

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environment Assessment Analyzing the Impacts of the Proposed Exchange of Approximately 4,300 Acres of Public Land in Maricopa County and up to 700 Acres of Private Land Within the Saguaro National Park Boundaries in Pima County, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Land Management intends to prepare an environmental assessment for the exchange of public lands in Maricopa County, Arizona for private lands of equal value in Pima County, Arizona.

1. Identification of the geographic areas involved: The proposed land exchange involves approximately 4,300 acres of public lands currently managed by the Phoenix Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, that are located southwest of Lake Pleasant (south of State Highway 74) near Phoenix, Arizona. The private lands to be offered in exchange (up to 700 acres) are within the Saguaro National boundaries as authorized by Pub. L. 103-364, October 14, 1994.

2. At a minimum, the no action alternative and an alternative that considers the proposed action will be analyzed.

3. General types of issues anticipated: the proposed land exchange involves issues related to the natural resource values and uses of public lands in question. Issues to be fully analyzed will involve impacts on water resources, native vegetation, wildlife, recreation, socioeconomic, public access, grazing allotments, minerals and cultural resources.

4. Disciplines to be represented and used to prepare the environmental assessment: wildlife, biology, recreation,

realty, range, socioeconomic, geology and archaeology.

DATES: The kind and extent of public participation: Public open house scoping meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

Tucson Open House, March 26, 1997 4-8 p.m. at the Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road, Tucson, Arizona.

Phoenix Open House, March 27, 1997 4-8 p.m. Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office Conference Room, 2015 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona (602) 780-8090.

Written comments may be submitted during the public meeting or to the address given in the section below. Public comments will be accepted until 30 days after the publication of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the Environmental Assessment should be submitted to Bureau of Land Management, Attn. Shela McFarlin, Project Manager, 2015 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shela McFarlin, Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office, 2015 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027, phone (602) 780-8090.

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Notice of Availability of the Proposed Plan Amendment of Land Use Plans in Arizona for Implementation of Arizona Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Administration, Finding of No Significant Impact, and Environmental Assessment Summary

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 202 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, an environmental assessment (EA) on the Statewide Plan Amendment for Implementation of Arizona Standards and Guidelines has been prepared. The Proposed Plan Amendment would amend Arizona Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land use plans (Resource Management Plans, Management Framework Plans, and amendments) containing decisions

that conflict with Arizona Standards and Guidelines. The modified decisions will bring the affected plans and Arizona Standards and Guidelines into conformance.

The EA assessed the impacts associated with modifying land use plan decisions. An analysis of potential environmental impacts found that impacts would not be significant, resulting in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

DATES: Protests on the proposed decisions in the Proposed Plan Amendment for Implementation of Arizona Standards and Guidelines must be postmarked by April 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Protests must be sent to Director (210); Bureau of Land Management; 1849 C Street, NW; MS-1000LS; Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Mahoney, Team Leader, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004, Telephone: (602) 417-9238.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Three alternatives are considered in the EA. The no action alternative (continuation of current management) provides a baseline for comparison with other alternatives. The Proposed Action modifies land use plan decisions which conflict with Arizona Standards and Guidelines. This action affects decisions in the Safford and Yuma Resource Management Plans. Alternative A analyzes the effects of decision changes which would be needed if the Fallback Standards and Guidelines, contained in 43 CFR 4180, were to be adopted. Alternative A would affect decisions in the Arizona Strip, Safford, and Yuma Resource Management Plans.

Arizona Standards and Guidelines were developed in partnership with the Arizona Resource Advisory Council and with other public involvement.

Other Relevant Information

The proposed decision is subject to a 30-day protest period as required by BLM planning regulations. Any person who participated in this planning process and has an interest that may be adversely affected by the proposed decision may submit a protest following the procedures provided in 43 CFR 1610.5-2.

Following the resolution of any protest and Governor's consistency review, a final decision on the Statewide Plan Amendment for Implementation of Arizona Standards and Guidelines will be documented in

a decision record. Copies of the decision record will be distributed to identified parties.

Copies of the Proposed Plan Amendment of Land Use Plans in Arizona for Implementation of Arizona Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Administration can be reviewed in the Public Rooms of the following BLM Offices:

Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Arizona Strip Field Office, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790

Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401

Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406

Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027

Safford Field Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546

Tucson Field Office, 12661 East Broadway, Tucson, Arizona 85748

Yuma Field Office, 2555 Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona 85365-2240

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[ES-960-1910-00-4377] ES-48642, Group 176, Minnesota

Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Minnesota

The plat of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of fractional section 14, south of the Minnesota River, Township 115 North, Range 39 West, Fifth Principal Meridian, Minnesota, will be officially filed in Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia at 7:30 a.m., on April 17, 1997.

The survey was requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

All inquiries or protests concerning the technical aspects of the survey must be sent to the Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Eastern States, Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, prior to 7:30 a.m., April 17, 1997.

Copies of the plat will be made available upon request and prepayment of the reproduction fee of \$2.75 per copy.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Stephen G. Kopach,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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Gauley River National Recreation Area

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Availability of final general management plan/final environmental impact statement for the Gauley River National Recreation Area, Fayette and Nicholas counties, West Virginia.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a final general management plan/environmental impact statement/land protection plan (FGMP/FEIS/LPP) for the Gauley River National Recreation Area. The draft environmental impact statement was on public review for 150 days from June 6 through November 7, 1994.

Four alternatives for future resource protection, interpretation, visitor use, and facility development were presented in the Draft GMP/FEIS/LPP which was distributed for public review. During that review period, over 300 comments were received and summarized for use by the NPS in its selection of a alternative. As a result of that analysis, Alternative B, with minor modifications, was chosen as the proposed final plan.

Key components of the Final GMP/FEIS/LPP are the continuation of existing whitewater rafting and boating activities, along with providing other recreational opportunities. Land acquisition will be needed to implement most of the recommended activities and protection measures—such as public access to the river and the development of a trails system. Development will be limited to a small visitor and operations facility, two small maintenance buildings, parking, two middle and one lower river access points, one primitive camping area, viewpoints, trails, and minor road improvements.

DATES: The 30-day no action period for review of the FGMP/FEIS/LPP will end on April 10, 1997. A record of decision will follow the no action period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Gauley River National Recreation Area, PO Box 246, Glen Jean, West Virginia 25846, or telephone 304-465-0508.

Dated: March 5, 1997.

Pete Hart,

Superintendent, Gauley River NRA.

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Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Minnesota

The plat of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary of the Grand Portage Indian Reservation, Townships 63 and 64 North, Range 4 East, Fourth Principal Meridian, Minnesota, will be officially filed in Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia at 7:30 a.m., on April 17, 1997.

The survey was requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

All inquiries or protests concerning the technical aspects of the survey must be sent to the Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Eastern States, Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, prior to 7:30 a.m., April 17, 1997.

Copies of the plat will be made available upon request and prepayment of the reproduction fee of \$2.75 per copy.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Stephen G. Kopach,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Minnesota

The plat of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the partial subdivision of section 24, Township 64 North, Range 5 East, Fourth Principal Meridian, Minnesota, will be officially filed in Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia at 7:30 a.m., on April 17, 1997.

The survey was requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

All inquiries or protests concerning the technical aspects of the survey must be sent to the Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Eastern States, Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, prior to 7:30 a.m., April 17, 1997.

Copies of the plat will be made available upon request and prepayment of the reproduction fee of \$2.75 per copy.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Stephen G. Kopach,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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