

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) and the Proposed White Canyon Plan Amendment/Final Environmental Assessment for the Phoenix and Safford District Resource Management Plans, Gila and Pinal Counties, Arizona**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management in response to a land exchange proposal, has prepared a FONSI and Proposed Plan Amendment/Final Environmental Assessment (Proposed Plan) to amend the Phoenix and the Safford District Resource Management Plan (RMPs) in compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An analysis of potential environmental impacts found that impacts would not be significant leading to a FONSI. Because of the FONSI, an environmental impact statement is not required to support the Proposed Plan Amendment.

DATES: Protests on the Proposed Plan must be postmarked on or before March 21, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Protests must be sent to the Director (480), BLM, Resource Planning Team, Box 10, 1620 L Street (N.W.), Washington, D.C. 20036

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Shela McFarlin, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027, or telephone (602) 780-8090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Description of the Proposed Action**

The Proposed Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Assessment would make 4,561 acres of federal surface and 1,188 mineral estate acres available for considering a land exchange proposal by ASARCO Incorporated. The parcels would be reclassified from retention lands to disposal by exchange. The Proposed Plan does not approve the transfer of any land; a separate environmental impact statement would analyze the proposed exchange. The Proposed Plan also changes the designation of the White Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The ACEC would retain 300 acres currently designated and delete 1,620 acres which have since been designated as part of the White Canyon Wilderness.

The ACEC would expand by 480 acres through acquiring what is now state land through appropriate mechanisms such as exchange, donation or friendly condemnation with the state of Arizona or subsequent land owners.

Alternatives Analyzed

Four plan amendment alternatives, including the no action alternative, were analyzed. In addition to the Proposed Plan Amendment (Preferred Alternative), the Proposed Plan analyzed an alternative which would make 1,188 acres of federal estate and 4,721 acres of public land available for exchange. This alternative would also remove the White Canyon ACEC designation and permit these 160 acres to be considered in an exchange. An additional alternative analyzed would reduce the amount of public lands available for exchange by 1,280 surface acres and retain the White Canyon ACEC on 300 acres. Under the no action alternative, the White Canyon ACEC would be retained and no surface or mineral estate lands would be available for exchange. In any exchange, public access would be maintained through easements, new construction, realignments, rights of ways, deletions of parcels or other means to continue public access to public lands.

The Proposed Plan has a 30-day protest period as required by BLM planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2). Any person who participated in this process and has an interest that may be adversely affected by the proposed decision may submit a protest. Following the protest resolution and the Governor's consistency review, the proposed plan will be approved and implemented. A decision record which documents BLM's decision will become available.

Public Reading Copies May Be Reviewed at the Following BLM Locations

Phoenix District Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027
Arizona State Office, Public Room, 3707 N. 7th Street, Suite 300, Phoenix, Arizona 85011.

Dated: February 12, 1996.

David J. Miller,

Associate District Manager.

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Amendment to Notice of Intent To Prepare a Coordinated Resource Management Plan and Amend the Taos Resource Management Plan; Taos Resource Area, New Mexico and San Luis Resource Area, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Amended Notice of Intent; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In the Federal Register on Monday, November 14, 1994 (Vol. 59, No. 218, pp. 56528-29), the following "Summary" appeared:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Albuquerque District, Taos Resource Area and Canon City District, San Luis Resource Area are initiating preparation of a Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) in combination with a Taos Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA). This document will enable coordinated management activities throughout the 94-mile Rio Grande corridor from La Sauses, Colorado to Velarde, New Mexico; address inadequacies of the Taos Resource Management Plan (RMP) relating to the BLM's Supplemental Program Guidance for wildlife and fire; and include an Environmental Impact Statement to meet legislative requirements for the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River extension and study areas. The plan's management strategy will center around conserving, restoring and maintaining the public lands' ecological integrity, productivity and biological diversity, while considering social, economic, cultural and ecological factors.

The public is invited to participate in each stage of the planning process, and public meetings will be held.

(Note: A schedule of meeting times and places was included in the notice. The meetings have been held as announced.)

