

most have been constructed (road improvements, parking lot expansion, campground upgrades, and new sanitary and power facilities).

The purpose of the Exit Glacier Area Plan and EIS is to provide comprehensive management direction over the next 15 to 20 years that allows for visitor use while protecting resources in the Exit Glacier area. The DCP called for further study before implementing a proposed alternative transportation system (shuttle bus) and visitor use limits. The NPS Visitor Experience and Resource Protection framework will be used to identify desired future conditions and to develop a reasonable range of alternatives. The EIS also will analyze the no-action and agency preferred alternatives. This planning process will result in an amendment to the 1984 General Management Plan for Kenai Fjords National Park to add management prescriptions for the Exit Glacier area and will replace the 1996 DCP.

A preliminary list of issues the alternatives need to consider include:

- How can important natural and cultural resources best be protected while providing for continued visitor use of the Exit Glacier area by present and future generations?
- What level and type of use—in all seasons—is appropriate and consistent with the purposes for which Kenai Fjords National Park was established?
- What specific management strategies, including facilities, alternative transportation systems, and new regulations, are necessary to meet the goals of the plan?

Except for the no-action alternative, these and other issues will be addressed by development of management zones and allocation of activities in those zones. The use of zones will allow NPS to provide a range of user experiences and resource conditions consistent with the park's mandate. The alternatives also will include future management actions to be taken when social and resource standards are exceeded, as determined by area monitoring.

The NPS requests input from federal and state agencies, local government, private organizations, recreational users, and the public. Further information on this planning process will be available through public open houses and meetings, the distribution of a newsletter, and development of a Web page. Specific dates, times, and locations of scoping meetings will be announced in area newspapers, via radio announcements, and on community bulletin boards. The park's Web page will contain updates on the

public involvement schedule: <http://www.nps.gov/kefj/>. Comments may be submitted via the Internet, using the email address kefj_eg_plan@nps.gov. Scoping meetings will be held in Anchorage and Seward, Alaska, in summer and fall of 2001.

Preliminary alternatives will be developed based on the issues identified and comments gathered. The public will be provided the opportunity to comment on the preliminary alternatives before they are incorporated in the draft EIS. The draft EIS is projected to be available for a 60-day public review in fall 2002. The anticipated release date of the final EIS is early in 2003.

Comments on the scope of this project should be received by March 31, 2002. Comments may be hand-delivered to Kenai Fjords National Park at 1212 4th Avenue, Seward, Alaska, e-mailed, or mailed to the Interdisciplinary Team Leader at the address provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Tratman, Interdisciplinary Team Leader; Kenai Fjords National Park; P.O. Box 1727; Seward, AK 99664. E-mail kefj_eg_plan@nps.gov. Telephone (907) 224-3175, Fax (907) 224-2144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be made available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the public record, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the public record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, anonymous comments will not be considered. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Paul R. Anderson,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Benefits-Sharing Environmental Assessment, National Park Service

AGENCY: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time for comments to be submitted on the scope of the Benefits-Sharing Environmental Assessment (EA).

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is extending the public review period to August 27, 2001, for comments on the scope of the Benefits-Sharing Environmental Assessment. The notice of intent for the Benefits-Sharing EA was published in the **Federal Register** on June 25, 2001 (notice document 01-15559, pages 33712-33713). Corrections to this notice were published in the **Federal Register** on July 11, 2001 (page 36368). The public review period was originally to end on August 9, 2001. Comments may be mailed to: National Park Service, Benefits-Sharing Environmental Assessment, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, or emailed to BenefitsEA@nps.gov.

DATES: Comments on the potential scope of the assessment, alternatives to be considered, impacts to be addressed, and any other relevant related issues should be submitted on or before August 27, 2001.

Michael Soukup,

Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Winter Use Plan, Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway, Wyoming

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the winter use plan, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway.

