Senate Russell Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Arlen Specter, U.S. Senate, SH-530 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510-3802

Honorable Paul McHale, U.S. House of Representatives, 511 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515-3815

Honorable Joseph McDade, U.S. House of Representatives, 2370 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515-3810

Honorable Margaret Roukema, U.S. House of Representatives, 2244 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515-3005

Honorable Tom Ridge, State Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120

Honorable Christine Whitman, State House, Trenton, NJ 08625

Honorable Joe Battisto, State Representative, 206 South Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0028

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Big Thicket National Preserve, Texas

AGENCY: National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare and Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Big Thicket National Preserve.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is preparing an Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Big Thicket National Preserve in Hardin, Jefferson, Liberty, Orange, Tyler, Jasper, and Polk Counties, Texas, and is initiating the scoping process for this document. This statement will be approved by John E. Cook, Intermountain Regional Director, National Park Service.

The Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement is needed to