The aforementioned Notice is amended to state that the Plan will analyze possible changes in the Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) in the Taos Resource Area portion of the planning area. These ACEC modifications may include boundary changes that would increase or decrease acreage, consolidate ACECs, designate new ACECs or eliminate ACECs. The primary areas that may be modified from the decisions in the current Taos RMP are: (1) Guadalupe Mountain, where the ACEC designation may be dropped in favor of managing the area as part of the Wild Rivers Recreation Area; and (2) the portion of the planning area downstream from the community of Pilar, where several ACECs and Special Management Areas (SMAs) exist. Consolidation and/or boundary realignment may provide for more efficient and effective management of identified resources and values.

As described at 43 CFR 1610.7-2a, ACECs are areas containing resources, values, systems, processes or hazards that meet "relevance" and "importance" criteria. Some of the values for which ACEC designation is being considered include scenic, cultural, riparian, aquatic, and rare and endemic plants. The public is invited to nominate or recommend areas for ACEC consideration as well as to comment on possible changes.

DATES: The second modification intended by this amendment notice is that the public is invited to submit written comments on possible ACEC nominations or changes through March 21, 1996. Comments should be delivered or mailed to Terry Humphrey at the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terry Humphrey, Taos Resource Area, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM 87571; phone (505) 758-8851.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amended notice does not change any other provision of the original Notice of Intent.

Dated: February 7, 1996.

Sue E. Richardson,
Acting District Manager, Albuquerque District.

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National Park Service

60 Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Information Collection; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 3507) and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, the National Park Service invites public comments on a proposed information collection request (ICR). Comments are invited on: (1) the need for the information including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the reporting burden estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Primary Purpose of the Proposed ICR: To identify characteristics, use

patterns, perceptions and preferences of visitors within Glacier National Park and Isle Royale National Park. Results will be used by managers in ongoing planning and management to improve services, protect resources and better serve the visitors.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted for sixty days from the date listed at the top of this page in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to David W. Lime, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, Cooperative Park Studies Unit, Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota, 115 Green Hall, 1530 N. Cleveland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Copies of the proposed ICR requirement can be obtained from David W. Lime, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, Cooperative Park Studies Unit, Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota, 115 Green Hall, 1530 N. Cleveland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Lime, (612) 624-2250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Glacier National Park Visitor Use Study

Form: None

OMB Number:

Expiration date:

Type of request: Visitor use survey

Description of need: Park planning and management

Description of respondents: Individuals who visit the park

Estimated annual reporting burden: 106 burden hours

Estimated average burden hours per response: 20 minutes

Estimated average number of respondents: 400

Estimated frequency of response: Once

Title: Isle Royale National Park Visitor Use Study

Form: None

OMB Number:

Expiration date:

Type of request: Visitor use survey

Description of need: Park planning and management

Description of respondents: Individuals who visit the park

Estimated annual reporting burden: 106 burden hours

Estimated average burden hours per response: 20 minutes

Estimated average number of respondents: 400

Dated: February 10, 1996.

Terry N. Tesar,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Audit and Accountability Team Office,
National Park Service.*

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General Management Plan, Manzanar National Historic Site; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement assessing the potential impacts of the proposed General Management Plan for Manzanar National Historic Site, Inyo County, California. Once approved, the plan will guide the management of the historic site over the next 15 years.

The Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (DGMP/EIS) presents a proposal and two alternatives for the management, use, and development of Manzanar National Historic Site. The proposed plan, Alternative C: Enhanced Visitor Experience, provides for acquisition of the camp from the current owner and protection of historic and prehistoric resources through a program of resource management and law enforcement. Features include conversion of the historic camp auditorium to an interpretive center and the creation of a network of wayside exhibits throughout the mile-square camp, accessible to visitors by a tour route around the periphery of the camp. A shuttle system would be operated during heavy use periods. Minor boundary additions, encompassing historic resources, would be proposed over and above the legislatively authorized boundary. Reconstruction of a limited number of representative structures would provide additional interpretive features. National Park Service support for the annual spring Manzanar Pilgrimage, organized by the Manzanar Committee, would continue.

Alternative A: No Action, would continue the current situation at Manzanar. Lands would not be acquired, resources would not be protected, and no additional steps would be taken to accommodate visitor interest and use. NPS support for the annual Manzanar Pilgrimage would continue.

Alternative B: Minimum Requirements, would be similar to Alternative C in terms of resource