Background

In May 1997, the Fund for Animals, *et al.*, filed suit against the National Park Service (NPS). The suit alleged that the

NPS had failed to conduct adequate analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when developing its winter use plan for the areas, failed to consult with the US Fish and Wildlife Service on the effects of winter use on threatened and endangered species, and failed to evaluate the effects of trail grooming on wildlife and other park resources. In October 1997, the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the plaintiffs reached a settlement agreement. Under the agreement, the NPS agreed, in part, to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for new winter use plans for the parks and the parkway. This settlement provision was satisfied with publication and distribution of the final EIS (FEIS) on October 10, 2000. A record of decision (ROD) was signed by Intermountain Regional Director Karen Wade on November 22, 2000. The decision selected Alternative G from the FEIS, which eliminates both snowmobile and snowplane use from the parks by the winter of 2003–2004, and provides access via an NPS-managed, mass-transit snowcoach system.

Following publication of a proposed rule and the subsequent public comment period, a final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on January 22, 2001. The rule became effective on April 22, 2001. Full implementation of the plan and the rule changes do not occur until the winter of 2003–2004.

On December 6, 2000 the Secretary of the Interior, *et al.*, were named as defendants in a lawsuit brought by the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association, *et al.* The State of Wyoming intervened on behalf of the plaintiff. The lawsuit asks for the decision, as reflected in the ROD and final rule, to be set aside on the basis of alleged NEPA process infractions and other alleged process flaws. A settlement was achieved June 29, 2001 and, through its terms, NPS will act as lead agency to prepare a supplemental EIS. The State of Wyoming will act as a cooperating agency, and other federal, state and local government entities will be asked by NPS to enter the process in that status as well.

Summary

Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is preparing a supplement to the environmental impact statement for the Winter Use Plan, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway (the Parkway). The preparation of a

supplemental EIS is deemed necessary to further the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act. The purposes of NEPA would be furthered by soliciting more public comment on the earlier decision and alternatives to it which will maintain protection of park resources. Additional information from the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association will be considered, as well as any other new or updated information not available at the time of the earlier decision.

The purpose in the supplemental analysis remains the same as in the FEIS. The underlying purpose is to meet five objectives: (1) Visitors have a range of appropriate winter recreation opportunities from primitive to developed. Winter recreation complements the unique characteristics of each landscape within the ecosystem; (2) Recreational experiences are offered in an appropriate setting; they do not take place where they will irreparably impact air quality, wildlife, cultural areas, the experiences of other park visitors, or other park values and resources; (3) High quality facilities are provided in parks to support the need for safety and enhanced visitor experiences; (4) Conflicts among user groups are minimal; (5) Visitors know how to participate safely in winter use activities without damaging resources; and (6) Oversnow vehicle sound and emission levels are reduced to protect employee and public health and safety, enhance visitor experience, and protect natural resources.

The general scope of analysis remains the same from the FEIS. Any new alternative formulations would be within the range of alternative actions presented in the FEIS. The baseline comparison alternative for the SEIS is “no-action”, Alternative G from the FEIS, which phases out snowmobiles from the three park units. Also to be evaluated is one alternative that recombines features or conditions from other alternatives in the FEIS as a means of permitting snowmobiles to remain in the parks.

There are a number of specific actions associated with the current decision (FEIS Alternative G). To summarize: in the three park units, the decision allows oversnow motorized access via NPS-managed snowcoach only, beginning in the winter of 2003–2004. In Grand Teton National Park, it removes motorized oversnow vehicle use from Jackson Lake and ends snowmobile use on the interior park road in the winter of 2002–2003. It eliminates winter plowing of the route between Colter Bay and Flag Ranch in the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway

within 10 years. It also implements restrictions or closures on backcountry nonmotorized use in sensitive wildlife habitats.

The completion of a supplemental EIS is to follow a schedule set out in the settlement agreement. A draft supplemental EIS is to be posted on the NPS website by January 21, 2002. A Notice of Availability for the draft SEIS is to be published by March 15, 2002. If a new rule is determined to be appropriate, a proposed rule will be published at the same time. The comment period for both a proposed rule, if appropriate, and the draft SEIS would close on May 5, 2002. A final SEIS and a Notice of Availability are to be published on October 15, 2002. The outcome of the final supplemental EIS will be either to affirm the decision and final rule currently in place, or to change the decision and affirm a new rule. A Record of Decision and final rule are to be issued by November 15, 2002. Should a new decision and final rule be the outcome, the final rule would be in effect on December 15, 2002.

Additional information may be obtained from either Sarah Creachbaum (307–739–3321) or Bob Rossman (307–739–3467) at Grand Teton National Park, or John Sacklin (307–344–2020) at Yellowstone National Park.

Comments

You may mail comments to Winter Use Plan, Superintendent's Office, Grand Teton National Park, PO Drawer 170, Moose, WY 83012. You may also comment via the Internet to Yellowstone National Park e-mail: yell_winter_use@nps.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include “Attn: Winter Use Plan” and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly through Jennifer Conrad, Yellowstone National Park, 307–344–2021. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to Superintendent's Office, Grand Teton National Park, Moose, Wyoming (Attn: Winter Use Plan). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to

withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park, (307) 739-3410 or Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park (307) 344-2003.

Dated: July 12, 2001.

Karen P. Wade,

Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on July 16, 2001, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Texaco California Inc. and Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.*, Civil Action No. CV-F-01-5923 REC DLB, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.

This consent decree represents a settlement of claims brought against Texaco California Inc. ("TCI") and Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. ("TEPI") Under section 113(b) of the Clean Air Act ("the Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(b), in a civil complaint filed concurrently with the lodging of the consent decree. The complaint alleges that TEPI violated the Act and the California State Implementation Plan ("SIP") by removing vapor control equipment from 5,000 wells at the Kern River Oil Field in violation of permit requirements; TEPI also failed to comply with SIP's lowest achievable emission rate ("LAER") and offset requirements. In addition, the complaint alleges that TEPI violated permit requirements and failed to comply with LAER and offset requirements in operating an additional 700 wells at the Kern River Oil Field. Finally, the complaint alleges that TCI violated SIP Rule 463.2 by failing to install control equipment at certain storage tanks in the Midway-Sunset Oil Field, and by failing to maintain records required by the Rule.

Under the proposed settlement, TCI and TEPI will undertake significant

injunctive measures designed to limit the emissions of volatile organic compounds from front line surge tanks, oil storage tanks, and shipping tanks at their oil fields. In addition, TCI and TEPI will pay a civil penalty of \$568,000.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, PO Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and shall refer to *United States v. Texaco California Inc. and Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.*, DOJ Ref. 90-5-2-1-07326. A copy of all comments should also be sent to Robert D. Mullaney, U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Enforcement Section, 301 Howard Street, Suite 870, San Francisco, CA 94105.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 1130 "O" Street, Room 3654, Fresno, California, and at U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California. A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, PO Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please refer to *United States v. Texaco California Inc. and Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.*, Civ. No. CV-F-01-5923 REC DLB (E.D. Cal.) DOJ Ref. 90-5-2-1-07326, and enclose a check in the amount of \$8.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Ellen M. Mahan,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[AAG/A Order No. 239-2001]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Department of Justice, proposes to modify the following system of records- previously published December 11, 1987 (52 FR 47258):

Orphan Petitioner Index and Files, JUSTICE/INS-007

INS proposes to: (1) Add another system location; (2) modify the "Authority for Maintenance of Records" section to reflect changes as required by the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000; and (3) add new routine use disclosures (i.e., C, G, H and I). Other minor corrections and edits have also been made to reflect the current description of this system of records.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), the public is given a 30-day period in which to comment on the modified system and the routine use disclosures. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which has oversight responsibilities under the Act, requires a 40-day period in which to conclude its review of the system.

Therefore, please submit any comments by August 27, 2001. The public, OMB, and the Congress are invited to send written comments to Mary Cahill, Management Analyst, Management and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530 (Room 1400, National Place Building).

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), the Department has provided a report to OMB and the Congress on the proposed modification.

Dated: July 16, 2001.

Janis A. Sposato,

Acting Assistant Attorney General for Administration.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Orphan Petitioner Index and Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Headquarters, District offices and suboffices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) in the United States and foreign countries, as detailed in JUSTICE/INS-999, last published in the **Federal Register** on April 13, 1999 (64 FR 18052).

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who are prospective petitioners or who have filed an application for Advance Processing of Orphan Petition under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The system contains form I-600A, Application for Advance Processing of Orphan Petition, filed for advance processing of orphan petitions by prospective adoptive parent(s); documentation of prospective adoptive parent(s)' United States citizenship and marital status, agency responses indicating whether prospective adoptive parent(s) have any arrest records; and